

Notice is hereby given that the regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council will be held on Monday evening March 25, 2024 at 7:00PM in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 45 School St., Brockton, MA. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM with nine members present. Councilors Minichiello and Tavares absent.

133. Acceptance of the Minutes of the March 11, 2024 City Council meeting.

Accepted and placed on file

**APPOINTMENTS:**

134. Reappointment of Ms. Jeanne Fuller-Jones, of 54 Cushing Avenue, Brockton, MA 02301, to serve on the Council on Aging as a member for a three (3) year term, expiring April 2027.

Referred to Finance

135. Reappointment of Ms. Joyce Forand-Voorhis, of 1366 Pleasant Street, Brockton, MA 02301, to the Conservation Commission as a member for a three (3) year term, ending March 2027.

Referred to Finance

**HEARINGS:**

Petition of LV14 Autobody/Silvestre Vaz of 34 Blue Hill Avenue, Roxbury, MA 02119 for a Motor Vehicle Repair Mechanical License and Motor Vehicle Repair Body License transfer located at 71 Plain Street, Brockton, MA 02301.

Councilor Nicastro motioned to postpone to next City Council Meeting and was properly seconded. The motion carried by a hand vote. Councilors Minichiello and Tavares absent.

Petition of Youssef Jichi/YJ Automotive LLC of 682 Plain Street, Marshfield, MA 02050, for the Motor Vehicle Repair License Mechanical transfer located at 359 Belmont Street, Brockton, MA 02301.

Youssef Jichi of 682 Plain Street, Marshfield, MA 02050 appeared in favor of the petition and was there to answer any questions.

Hearing held.

Councilor Asack stated that this is in ward one and she spoke with Councilor Minichiello and he is in support of this transfer.

No one was in opposition.

Granted by a hand vote. Councilors Minichiello and Tavares absent.

Petition of David Lynch of 30 Quincy Street, Brockton, MA 02302, for a Garage License located at 24-32 Knapp Center Brockton, MA 02301.

Attorney Jake Creedon of 71 Legion Pkwy, Brockton, MA 02301 and David Lynch of 30 Quincy Street, Brockton, MA 02302 appeared in favor of the petition and was there to answer any questions.

Hearing held.

Councilors Griffin and Nicastro commented.

#### 46.(HEARINGS CONT.)

No one was in opposition.

Granted by a hand vote. Councilors Minichiello and Tavares absent.

Petition of Solid Realty LLC (Yauheni Mychko) of 23 Williams Rd. Holbrook, MA 02343 for a Garage License transfer located at 967 Montello Street Brockton, MA 02301.

Yauheni Mychko of 23 Williams Rd. Holbrook, MA 02343 appeared in favor of the petition and was there to answer any questions.

Hearing held.

Councilor Nicastro commented.

No one was in opposition.

Granted by a hand vote.

#### REPORTS:

136.Of the Finance Committee for its meeting of March 18, 2024.

Accepted and placed on file

#### COMMUNICATIONS:

137.From the Mayor reappointing Ms. Jeanne Fuller-Jones, of 54 Cushing Avenue, Brockton, MA 02301, to serve on the Council on Aging as a member for a three (3) year term, expiring April 2027.

Accepted and placed on file

138.From the Mayor reappointing Ms. Joyce Forand-Voorhis, of 1366 Pleasant Street, Brockton, MA 02301, to the Conservation Commission as a member for a three (3) year term, ending March 2027.

Accepted and placed on file

139.From the Chief of Police requesting authorization to expend grant monies related to the FY24 Critical Incident Stress Management Program from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's Office of Grants and Research in the amount of \$31,000.00.

Accepted and placed on file

140.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 FY24 Critical Incident Stress Management Program Grant for \$31,000.00. The grant funds will be used for continued training for the Peer Support Team and supplies to support officers' mental health.

Accepted and placed on file

141.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 \$31,000 from the Executive office of Public Safety and Security to the City of Brockton Police Department.

**47.(COMMUNICATIONS CONT.)**

Accepted and placed on file

142.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 \$31,000 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 continued training for the Peer Support team and supplies to support officers' mental health.

Accepted and placed on file

143.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 Earmark in the amount of \$100,000.00 from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to the City of Brockton. The earmark funds will be used to fund substance use and harm reduction services. There is no match required.

Accepted and placed on file

144.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 Earmark in the amount of \$100,000.00 from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to the City of Brockton, without detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services. This is direct funding from the legislature to be put toward substance use and harm reduction services. There is no match required.

Accepted and placed on file

145.From the Chief of Police requesting acceptance of the enclosed money order for \$25.00 made payable to the Brockton Police Department from Tonea DeAndrade that was given to the department as a generous donation.

