

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

Councilor Asack presented a Citation to Dave and Judy Gorman for running the Road Races at D.W. Field Park for 47 years.

177. Acceptance of the Minutes of the April 8, 2024 City Council meeting.

Accepted and placed on file

178. Acceptance of the Minutes of the April 11, 2024 Special Joint Convention meeting.

Accepted and placed on file

**APPOINTMENTS:**

Councilor Lally motioned to move under suspension of rules and was properly seconded. The motion carried by hand vote.

Councilor Minichiello stepped in.

Chief of Police Brenda Perez spoke briefly on the promotions of the fellow officers.

179. Promotions of the following officers:

Rank of Sergeant:

Officer Jason Ford  
Officer Lucas Pedro  
Officer Richard Colon  
Officer Mark Duhamel  
Officer Nichole Anderson

Rank of Lieutenant:

Sergeant Matthew Graham  
Sergeant William Carpenter  
Sergeant William Stafford

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

Brief Recess

Back in session

180. Reappointment of Mr. Miles Jackson, of 25 Stearns Avenue, Brockton, MA 02302, to the War Memorial Building Board of Trustees for a three (3) year term, ending April 2027.

Referred to Finance

181. Reappointment of Mr. Ryan Burke, of 81 Rockford Street, Brockton, MA 02301, to the War Memorial Building Board of Trustees for a three (3) year term, ending April 2027.

Referred to Finance

**67. (COMMUNICATIONS CONT.)**

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

182. From the Chief of Police requesting the following officers be promoted as they are the top-ranked candidates on the attached promotional List:

Rank of Sergeant:

Officer Jason Ford  
Officer Lucas Pedro  
Officer Richard Colon  
Officer Mark Duhamel  
Officer Nichole Anderson

Rank of Lieutenant:

Sergeant Matthew Graham  
Sergeant William Carpenter  
Sergeant William Stafford

Accepted and placed on file

183. From the Mayor recommending the promotion of the following officers as they are the top-ranked candidates on the attached promotional list:

Rank of Sergeant:

Officer Jason Ford  
Officer Lucas Pedro  
Officer Richard Colon  
Officer Mark Duhamel  
Officer Nichole Anderson

Rank of Lieutenant:

Sergeant Matthew Graham  
Sergeant William Carpenter  
Sergeant William Stafford

Accepted and placed on file

184. From the Mayor reappointing Mr. Miles Jackson, of 25 Stearns Avenue, Brockton, MA 02302, to the War Memorial Building Board of Trustees for a three (3) year term, ending April 2027.

Accepted and placed on file

185. From the Mayor reappointing Mr. Ryan Burke, of 81 Rockford Street, Brockton, MA 02301, to the War Memorial Building Board of Trustees for a three (3) year term, ending April 2027.

Accepted and placed on file

186. From the Mayor in accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council authorize the transfer of \$337,500  
FROM: CABLE REVOLVING FUND \$337,500  
TO: MAYOR- CABLE ACCESS \$337,500  
This transfer will be used restore funds to cover city obligated expenses.

Accepted and placed on file

**68. (COMMUNICATIONS CONT.)**

187. 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 \$337,500, without a detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services.

FROM: CABLE REVOLVING FUND	\$337,500
TO: MAYOR- CABLE ACCESS	\$337,500

This transfer will be used restore funds to cover city obligated expenses.

Accepted and placed on file

188. From the Mayor in accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council authorize the transfer of \$500,000.

FROM: TREASURER'S DEBT - INTEREST SHORT TERM NOTES	\$500,000
TO: TREASURER- MEDICARE TAX	\$450,000
TREASURER PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OT	\$50,000

Accepted and placed on file

189. 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 \$500,000, without a detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services.

FROM: TREASURER'S DEBT - INTEREST SHORT TERM NOTES	\$500,000
TO: TREASURER- MEDICARE TAX	\$450,000
TREASURER PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OT	\$50,000

This transfer will be used to cover an expected shortfall through the remainder of the fiscal year.

Accepted and placed on file

190. From the Mayor in accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council authorize the transfer of \$100,000

FROM: AUDITOR MAIL – POSTAGE	\$50,000
AUDITOR – FULL TIME SALARIES NON-OT	\$43,000
AUDITOR- GOODS AND SUPPLIES	\$7,000
TO: AUDITOR- PURCHASE OF SERVICE	\$100,000

Accepted and placed on file

191. 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 \$100,000, without a detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services.

