

Notice is hereby given that the regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council was held on Monday evening November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7:00PM in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 45 School St., Brockton, MA. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM with 8 members present. Councilor Asack, Minichiello, and Nicastro absent.

Councilor Farwell presented a citation with Fire Chief Nardelli to the Chief Financial Officer Troy Clarkson congratulating him on his newly acquired Doctorate degree as well as commemorate him for his hard work over the years as the City's CFO.

617. Acceptance of the Minutes of the November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 City Council Meeting.

Accepted and placed on file.

**REPORTS:**

618. Of the Finance Committee for its meeting of November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Accepted and placed on file.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**619.**From the Fire Chief informing the City Council that the Brockton Fire Department has been awarded an SFY 2025 Massachusetts Municipal Public Safety Staffing grant in the amount of three hundred twenty-three thousand eight hundred twenty-two dollars and seventy-one cents (\$323,822.71) from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security. This is a non-matching grant with no cost to the City.

Accepted and placed on file.

**620.**From the Mayor in accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, I hereby recommend that the City Council authorize the acceptance and expenditure of the grant award in the amount of \$323,822.71 from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security to the Brockton Fire Department. These funds will be used to pay for overtime necessary to maintain staffing levels.

Accepted and placed on file.

**621.**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 \$323,822.71 from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security to the Brockton Fire Department, without detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services.

Accepted and placed on file.

**622.**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 \$5,000.00 from the Department of Industrial Accidents to the City of Brockton. These funds will allow City employees the opportunity to attend CPR/AED training classes.

Accepted and placed on file.

**623.**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 \$5,000.00 from the Department of Industrial Accidents to the City of Brockton, without detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services. These funds will allow City employees the opportunity to attend CPR/AED training classes.

Accepted and placed on file.

- 624.** From the Mayor supporting the request of a Right of Easement for National Grid to install the underground electric system at 135 Warren Avenue, Brockton, MA, 02301. This easement is part of the ongoing work to support the Public Safety Building project.

Accepted and placed on file.

- 625.** From the Mayor recommending that the City Council accepts the Lease Agreement entered into with Metro South Chamber of Commerce, Inc., a nonprofit corporation which has an address of 60 School Street Brockton, MA 02301, for certain real property located at 50 School Street Brockton, MA 02301. Said lease agreement shall run for an eight-month term beginning November 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

Accepted and placed on file.

- 626.** From the CFO certifying that the financial resources and revenues of the City of Brockton are and will continue to be adequate to support the lease agreement entered into with Metro South Chamber of Commerce, Inc. a non-profit corporation which has an address of 60 School Street Brockton, MA 02301, without detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services.

Accepted and placed on file.

- 627.** From the Mayor recommending that the City Council accepts the Lease Agreement entered into with BAS Holding Corp., a foreign corporation organized under the laws of Delaware, and which has an address of 1958 Broadway, PO Box 172, Raynham, MA, for certain real property located at 433 Belmont Street Brockton, MA 02301. Said lease agreement shall run for a three-year term beginning October 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 with 2 consecutive one-year options to extend.

Accepted and placed on file.

- 628.** From the CFO certifying that the financial resources and revenues of the City of Brockton are and will continue to be adequate to support the lease agreement entered into with BAS Holding Corp at 433 Belmont Street Brockton, MA 02301, without detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services.

Accepted and placed on file.

- 629.** From the Mayor requesting under the provisions of Chapter 79 of the General Laws, the City of Brockton for the purpose of layout and reconstruction and maintaining said Warren Avenue and Goddard Road does take permanent easements under Chapter 79 of the General Laws and all other general and special laws thereto enabling, the following described interests in real property situated in the City of Brockton, Plymouth County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts: The following easements over parcels of land on a plan entitled "Easement Plan of Land, for Warren Avenue, Brockton, Massachusetts", dated November 4, 2024, prepared by Dawood Engineering, Braintree, MA, recorded herewith (the "Plan"), said easement being more particularly bounded and described as follows per order.

