

Notice is hereby given that the regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council was held on Monday evening January 22, 2024 at 7:00PM in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 45 School St., Brockton, MA. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM with nine members present. Councilors Asack and Tavares absent.

15. Acceptance of the Minutes of the January 8, 2024 City Council meeting.

Accepted and placed on file

**APPOINTMENTS:**

16. 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.

Referred to Finance

17. 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.

Referred to Finance

18. 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.

Referred to Finance

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

19. 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.

Accepted and placed on file

20. 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.

Accepted and placed on file

21. 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.

Accepted and placed on file

22. 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Accepted and placed on file

23. From the Mayor in accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council authorize the transfer of \$360,000
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| 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.

Accepted and placed on file

**8. (COMMUNICATIONS CONT.)**

24. 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.

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

Accepted and placed on file

25. 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.

Accepted and placed on file

26. 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.

Accepted and placed on file

27. 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.

Accepted and placed on file

28. 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.

Accepted and placed on file

29. 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

**9. (COMMUNICATIONS CONT.)**

Accepted and placed on file

30. 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

Accepted and placed on file

31. 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.

Accepted and placed on file

32. 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.

Accepted and placed on file

33. 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 MEMEORAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT  
TO: THE POLICE DEPARTMENT \$50,000

Accepted and placed on file

34. 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 MEMEORAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT  
TO: THE POLICE DEPARTMENT \$50,000

Accepted and placed on file

**10. (COMMUNICATIONS CONT.)**

35. From the Mayor in accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council authorize the transfer of \$5,000
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|--------------------------|---------|
| FROM: AUDITORS – POSTAGE | \$5,000 |
| TO: AUDITORS- OVERTIME   | \$5,000 |
- In order to cover unanticipated expenses for the remainder of the Fiscal Year.

Accepted and placed on file

36. 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.
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| FROM: AUDITORS – POSTAGE | \$5,000 |
| TO: AUDITORS- OVERTIME   | \$5,000 |

Accepted and placed on file

Councilor Asack stepped in.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

City Clerk Timothy Cruise stated that there was a scrivener’s error on the year for item # 23 that it read 2023 and should have been 2024.

12. 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
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| FROM: PARKING AUTHORITY-<br>CERTIFIED RETAINED EARNINGS | \$341,886.00 |
| TO: CAPITAL FUND<br>(FAVORABLE)                         | \$341,886.00 |

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”; ten members present and all voting in the affirmative. Councilor Tavares absent.

**ORDERS:**

37. 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
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|--|-----------|
| 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.

Referred to Finance

**11. (ORDERS CONT.)**

38. 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.

Referred to Finance

39. 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 SAFTEY & SECURITY \$293,850

SFY2024 MASSACHUSETTS MUNICIPAL PUBLIC SAFETY STAFFING PROGRAM

TO: THE POLICE DEPARTMENT \$293,850

Referred to Finance

40. 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 SAFTEY & SECURITY -\$50,000

FY24 EDWARD BRYNE MEMEORAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT

TO: THE POLICE DEPARTMENT \$50,000

Referred to Finance

41. 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.

Referred to Finance

## 12. (RESOLVES CONT.)

### RESOLVES:

42. 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.

Referred to Finance

43. 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.

Referred to Finance

44. 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."

Referred to Finance

### Councilor's Recognition

President Rodrigues reminded everyone that the next Finance meeting will be the first Monday of February.

Councilor Lally wished BCA camera operator Leandra on behalf of the City Council a speedy recovery from her surgery.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM

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.