

REVISED

In City Council January 22, 2024

Notice is hereby given that the regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council will be held on Monday evening January 22, 2024 at 7:00PM in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 45 School St., Brockton, MA.

- 1. Acceptance of the Minutes of the January 8, 2023 City Council meeting.

APPOINTMENTS:

- 2. Appointment of Paul Beckner, of 92 Quincy Street, Brockton, MA 02302 to the Council on Aging as a member for a three (3) year term ending January 2027.
- 3. Appointment of Gerald D. Koelsch, of 35 Taft Avenue, Brockton, MA 02301 to the Council on Aging as a member for a three (3) year term ending January 2027.
- 4. Appointment of Anne McCormack, of 25 Mayotte Circle, Brockton, MA 02301 to the Council on Aging as a member for a three (3) year term ending January 2027.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 5. From the Mayor appointing Paul Beckner, of 92 Quincy Street, Brockton, MA 02302 to the Council on Aging as a member for a three (3) year term ending January 2027.
- 6. From the Mayor appointing Gerald D. Koelsch, of 35 Taft Avenue, Brockton, MA 02301 to the Council on Aging as a member for a three (3) year term ending January 2027.
- 7. From the Mayor appointing Anne McCormack, of 25 Mayotte Circle, Brockton, MA 02301 to the Council on Aging as a member for a three (3) year term ending January 2027.
- 8. From the Mayor in accordance with the Revised Ordinances of the City of Brockton Chapter 2, Section 2-186, re-appointing Allison Cogliano to the position of Assistant City Solicitor-Full Time for a three (3) year term, effective November 18th, 2023.
- 9. From the Mayor in accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council authorize the transfer of \$360,000

FROM: POLICE DEPARTMENT – FULL TIME SALARIES	\$360,000
TO: POLICE DEPARTMENT – DEPARTMENTAL EQUIPMENT	\$360,000

 This transfer will be used for the purchase of six police cruisers.
- 10. From the CFO in accordance with Section 5 of Chapter 324 of the Acts of 1990, certifying that the financial resources and revenues of the City of Brockton are and will continue to be adequate to support the total proposed transfer of \$360,000, without a detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services. This transfer is to fund the acquisition of six police cruisers. The original plan was to fund this from certified free cash, but there is limited free cash available due to the school deficit. Therefore, we are funding this purchase from available salaries because of several vacancies in the Police Department.

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TO: POLICE DEPARTMENT – DEPARTMENTAL EQUIPMENT	\$360,000
- 11. From the Mayor in accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council authorize the total appropriation of \$2,500,000 using the attached form of order with language as recommended by Attorney Richard A. Manley, Jr. of Locke Lord, LLP, the City’s bond counsel, in order to provide funding through borrowing said amount, for the purpose of paying the cost of a feasibility study related to options for reconstructing the existing Brockton High School, and/or construction of a new Brockton High School, at 470 Forest Avenue, in Brockton.

12. From the CFO in accordance with Section 5 of Chapter 324 of the Acts of 1990, certifying that it is my professional opinion, after an evaluation of all pertinent financial information reasonably available, that the financial resources and revenues of the City of Brockton are and will continue to be adequate to support the total proposed appropriation of and borrowing authorization for 2,500,000 to pay the cost of a feasibility study related to options for reconstructing the existing Brockton High School, and/or construction of a new Brockton High School, at 470 Forest Avenue, in Brockton, without a detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services. This is the next step in the proposed renovation of Brockton High School. If the project is approved this amount will be rolled into the overall debt for the project.

13. From the Chief of Police requesting authorization to expend grant monies related to the FY 2024 Municipal Public Safety Staffing Grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's Office of Grants and Research in the amount of \$293,850.00.

14. From the BPD Grant Writer requesting that the enclosed grant award documents be processed to allow the City of Brockton to expend funds authorized under the FY 2024 Municipal Public Safety Staffing Grant for \$293,850.00. Grant funds are provided to the Brockton Police Department to pay overtime wages for patrol shift minimum staffing, shift overruns, detective investigations, restraining order services, training, community policing activities, etc.

15. From the Mayor in accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council authorize the acceptance and expenditure of the grant award in the amount of \$293,850 from the Executive office of Public Safety and Security to the City of Brockton Police Department.
FROM: THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY & SECURITY \$293,850
SFY2024 MASSACHUSETTS MUNICIPAL PUBLIC SAFETY STAFFING PROGRAM
TO: THE POLICE DEPARTMENT \$293,850

16. From the CFO in accordance with Section 5 of Chapter 324 of the Acts of 1990, certifying that the financial resources and revenues of the City of Brockton are and will continue to be adequate to support the acceptance and expenditure of the grant award in the amount of \$293,850 from the Executive office of Public Safety and Security to the City of Brockton Police Department, without detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services. The funds will be used to pay overtime wages for patrol shift minimum staffing, shift overruns, detective investigations, restraining order services, training, community policing activities, etc.
FROM: THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY & SECURITY \$293,850
SFY2024 MASSACHUSETTS MUNICIPAL PUBLIC SAFETY STAFFING PROGRAM
TO: THE POLICE DEPARTMENT \$293,850

17. From the Chief of Police requesting authorization to expend grant monies related to the FY 2024 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistant Grant, Municipal Law Enforcement Grant for \$50,000.00 from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's Office of Grants and Research.