Accepted and placed on file.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

530.Re-appointment of Mr. Matthew Stanton, of 160 Tribou Street, Brockton, MA 02301, to the War Memorial Board of Trustees for a three (3) year term, ending in October 2027. (FAVORABLE)

531.Appointment of Mr. Abraham Belice, 49 Otis Street, Apt. 3, Brockton, MA 02302, to the Brockton License Commission for a three (3) year term, ending in October 2027. (FAVORABLE)

570.Appointment of Ms. Margaret “Marge” Shepard, of 29 Hancock Street, Brockton, MA 02301, to the Brockton Council on Aging as an alternate for a three (3) year term, ending in November 2027. (FAVORABLE)

Councilor Farwell motioned after the reading to take items 14,15, and 16 together collectively. Motion was properly seconded and carried by a hand vote.

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

554. Ordered: In accordance with General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council approve the Tax Increment Exemption Agreement (TIE) between the City of Brockton and Bryant Hotel LLC, for the property located at 31 W Elm Street. (FAVORABLE)

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”; nine members present and eight voting in the affirmative. Councilor Asack voting in the negative. Councilors Minichiello and Nicastro absent.

557.Ordered: That the City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of the total grant funds in the amount of \$15,000.00.

FROM: OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL	\$15,000.00
TO: COUNCIL ON AGING	\$15,000.00

(FAVORABLE)

Councilor Asack stepped out.

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”; eight members present, seven in affirmative and Councilor Derenoncourt in the negative. Councilor Asack not present. Councilors Minichiello and Nicastro absent.

615.Ordered: That the City Clerk be directed to amend “Order #1” as voted by the Council on June 24, 2024 to amend the Order so that the language specifically states that the \$510,061,072 appropriation order for the FY25 revenue budget reflect that the appropriation included the line item for \$1,000,000 spending from the Stabilization Account, \$952,075.00 from Certified Free Cash, \$7,947,925.00 from Chapter 324 Reserve Fund, and \$650,000 from Ambulance Receipts as reflected in the FY25 budget book.

Be it further ordered that the City Clerk be directed to amend “Order #3” as voted by the Council on June 24, 2024 to amend the Order so that language specifically states that the \$23,766,360 appropriation order for the FY25 revenue budget reflect that the appropriation for certified retained earnings included the line item for \$2,606,668 from the DPW Water Enterprise account.

Be it further ordered that the City Clerk be directed to amend “Order #6” as voted by the Council on June 24, 2024 to amend the Order so that language specifically states that the \$2,396,174 appropriation order for the FY25 revenue budget reflect that the appropriation

for certified retained earnings included the line item for \$510,967 from the Parks and Recreation Enterprise. (FAVORABLE)

Councilor Asack stepped back in.

City Clerk Tim Cruise stated that a request was received regarding postponing this item until the next City Council Meeting.

Councilor Lally motioned to postpone item to the next City Council Meeting. Motion was properly seconded and carried by a hand vote.

555.Ordered: In accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council approve the expenditure of \$2,226,390.51.

FROM: DPW WATER – DESAL FIXED CHARGE	\$2,226,390.51
TO: AQUARIA WATER LLC (FAVORABLE)	\$2,226,390.51

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”; nine members present and all voting in the affirmative. Councilors Minichiello, and Nicaastro absent.

558.Ordered: In accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council approve the expenditure of \$4,035.40.  
(FAVORABLE)

FROM: DPW REFUSE – PURCHASE OF SERVICE	\$3,235.40
DPW REFUSE – GOODS AND SUPPLIES	\$800.00
TO: AMERICAN RETROWORKS INC.	\$3,235.40
FBS TIRE RECYCLING INC.	\$800.00

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”; nine members present and all voting in the affirmative. Councilors Minichiello, and Nicaastro absent.

