

FINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA

The Standing Committee on Finance will meet on *Monday, October 7th, 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 September 16th, 2024 Finance Committee Meeting.

Public Hearing:

2. Ordered: That the common necessity and convenience of the inhabitants of the City of Brockton require the laying out and acceptance of **BELL ROCK AVENUE**, extending from the end of the 1970 layout easterly a distance of 120.00 feet to station 3+95.18 and from Granite Street westerly a distance of 240.37 feet to station 6+95.55, and for that purpose it is necessary to take an easement for **Highway Purposes** and lay out as a public street or way of said City of Brockton, said easement passing by or over lands of those persons shown on "EXHIBIT A", attached hereto and parties unknown. Said layout of said street, being 42.00 feet in width, is shown more particularly on a plan entitled "Layout and Acceptance Plan of Bell Rock Avenue", dated May 17, 2024, drawn by J.K. Holmgren Engineering, LLC, 1024 Pearl Street, Brockton, MA. 02301, to be recorded herewith and made a part of this taking. The land taken is more fully described as follows: All the land within the limits of a private way known as **Bell Rock Avenue**, supposed to belong to parties unknown, being a strip of land 42.00 feet in width, extending from the end of the 1970 layout easterly, a distance of 120.00 feet and from Granite Street westerly, a distance of 240.37 feet, as shown on the herein described plan, to which reference is hereby made for a more particular description. And we have considered and estimated the damages sustained by all persons who have not waived damages in their several estates as follows: **NO AWARDS.**

Invited: DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill

Public Hearing Closed

3. Appointment of Mr. Allan Parker, of Bassett Road, Brockton, MA 02301, to serve on the Elections Commission for a four (4) year term, ending September 2028.

Invited: Mr. Allan Parker

4. Appointment of Mr. Iolando Spinola, of 23 Noyes Avenue, 02301, as the City of Brockton's delegate to the Old Colony Planning Council for a one (1) year term, ending in September 2025.

Invited: Mr. Iolando Spinola

5. Appointment of Mr. Michael Avilla, of 813 Court Street, Brockton, MA 02302, to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a five (5) year term, ending September 2029.

Invited: Mr. Michael Avilla

6. Ordered: That the City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of the total grant funds in the amount of \$50,000.00.

FROM: MASSACHUSETTS CLEAN WATER TRUST \$50,000

TO: DPW - WATER \$50,000

Invited: DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill
Chief Financial Officer Troy Clarkson

7. Ordered: That the City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of the total grant funds in the amount of \$119,370.00.

FROM: MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH \$119,370.00

TO: POLICE DEPARTMENT \$119,370.00

Invited: Chief Financial Officer Troy Clarkson
Police Chief Brenda Perez and/or Designee(s)

8. Ordered: In accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council approve the expenditure of \$31,889.50.

FROM: DPW WATER- PURCHASE OF SERVICE \$31,889.50

TO: WEST GROUP LAW \$31,889.50
(Postponed from Finance Committee Meeting 9/16/24)

Invited: City Solicitor Megan Bridges
Chief Financial Officer Troy Clarkson
DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill

9. Resolved: To have Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Priya Tahiliani appear before a committee of the Brockton City Council to discuss the methods and policies of the Brockton School Department regarding CORI checks on employees that may have direct contact with the students of the Brockton Public Schools.

Invited: Superintendent of Schools Priya Tahiliani and any staff members as needed

10. Resolve: Be it resolved by the Brockton City Council to invite Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer, to appear before the Finance Committee to discuss and provide an update on the current status of the FY25 budget and setting of the tax rate.

Invited: Chief Financial Officer Troy Clarkson
Honorable Mayor Robert F. Sullivan

11. Resolve: WHEREAS, The city is evaluating options for the development of the Fairgrounds Property composed of 66 acres of land bordering neighborhoods and roadways, and,

WHEREAS, The City Council will eventually consider and approve zoning changes which are appropriate, given the residential and commercial areas currently existing in this location;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Mr. Rob May, Director of Planning and Economic Development, be invited to a meeting of the council to provide an overview of issues and considerations for zoning changes and successful development of the Fairgrounds Property.

Invited: Director of Planning and Economic Development Rob May

12. Resolve: Be it resolved by the Brockton City Council to invite Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer, Priya Tahiliani, Superintendent of the School Department, and Jennifer Perez, Director of Transportation for Brockton Public Schools to appear before the Finance Committee to discuss and provide an update on the current status of the transportation budget and general update for the transportation department.

Invited: Chief Financial Officer Troy Clarkson
Superintendent Priya Tahiliani
Director of Transportation Jennifer Perez

13. Resolve: WHEREAS, There are specific issues impacting upon the safety and welfare of the residents of the city which require appropriate interventions to prevent, reduce or eliminate the occurrence of these incidents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED:

To invite Megan Bridges, City Solicitor, and Brenda Perez, Chief of Police and her designated staff, to appear before the Finance Committee to discuss and schedule an Executive Session as permitted by MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21 to discuss the deployment of security personnel or devices, or strategies with respect thereto, and to discuss strategy with respect to litigation (McNulty v. City of Brockton, et al).

Executive Session: To discuss matter relating to active litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares, M.G.L.c. 30A, Sec. 21(a)(3), and to discuss the deployment of security personnel or devices, or strategies with respect thereto, .G.L.c. 30A, Sec. 21(a)(4).

Invited: City Solicitor Megan Bridges
Police Chief Brenda Perez or Designee(s)