18. From the BPD Grant Writer requesting that the enclosed grand award documents be processed to allow the City of Brockton to expend funds authorized under the FY 2024 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant, Municipal Law Enforcement Grant for \$50,000.00. The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant, Municipal Law Enforcement grant provides funding for police departments to address local law enforcement prevention, intervention, and suppression programming needs. The police Department will utilize these funds for the purchase of License Plate Readers. There is no match required.

19. From the Mayor in accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council authorize the acceptance and expenditure of the grant award in the amount of \$50,000 from the Executive office of Public Safety and Security to the City of Brockton Police Department.

FROM: THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY & SECURITY -\$50,000
FY24 EDWARD BRYNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT
TO: THE POLICE DEPARTMENT \$50,000

20. From the CFO in accordance with Section 5 of Chapter 324 of the Acts of 1990, certifying that the financial resources and revenues of the City of Brockton are and will continue to be adequate to support the acceptance and expenditure of the grant award in the amount of \$50,000 from the Executive office of Public Safety and Security to the City of Brockton Police Department, without detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services. The funds will be used for the purchase of License Plates Readers.

FROM: THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY & SECURITY -\$50,000
FY24 EDWARD BRYNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT
TO: THE POLICE DEPARTMENT \$50,000

21. From the Mayor in accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council authorize the transfer of \$5,000

FROM: AUDITORS – POSTAGE \$5,000
TO: AUDITORS- OVERTIME \$5,000

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

22. From the CFO in accordance with Section 5 of Chapter 324 of the Acts of 1990, certifying that the financial resources and revenues of the City of Brockton are and will continue to be adequate to support the total proposed transfer of \$5,000, without a detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services. In order to cover unanticipated expenses for the remainder of the Fiscal Year.

FROM: AUDITORS – POSTAGE \$5,000
TO: AUDITORS- OVERTIME \$5,000

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

23. Ordered: That the following named sum be and the same is hereby transferred as the same was submitted by the Mayor as follows:

Transfer of: \$341,886
FROM: PARKING AUTHORITY- \$341,886.00
CERTIFIED RETAINED EARNINGS
TO: CAPITAL FUND \$341,886.00
(FAVORABLE)

ORDERS:

24. Ordered: That the following named sum be and the same is hereby transferred as the same was submitted by the Mayor as follows:

Transfer of: \$360,000

FROM: POLICE DEPARTMENT – FULL TIME SALARIES \$360,000

TO: POLICE DEPARTMENT – DEPARTMENTAL EQUIPMENT \$360,000

This transfer will be used for the purchase of six police cruisers.

25. Ordered: That the City of Brockton appropriates the amount of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) to pay costs of a feasibility study related to options for reconstructing the existing Brockton High School, and/or construction of a new Brockton High School, at 470 Forest Avenue, in Brockton, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and for which the City may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”), said amount to be expended under the direction of School Building Committee. To meet this appropriation the City Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The City acknowledges that the MSBA’s grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the City

incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the City, and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this order shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement that may be executed between the City and the MSBA. Further Ordered: That the City Treasurer is authorized to file an application with The Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Municipal Finance Oversight Board to qualify under M.G.L. c. 44A any and all bonds or notes of the City authorized by this vote, and to provide such information and execute such documents as the Municipal Finance Oversight Board of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts may require.

26. Ordered: That the following named sum be and the same is hereby transferred as the same was submitted by the Mayor as follows:
appropriation of \$293,850

FROM: THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY & SECURITY \$293,850

SFY2024 MASSACHUSETTS MUNICIPAL PUBLIC SAFETY STAFFING PROGRAM

TO: THE POLICE DEPARTMENT \$293,850

27. Ordered: That the following named sum be and the same is hereby transferred as the same was submitted by the Mayor as follows:
appropriation of \$50,000

FROM: THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY & SECURITY -\$50,000

FY24 EDWARD BRYNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT

TO: THE POLICE DEPARTMENT \$50,000

28. Ordered: That the following named sum be and the same is hereby transferred as the same was submitted by the Mayor as follows:

Transfer of: \$5,000

FROM: AUDITORS – POSTAGE \$5,000

TO: AUDITORS- OVERTIME \$5,000

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

RESOLVES:

29. Resolve: Be it resolved by the Brockton City Council to invite Mayor Robert Sullivan, CHA Consulting, Inc. (City's consultant), Kaestle Boos Associates, Inc. (KBA) (project architects) and designated City officials to appear before the Finance Committee of the Brockton City Council to provide information and update the City Council on the Public Safety Building Development project.
30. Resolve: WHEREAS, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding allows for critical capital projects to be completed;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The chief financial officer, ARPA consultant and building commissioner be invited to a meeting of the city council to provide a progress report on ARPA funded projects and continuation of city services during project work.
31. Resolve: WHEREAS, The safety and security of city residents is a moral and legal imperative; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The police chief and such members of the command staff as may be determined appropriate be invited to a meeting of the city council, such meeting to be held in executive session for the following

purpose, as specifically permitted by MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a) (4): “To discuss the deployment of security personnel or devices, or strategies with respect thereto.”

Councilor’s Recognition

All council business as listed on the agenda have been emailed to the City Council members in their complete form, with exception of oversized material, such as maps, photos, etc. Recommendations are based on reports from committees.