

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the standing committee on Finance was held on Monday evening December 4, 2023 at 7:00PM in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 45 School St., Brockton, MA. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM with six members present. With Councilor Nicaastro presiding, Councilors Asack, D'Agostino, Rodrigues, Tavares and Teixeira absent.

*President Nicaastro stated that Councilors Asack, Rodrigues, and Teixeira were not able to be in attendance. She noted that Clerk Cruise is also not in attendance.

1. Acceptance of the minutes of the November 20, 2023 Finance Committee Meeting.

*Accepted and placed on file.

2. Re-Appointment of Mr. Robert Graham, 6 Alphonse Road, Brockton, MA 02302, to the Board of Directors of the Brockton Council on Aging pursuant to the City of Brockton Ordinances Sec. 2-414 for a term of three (3) years.

Invited: Robert Graham

*Note: The order was rewritten to reflect a scrivener's error. Robert Graham stated that his address is 6 Alphonse Road, not 8 Alphonse Road.

*Mr. Graham addressed the Council and thanked them for this opportunity.

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Lally to report FAVORABLE and was properly seconded. Motion carried by a hand vote.

3. Re-Appointment of Stephan Hooke, 31 Hammond Street, Brockton, MA 02302, to the Traffic Commission pursuant to City of Brockton Ordinance Sec. 466, for a term of three (3) years.

Invited: Stephan Hooke

*Mr. Hooke addressed the Council and thanked them for this opportunity.

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Lally to report FAVORABLE and was properly seconded. Motion carried by a hand vote.

4. Ordered: In accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council approve the expenditure of \$935,657.31

FROM: DPW- SEWER DIVISION –

\$935,657.31

OTHER CONTRACTED SERVICES FY24

TO: VEOLIA	\$213,560.97
	\$238,820.35
	\$483,275.99

In order to cover unanticipated expenses for the remainder of the Fiscal Year.

Invited: Patrick Hill, DPW Commissioner
Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

*CFO Clarkson introduced and explained the order and noted that he and Commissioner Hill were available to answer any questions that anyone may have had.

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Lally to report FAVORABLE and was properly seconded.

*On the motion, questions and comments from Councilors Thompson, Farwell and Nicasastro

Motion carried by a hand vote.

5. Ordered: In accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council approve the expenditure of 530,872.99
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| FROM: DPW WATER DIVISION- PURCHASE OF SERVICES FY24 | \$530,152.78 |
| DPW WATER DIVISION- GOODS AND SUPPLIES FY24 | \$720.21 |
| TO: | |
| BROCKTON POLICE DEPARTMENT | \$5,713.38 |
| ABINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT | \$825.00 |
| PLYMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF | \$440.00 |
| EAST BRIDGEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT | \$440.00 |
| TOWN OF HOLBROOK POLICE DEPARTMENT | \$1,276.00 |
| PLYMPTON POLICE DEPARTMENT | \$2,186.60 |
| ADVANTAGE TRUCK RAYNHAM, LLC | \$1,540.15 |
| BURKE, DENNIS K. INC | \$667.86 |
| UNITED CONSTRUCTION & FORESTRY, LLC | \$920.74 |
| WOODWARDS AUTO SPRING SHOP | \$22.39 |
| ZEP | \$720.21 |
| CONSTELLATION | \$248,817.85 |
| BERTARELLI BROS. | \$2,520.00 |
| VEOLIA | \$251,153.54 |
| MODERN AUTO BODY | \$7,142.88 |
| T.L. EDWARDS INC | \$6,486.39 |

Invited: Patrick Hill, DPW Commissioner
Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

*CFO Clarkson introduced and explained the order and noted that he and Commissioner Hill were available to answer any questions that anyone may have had.

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Farwell to report FAVORABLE and was properly seconded.

*On the motion, questions and comments from Councilors Farwell, Thompson and Nicasastro.

Motion carried by a hand vote.

6. ORDERED: That the City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of the total grant funds in the amount of \$60,000.

From: The Commonwealth of Massachusetts- Executive Office of Public Safety & Security \$60,000

To: The Police Department – FY24 Municipal Road Safety Program \$60,000

Invited: Lugenia Lopes, Grant Coordinator, BPD
Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

*Ms. Lopes introduced and explained the grant and was available to answer any questions that anyone may have had.

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Lally to report FAVORABLE and was properly seconded.

*On the motion, questions and comments from Councilors Farwell.

Motion carried by a hand vote.

7. Ordered: The City Council hereby rescinds the Tax Increment Financing Agreement (TIF) between the City and Air Energy Group LLC approved October 24, 2023.

Invited: John O'Donnell, Chairman Board of Assessors

Mayor Robert Sullivan

Rob May, Director of Planning and Economic Development

Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

*CFO Clarkson introduced and explained the order and was available to answer any questions that anyone may have had. He noted that Mayor Sullivan could not be in attendance.

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Lally to report FAVORABLE and was properly seconded. Motion carried by a hand vote.

8. Ordered: That the City Council authorizes and approves the Tax Increment Financing Agreement between the City and Air Energy Group LLC. This agreement will contribute to the ongoing economic vitality of the city, and will commit to job creation and increased revenue.

Invited: John O'Donnell, Chairman Board of Assessors
Mayor Robert Sullivan
Rob May, Director of Planning and Economic Development
Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer
Scott Ripatrazzone, Vice President, Air Energy Group
Chris Lemnah, Director of Facilities, Flow Control Group
Lynn Tokarczyk, Government Tax Incentives Consultant

*Motion by Councilor Lally to amend the order so it reads “ordered: that the City Council authorizes and approves the Tax Increment Financing Agreement between the City, Brockton Industrial Property Owner LLC and Air Energy Group LLC regarding 105 Industrial Boulevard Brockton, Massachusetts. This agreement will contribute to the ongoing economic vitality of the city, and will commit to job creation and increased revenue,” and was properly seconded. Motion carried by a hand vote.

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Lally to report FAVORABLE AS AMENDED and was properly seconded. Motion carried by a hand vote.

9. RESOLVE: BE IT RESOLVED, to invite Interim Superintendent James Cobbs, School Committee Vice Chair Kathleen Ehlers, and Mayor Robert Sullivan to appear before the City Council sitting as the Finance Committee to discuss the Brockton Public Schools, Brockton High School, and recent issues regarding budget and financials, governance, audit, staffing, and matters related thereto.

Invited: James Cobbs, Interim Superintendent
Kathleen Ehlers, School Committee Vice Chair
Mayor Robert Sullivan

*President Nicastro stated that the invited guests could not be here.

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Farwell to report POSTPONED and was properly seconded. Motion carried by a hand vote.

Adjourned: 7:48PM