

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the standing committee on Finance was held on Tuesday February 20, 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 ten members present. With Councilor Rodrigues presiding, Councilor Tavares absent.

1. Acceptance of the minutes of the February 5, 2024 Finance Committee Meeting.

*Accepted and placed on file.

2. Re-appointment of Ms. Carole Delorey of 19 North Bassett Road, Brockton, MA 02301, to the Council on Aging as a member for a three (3) year term, ending January 2027.

Invited: Carole Delorey

*Ms. Delorey addressed the Council and thanked them for this opportunity to serve.

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

3. Re-appointment of Mr. Clayton Reichenberg of 115 Darren Drive, Brockton, MA 02301, to the Council on Aging as a member for a three (3) year term, ending January 2027.

Invited: Clayton Reichenberg

*Mr. Reichenberg addressed the Council and thanked them for this opportunity to serve.

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

4. Appointment of Anne Callahan, of 22 Circle Drive, Brockton, MA 02301, to serve on the Beautification Committee for a one (1) year term ending January 2025.

Invited: Anne Callahan

*Clerk Cruise stated that Ms. Callahan had reached out to his office to say that she would not be in attendance.

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

*On the motion, comments from Councilors Thompson and Minichiello.

Motion carried by a hand vote.

5. Ordered: In compliance with the provisions of the Election Laws, notice is hereby given that the Presidential Primary will be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 in the following designated Polling Places:

Ward One	Precinct A	Housing Authority, 70 Hawley St
Ward One	Precinct B	West Middle School, 271 West Street
Ward One	Precinct C	Hancock School, 125 Pearl Street
Ward One	Precinct D	Hancock School, 125 Pearl Street
Ward Two	Precinct A	Barret Russell School, 45 Oakdale Street
Ward Two	Precinct B	Manning Towers, 45 Goddard Road
Ward Two	Precinct C	Brockton Public Library, 304 Main Street
Ward Two	Precinct D	War Memorial Building, 156 West Elm Street
Ward Three	Precinct A	South Middle School, 105 Keith Avenue Ext
Ward Three	Precinct B	South Middle School, 105 Keith Avenue Ext
Ward Three	Precinct C	John F. Kennedy School, 900 Ash Street
Ward Three	Precinct D	West Side Library, 540 Forest Avenue
Ward Four	Precinct A	Gilmore School, 150 Clinton Street
Ward Four	Precinct B	Gilmore School, 150 Clinton Street
Ward Four	Precinct C	Davis Elementary School, 380 Plain Street
Ward Four	Precinct D	Campello High Rise Apts, 1380 Main Street
Ward Five	Precinct A	East Side Library, 54 Kingman Street
Ward Five	Precinct B	East Middle School, 464 Centre Street
Ward Five	Precinct C	Downey School, 55 Electric Avenue
Ward Five	Precinct D	Caffrey Towers, 755 Crescent Street
Ward Six	Precinct A	Brookfield School, 135 Jon Drive
Ward Six	Precinct B	Ashfield School Gymnasium, 225 Coe Road
Ward Six	Precinct C	Brookfield School, 135 Jon Drive
Ward Six	Precinct D	Brookfield School, 135 Jon Drive
Ward Seven	Precinct A	North Middle School, 108 Oak Street
Ward Seven	Precinct B	Belair Street High Rise, 105 Belair Street
Ward Seven	Precinct C	Sullivan Towers, 140 Colonel Bell Drive
Ward Seven	Precinct D	Raymond School, 125 Oak Street

The polls will be open at 7:00 A.M., and will be closed at 8:00 P.M.

Said voters will then in their respective polling places give in their votes each on one piece of paper to the Warden for the election of candidates for the following named offices, viz: Presidential Preference, State Committee Man, State Committee Woman, and Ward Committees.

Invited: Cynthia Scrivani, Executive Director, Elections Commission

*Council President Rodrigues stated that he had heard from Ms. Scrivani and that she would not be here because of a prior engagement.

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

*On the motion, comments from Councilor Lally stating that Ward Six Precinct B has changed to the gymnasium, but it is in the same school.

Motion carried by a hand vote.

*Council President Rodrigues stated that he had heard from Mayor Sullivan who stated that he would not be in attendance.

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: \$750,000

FROM: FIRE DEPARTMENT – EDUCATION INCENTIVE \$500,000

FIRE DEPARTMENT – HOLIDAY PREMIUM \$150,000

FIRE DEPARTMENT- VACATION BUYBACK \$100,000

TO: FIRE DEPARTMENT- REGULAR OVERTIME \$750,000

In order to maintain all companies through the remainder of Fiscal Year 2024.

Invited: Brian Nardelli, Fire Chief or Designee

Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

*Chief Nardelli introduced and explained the transfer 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, comments from Councilors Nicastro and Thompson.

Motion carried by a hand vote.

