

## FINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA

The Standing Committee on Finance will meet on *Monday, April 6th, 2026 at 7:00 PM* in the *Council Chambers, Brockton City Hall, 45 School Street*, to consider the following:

1. Appointment of Sylvester P. Fortes of 20 Hope St., Brockton, MA 02302, to the Brockton Advisory Council of Health for a three-year term, ending in February 2029. (POSTPONED FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MARCH 16, 2026)

Invited: Sylvester P. Fortes

2. Appointment of Maria Fernandes, of 21 Bower Avenue, Brockton, MA 02301 to the Brockton Advisory Council on Health, for a three-year term ending in March 2029.

Invited: Maria Fernandes

3. Appointment of Steven Clay of 106 Main St., Apt. #101, Brockton, MA 02301, to the Commission on Human Rights.

Invited: Steven Clay

4. Ordered: That the City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of the total grant funds in the amount of \$175,688.00.

FROM: EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ELDER AFFAIRS \$175,688.00

TO: COUNCIL ON AGING \$175,688.00

Invited: Director Janice Fitzgerald  
Dr. Troy Clarkson

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: \$30,000.00

FROM: COUNCIL ON AGING – PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OT \$30,000.00

TO: COUNCIL ON AGING – PURCHASE OF SERVICE \$30,000.00

Invited: Director Janice Fitzgerald  
Dr. Troy Clarkson

6. Ordered: That the City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of the total grant funds in the amount of \$25,000.00.



with an attested copy of this Order be and hereby is approved under the provisions of Clause One (1) Section Eight (8) of Article Two (2), as amended, of the Articles of Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as follows:

**PETITION TO AMEND CHAPTER 324 OF THE SPECIAL ACTS OF 1990 “AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE FINANCIAL CONDITIONS IN THE CITY OF BROCKTON”**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

Provided that the General Court may reasonably vary the form and substance of this requested legislation which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition, be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court Assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

The text of Chapter 324 “An Act Relative to the Financial Conditions in the City of Brockton” shall amended to include the following language at the end of Section 5 of Chapter 324 of the Special Acts of 1990 to state as follows:

All powers and duties of the chief financial officer of Brockton shall apply to all departments of the city, including the school department.

School department budgets, expenditures and other financial matters requiring action by the city council shall be submitted to the chief financial officer for review and comment after they have been acted upon by the school committee.

All collective bargaining agreements, personal employment contracts, a contract for goods and services, or any agreement, lease, purchase order, or spending request by the school department which may require the expenditure of funds or otherwise financially obligate the city for a period in excess of one year, shall be first submitted to the chief financial officer who shall submit in writing to the mayor and city council a certification that it is his/her professional opinion, after an evaluation of all pertinent financial information reasonably available, the city's financial resources and revenues are and will continue to be adequate to support such proposed expenditures or obligations without a detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services.

Provided further, in the case of any collective bargaining agreement, individual employment contract or agreement to pay salaries, wages and benefits, no agreement shall be valid without a certification by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall report his/her failure to issue a certification to the mayor and city council. The chief financial officer shall note, specifically, the contents of the agreement which prevent certification and return the agreement to the appropriate department for further action.

In all cases where the duty is not expressly charged to any other department or office, it shall be the duty of the chief financial officer to promote, secure, and preserve the financial interests of the city.

The city of Brockton shall be deemed to have accepted section 37M of chapter 71 of the General Laws for the purpose of consolidating the operations of the business and financial services department of the school department with those of the city under the authority of the chief financial officer.

Invited: Legislative Counsel  
Shannon Resnick  
Dr. Troy Clarkson

8. Resolve: WHEREAS, The City recently conducted its municipal election, and,

WHEREAS, It is important to constantly seek improvements in the election process so as to ensure support from the voters for the integrity and results of any election;

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved:

The four (4) elections commissioners for the City of Brockton be invited to a meeting of the Council to discuss election procedures and to identify improvements which may be initiated for the conduct of future elections.

(POSTPONED FROM FINANCE MEETING FEBRUARY 2ND, 2026)

Invited: Frederick M. McDermott  
Allan Parker  
Stephen Kelley  
Christlaine Bonny

9. Resolve: Be it resolved by the Brockton City Council to invite James O'Brien, City Solicitor, to appear before the Finance Committee for an introduction and greeting before the Council as the newly appointed City Solicitor.

Invited: City Solicitor  
James O'Brien