559.Ordered: In accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council approve the expenditure of \$726,325.44.  
(FAVORABLE)

FROM: DPW SEWER – PURCHASE OF SERVICE	\$726,325.44
TO:	
SOUTHWORTH-MILTON INC.	\$1,140.48
CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY INC.	\$160,191.92
VEOLIA WATER NORTH AMERICA – OPERATIONS INC.	\$539,336.17
PLYMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT	\$4,788.00
BROCKTON POLICE	\$15,768.87
W ROBERT PATTERSON & ASSOCIATES	\$5,100.00

Councilor Griffin stepped out.

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”; eight members present and all in the affirmative. Councilor Griffin not present. Councilors Minichiello and Nicaastro absent.

560.Ordered: In accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council approve the expenditure of \$47,466.82.  
(FAVORABLE)

FROM: DPW WATER – PURCHASE OF SERVICE	\$45,434.95
DPW WATER – GOODS AND SUPPLIES	\$2,031.87

TO:	
EAST BRIDGEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT	\$7,727.50
CUMMINS INC.	\$815.15
BROCKTON POLICE DEPARTMENT	\$35,272.30
WHITMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT	\$660.00
TOWN OF HOLBROOK	\$960.00
REGAN SUPPLY/STILES CO. INC.	\$200.00
HD SUPPLY INC.	\$1,153.59
HOME DEPOT	\$79.98
CHADWICK-BAROSS	\$598.30

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”; eight members present and all in the affirmative. Councilor Griffin not present. Councilors Minichiello and Nicastro absent.

564.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: \$99,556.00(FAVORABLE)

FROM: CABLE REVOLVING FUND \$99,556.00

TO: BROCKTON COMMUNITY ACCESS \$99,556.00

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”; eight members present and all in the affirmative. Councilor Griffin not present. Councilors Minichiello and Nicastro absent.

561.Ordered: In accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council approve the expenditure of \$46,736.12. (FAVORABLE)

FROM: FINANCE – PURCHASE OF SERVICE \$46,736.12

TO: PUBLIC CONSULTING GROUP LLC \$46,736.12

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”; eight members present and all in the affirmative. Councilor Griffin not present. Councilors Minichiello and Nicastro absent.

598.Ordered: That the City of Brockton has been designated as a Gateway Community by the Commonwealth and that the Commonwealth has implemented the Housing Development Incentive Program ("HDIP") to encourage the development of market rate housing in Gateway Communities through state tax credits to qualified development projects. The Mayor, as Chief Executive Officer, is hereby authorized to submit an amendment to the Downtown Brockton Housing Development Incentive Plan and Zone to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development for its review and approval. The Mayor, as Chief Executive Officer, and acting through the Director of Planning and Economic Development, is further hereby authorized to act as the City's administrator of the HDIP Plan and is authorized to enter into real estate tax increment exemption agreements between the City of Brockton and qualified Housing Development projects, subject to favorable recommendation by the Brockton TIF Committee and approval by City Council. (FAVORABLE)

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”; seven members present and six in the affirmative and Councilor Asack in the negative. Councilors Griffin and Teixeira not present. Councilors Minichiello and Nicastro absent.

600.Ordered: That the City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of the total grant funds in the amount of \$150,000.00. (FAVORABLE)

FROM: EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE \$150,000.00

TO: CITY OF BROCKTON \$150,000.00

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”; seven members present and all voting in the affirmative. Councilors Griffin and Teixeira not present. Councilors Minichiello and Nicastro absent.

603.Ordered: That the City Council authorize the revocation of the general fund subsidy to the Parks and Recreation department in the FY25 Budget in the amount of \$400,000.00. (FAVORABLE)

City Clerk Tim Cruise stated that a request was received regarding the postponement of this item.

Councilor Asack asked for clarification as to who is making the requests and why.

City Clerk Tim Cruise explained that the CFO requested this as the Department of Revenue has requested that under their rules, with other items being presented later on, they would prefer all be done under one vote.