FROM: AUDITOR MAIL – POSTAGE	\$50,000
AUDITOR – FULL TIME SALARIES NON-OT	\$43,000
AUDITOR- GOODS AND SUPPLIES	\$7,000
TO: AUDITOR- PURCHASE OF SERVICE	\$100,000

This transfer will be used to cover unanticipated auditing expenditures for the remainder of FY24.

Accepted and placed on file

**69. (COMMUNICATIONS CONT.)**

192. From the Mayor in accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council authorize the increase of the Refuse fees from \$70 per quarter to \$100 per quarter. The increase in in the quarterly collection fee will allow for a positive impact on the retained earnings of the enterprise fund, and will assist in the prevention of a financial deficit.

Accepted and placed on file

193. 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 increase of the Refuse fees from \$70 per quarter to \$100 per quarter, without a detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services. The increase in fees will ensure that the Refuse Enterprise remains in good financial standing as well as positively impacting the retained earnings of the enterprise fund. Fees have not been increased since 2003.

Accepted and placed on file

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

72. Ordinance: An Ordinance Creating a Revolving Fund pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ for the Transportation Program Revolving Fund permitting funds to be expended consistent with purposes for transportation of residents ages 60 and older in the City of Brockton. (FAVORABLE) (PASSED TO A THIRD READING BY A HAND VOTE)

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

169. 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: \$100,000

FROM: PARKING AUTHORITY – RETAINED EARNINGS	\$100,000
TO: PARKING AUTHORITY – CAPITAL PROJECT FUND	\$100,000

These funds will be used for the purchase of a new vehicle for the department as well as new parking meters that have been damaged over the past year. (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 Lally motioned to file for reconsideration with the wish that it not prevail and was properly seconded.

Reconsideration failed by a hand vote.

**ORDINANCES:**

194. Ordinance: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 8 SECTION 8-9 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BROCKTON

The following language “the fee shall be increased to two hundred eighty dollars (\$280.00), billed at seventy dollars (\$70.00) four (4) times per year,” shall be replaced with the “fee shall be increased to four hundred dollars (\$400.00), billed at one hundred dollars (\$100.00) four (4) times per year.”

Referred to Ordinance

## 70. (ORDERS CONT.)

### ORDERS:

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

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TO: MAYOR- CABLE ACCESS \$337,500

This transfer will be used restore funds to cover city obligated expenses.

Referred to Finance

196. 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: \$500,000

FROM: TREASURER'S DEBT - \$500,000

INTEREST SHORT TERM NOTES

TO: TREASURER- MEDICARE TAX \$450,000

TREASURER PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OT \$50,000

This transfer will be used to cover union contractual agreements.

Referred to Finance

197. 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: \$100,000

FROM: AUDITOR MAIL – POSTAGE \$50,000

AUDITOR – FULL TIME SALARIES NON-OT \$43,000

AUDITOR- GOODS AND SUPPLIES \$7,000

TO: AUDITOR- PURCHASE OF SERVICE \$100,000

This transfer will be used to cover unanticipated auditing expenditures for the remainder of FY24.

Referred to Finance

### LATE FILES

Councilor Nicastro motioned to accept a late file and was properly second. The motion carried by hand vote.

198. Resolve: Be it resolved by the Brockton City Council to invite Matthew Stanton, Chairperson of the Brockton Beautification Committee or his designee, to appear at a meeting of the Finance Committee to discuss “Keep Brockton Beautiful Day” which has been scheduled by Mayor Sullivan to take place on Saturday May 18, 2024 throughout the City of Brockton.

Referred to Finance

### Councilor's Recognition

Councilor Minichiello reminded everyone that the Economic Development Meeting will be held on Wednesday April 24 at 6PM.

Councilor Nicastro stated that a she is hosting a Ward 4 meeting Wednesday April 24 at 6:30-8PM at the Davis School in the Cafeteria. Scheduled speakers City Clerk Timothy Cruise and Director of Social Services Jasmine Bradsher. Everyone is invited to attend.

Councilor Griffin encouraged Ward 3 residents to attend a meeting about Father Bills over on 460 Belmont Street Tuesday April 30, 2024.

## **71. (COUNCILORS RECOGNITION CONT.)**

President Rodrigues stated that Budget hearings will be held June 17-20. Councilor Asack stated that June 19 is a holiday. President Rodrigues stated then we will go on Friday the 21st. Councilor Thompson ask what time will the meetings take place? President Rodrigues stated 6PM.

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.