Accepted and placed on file

146.From the Mayor in accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council authorize the acceptance and expenditure of a donation in the amount of \$25.00 from Tonea DeAndrade to the Brockton Police Department.

Accepted and placed on file

147.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 a donation in the amount of \$25.00 from Tonea DeAndrade to the Brockton Police Department, without a detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services.

Accepted and placed on file

**48.(UNFINISHED BUSINESS CONT.)**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

103.Appointment of Ms. Chrislane Bonny, of 320 Prospect Street, Brockton MA, 02301, to serve on the Elections Commission for a four (4) year term, ending February 2028.  
(FAVORABLE)

Confirmed by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”: nine members present and all voting in the affirmative. Councilors Minichiello and Tavares absent.

Councilor Minichiello stepped in

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.  
(FAVORABLE)

Passed to a third reading by a hand vote. Councilor Tavares absent.

122.Ordered: That the City Council votes to adopt and accept the provisions of M.G.L. ch. 40 §32A relative to publication of ordinances. Adoption of M.G.L. ch. 40 §32A will allow for publication of ordinances by the city council in a municipal bulletin or printed pamphlet, except for zoning ordinances or amendment thereto, which will require a summary published at least two times in a newspaper of general circulation in the City.  
(FAVORABLE)

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

123.Ordered: That the City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of the total grant funds in the amount of \$50,000

FROM: THE DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION  
\$50,000

TO: THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
\$50,000  
(FAVORABLE)

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

**49.(UNFINISHED BUSINESS CONT.)**

125. Ordered: That the City Council votes to adopt and accept the provisions of M.G.L. ch. 60 §3F relative to voluntary donation(s) to the City's veterans' funds. Adoption of M.G.L. ch. 60 §3F will allow for the City to designate a place on its municipal property tax bills or motor vehicle excise bills or mail with such bills a separate form whereby taxpayers of the City may voluntarily check off, donate and pledge an amount of money above the amount due on their tax/motor vehicle excise bill to contribute to the City's veterans' assistance funds. The veterans' assistance funds shall be under the supervision of the City's Veterans' Service Department. (FAVORABLE)

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

131. 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: \$1,250,000

FROM: OVERLAY SURPLUS	\$1,200,000
POLICE DEPARTMENT- FULL TIME SALARIES NON-OT	\$50,000
TO: LAW DEPARTMENT- COURT JUDGEMENTS	\$1,250,000

This transfer will be to fund a court settlement for a recently settled lawsuit. (FAVORABLE)

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”: ten members present and all voting in the affirmative. Councilor Tavares absent. Councilor Farwell motioned to file for reconsideration with the wish that it not prevail and was properly seconded. Reconsideration failed by a hand vote.

127. Resolve: WHEREAS, The traffic pattern for Warren Avenue between Spring Street and Belmont Street will eventually be modified as part of the new Public Safety Campus at Warren Avenue and West Elm Streets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill be invited to a meeting of the council to discuss the details and work necessary to accomplish the project objectives. (FAVORABLE)

Adopted by a hand vote. Councilor Tavares absent.

126. Resolve: WHEREAS, The recruitment of professional, competent candidates for appointment to the police department is of critical importance for the public safety of the city;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Police Chief Brenda Perez and other appropriate staff be invited to a meeting of the City Council to discuss issues relating to the recruitment and retention of police candidates. (FAVORABLE)

Adopted by a hand vote. Councilor Tavares absent.

**50.(ORDERS CONT.)**

**ORDERS:**

148.Ordered: That the City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of the total grant funds in the amount of \$31,000

FROM: THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY & SECURITY \$31,000  
FY2024 COMMONWEALTH CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

TO: THE POLICE DEPARTMENT \$31,000

Referred to Finance

149.Ordered: That the City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of the Earmark in the amount of \$100,000.00.

From: Massachusetts Department of Public Health

To: The City of Brockton

(The earmark funds will be used to fund substance use and harm reduction services. There is no matched required.)

Referred to Finance

150.Ordered: That the City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of a donation in the amount of \$25.00

From: Tonea DeAndrade

To: The Brockton Police Department

Referred to Finance

**Councilor's Recognition**

Councilor Asack Congratulated the Rock Club on their State Championship.

Councilor Farwell reminded everyone there is an Ordinance Meeting Wednesday March 27 at 6PM.

President Rodrigues stated that there will be a Joint Convention on April 11 at 6PM with the City Council Members and School Committee as well as the Mayor to elect a new Ward One School committee member.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 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.