

FINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA

The Standing Committee on Finance will meet on *Monday, February 5, 2024 at 7:00 PM* in the *Council Chambers, Brockton City Hall, 45 School Street*, to consider the following:

1. Acceptance of the minutes of the January 16, 2024 Finance Committee Meeting.
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.
Invited: Paul Beckner
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.
Invited: Gerald D. Koelsch
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.
Invited: Anne McCormack
5. 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.

Invited: Karen Preval, City Auditor
Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

6. 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.

Invited: Brenda Perez, Chief of Police or Designee
Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

7. 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

Invited: Brenda Perez, Chief of Police or Designee
Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

8. 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

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

9. 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.

Invited: Mayor Robert Sullivan
Martin Brophy, City Treasurer
Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

10. 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.

Invited: Mayor Robert Sullivan
James Plouffe, Superintendent of Buildings
Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer
Rob May, Director of Planning and Economic Development
Patrick Hill, DPW Commissioner
Kevin Sullivan, CHA Consulting, INC. Representative
Joe Sullivan, CHA Consulting, INC. Representative
Sean Schmigle, KBA Representative

11. 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.

Invited: Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer
Dan Pallotta, ARPA Consultant
James Plouffe, Building Commissioner

12. Resolve: WHEREAS, The city council has responsibility for approving annual appropriations for the operation of city departments as submitted by the mayor, and,

WHEREAS, The appropriations for the Brockton Public Schools are the largest amounts to be reviewed, and,

WHEREAS, For the current Fiscal Year 2024, the following amounts were approved: Net School Spending \$219,868,010; Non-Net School Spending \$11,245,147, or more than \$230 million, and,

WHEREAS, It is critically important the city provides sufficient funding for classroom teachers, educational programs, and related services for our students at all grade levels.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

The mayor and chief financial officer be invited to a meeting of the council to discuss the feasibility of an independent, objective review of the entire administrative structure of the Brockton Public Schools. Provided further, if funding is approved for this study, the data generated would provide the city council with valuable information when annual budget reviews for school appropriations are conducted in June, 2024.

Invited: Mayor Robert Sullivan

Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

13. 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.”

Invited: Brenda Perez, Chief of Police or Designees