7. ORDERED: In accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending

that the City Council approve the expenditure of \$21,106.00 from Human Resources- Unemployment Insurance.

In order to pay for an FY23 Unemployment Invoice, the Human Resources Department will need to take the funds out of their FY24 budget.

FROM: HUMAN RESOURCES- UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE \$21,106.00

TO: THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS \$21,106.00
DEPARTMENT OF UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

Invited: Sandi Charton, HR Director

Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

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

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

*On the motion, comments from Councilors Nicaastro and Lally.

Motion carried by a hand vote.

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 \$745,842.88

FROM: Executive Office of Public Safety and Security \$745,842.88

TO: City of Brockton \$745,842.88

FY 2024 Senator Charles E. Shannon Community Safety Initiative Grant

These funds will provide wrap-around services and gang prevention for Brockton Youth through services such as camperships, youth employment and the Brockton Police Department's Junior Cadet and Youth Academy programs.

There is a 25% match of in-kind services.

Invited: Lugenia Lopes, Grant Coordinator, BPD

Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

*Ms. Lopes was not available to attend the meeting. Captain Steve Williamson was in attendance in her place. Captain Williamson introduced and explained the order 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, comments from Councilors Asack, Nicaastro, Thompson and Minichiello.

Motion carried by a hand vote.

9. ORDERED: That pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40, § 14 and the City of Brockton's Ordinance 2-157, the City of Brockton hereby accepts the Lease Agreement entered into with Brockton Commons Associates II, LLC for approximately 5,122 square feet of certain real property located at 55 VFW Parkway, Brockton, MA 02571. Said lease agreement shall run for a three-year term beginning November 1, 2023 and ending October 31, 2026 with ten consecutive one-year options to extend. The Mayor is authorized to execute any and all documents necessary in connection with said Lease Agreement.

Invited: Mayor Robert Sullivan

Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

Megan Bridges or Designee
Patrick Hill, DPW Commissioner
Rob May, Director of Planning and Economic Development
Jim Plouffe, Building Commissioner

*CFO Clarkson introduced and explained the order and was available to answer any questions that anyone may have had. Solicitor Bridges, Commissioners Hill and Plouffe and Mr. May were all in attendance should anyone have any questions for them.

*Questions and comments from Councilors Farwell, Nicastro, Lally, Thompson, Asack, Rodrigues, Minichiello and Teixeira answered by Solicitor Bridges, Commissioner Plouffe and CFO Clarkson.

*The lease agreement referenced is available for viewing in the City Clerk's Office.

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

10. Resolve: To invite Mr. Thomas Thibeault, executive director, and Atty Thomas Plouffe, Division Director of Housing Administration, of Brockton Housing Authority, to appear before the Finance Committee of the Brockton City Council to discuss the rehabilitation of the Campello High Rise buildings, located on South Main Street, including without limitation, project design, costs, financing, and such other related issues as appropriate.

Invited: Thomas Thibeault, Executive Director

Thomas Plouffe, Division Director of Housing Administration

*Mr. Thibeault introduced and explained the resolve and was available to answer any questions that anyone may have had. He went on to say that Attorney Plouffe could not be in attendance. Treasurer Roberts was in attendance.

*Correspondence referenced by Mr. Thibeault is available for viewing in the City Clerk's Office.

*Questions and comments from Councilors Nicastro, Minichiello, Asack, Farwell, Derenoncourt and Rodrigues.

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

11. Resolve: WHEREAS, In 2023, the city created an Inspectional Services Department (ISD) to bring greater attention to, and enforcement of, local and state code requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That Assistant Building Commissioner William Forte and Code Enforcement Director George DePina be invited to a meeting of the council to provide a report and update on the progress and success of the program, as well as any recommendations for improvements in city code enforcement.

Invited: William Forte, Assistant Building Commissioner

George DePina, Code Enforcement Director

*Mr. Forte and Mr. DePina introduced and explained the order and was available to answer any questions that anyone may have had.

*Questions and comments from Councilors Asack, Farwell, Lally and Nicastro.

*Through the Chair, Commissioner Plouffe answered questions and comments from Councilors.

*Questions and comments from Councilors Derenoncourt, Teixeira and Farwell.

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

12. RESOLVE: Be it resolved, to have City Solicitor Megan Bridges or her designee appear before the Finance Committee of the Brockton City Council to give an update on the status of the City of Brockton's audit/investigation of the Brockton School Department's overspending of their FY23 budget and any information concerning any other fiscal years that may include pertinent information.

Invited: Megan Bridges, City Solicitor or Designee

*Councilor Asack stated that she had spoke with Megan Bridges and was instructed to postpone the item.

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Asack to report POSTPONED TO THE FIRST MEETING IN MARCH and was properly seconded.

*On the motion, questions and comments from Councilor Rodrigues answered by Clerk Cruise.

Motion carried by a hand vote.

Adjourned: 9:00PM