Councilors Griffin and Teixeira stepped back in.

Councilor Lally motioned to postpone item to next City Council Meeting. Motion was properly seconded and carried by a hand vote.

556.Ordered: In accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council approve the expenditure of \$26,832.93. (FAVORABLE)

FROM: POLICE DEPARTMENT – PURCHASE OF SERVICE	\$26,832.93
TO:	
VERIZON	\$16,955.76
SUR-TEC INC.	\$4,613.00
PLYMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT	\$4,564.00
NEW ERA TECHNOLOGIES	\$300.00
GANNETT NEW ENGLAND LOCALIQ	\$290.71
CITY OF BROCKTON	\$110.00

Councilor Griffin stepped back out.

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”; eight members present and all in the affirmative. Councilor Griffin not present. Councilors Minichiello and Nicastro absent.

604.Ordered: That the City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of a donation in the amount of \$1,000.00(FAVORABLE)

From: NORTH EASTON SAVINGS BANK

To: BROCKTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Councilor Griffin stepped back in.

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”; nine members present and all voting in the affirmative. Councilors Minichiello, and Nicastro absent.

607.Ordered: That the City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of the total grant funds in the amount of \$60,000.00. (FAVORABLE)

FROM: EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY	\$60,000.00
TO: BROCKTON POLICE DEPARTMENT	\$60,000.00

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”; nine members present and all voting in the affirmative. Councilors Minichiello, and Nicastro absent.

616.Ordered: That the City Council authorize the revocation of retained earnings to balance the Refuse Enterprise in the FY25 Budget in the amount of \$294,639. (FAVORABLE)

Councilor Thompson motioned to postpone. Motion was properly seconded and carried by a hand vote.

601.Ordered: That the City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of the total grant funds in the amount of \$20,655.00. (FAVORABLE)

FROM: LIEUTENANT JOSEPH P. DIBERNARDO FOUNDATION       \$20,655.00

TO: BROCKTON FIRE DEPARTMENT                                 \$20,655.00

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”; nine members present and all voting in the affirmative. Councilors Minichiello, and Nicastro absent.

608.Resolve: To invite Brockton Fire Chief, Brian Nardelli, and anyone he may wish to be accompanied by, to appear at a Finance Committee to discuss the whole blood truck put on the road earlier this year with grant funding by the Town on Canton, how it is being used, how it has benefitted the City of Brockton, and other important related information. (FAVORABLE)

Adopted by a hand vote. Councilors Minichiello and Nicastro absent.

490.Resolve: 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. (FAVORABLE)

Adopted by a hand vote. Councilors Minichiello and Nicastro absent.

493.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. (FAVORABLE)

Adopted by a hand vote. Councilors Minichiello and Nicastro absent.

**ORDINANCES:**

**630.**Ordinance: Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Brockton, Article III – General Regulations and Permitted Modifications of the City’s Zoning Ordinances, is amended as follows:

Sec. 27-19 – “Number of buildings restricted on lots” shall be amended by striking the language in the section and inserting in its place the following:

There shall be not more than one (1) principal dwelling structure, one (1) accessory dwelling unit whether as an attached ADU or Detached ADU, and two (2) accessory structures (which shall not include ADUs), including a private garage, on each lot in a R-1A, R-1B, and R1C Zone except as provided in section 27-3(b).

Sec. 27-25 “R-1 Zones, single family residential zones” subsection 2 “Permitted accessory uses” shall be amended to include ADUs as a permitted accessory use for any single-family lot.

Be it further ordained by inserting the following new Ordinance where appropriate:

Accessory Dwelling Units

Pursuant to Section 8 of Chapter 150 of the Acts of 2024, Accessory Dwelling Units

Definitions

*Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU)* – A secondary living space, inclusive of sleeping, cooking and sanitary facilities, located on the same lot of a single-family dwelling.

*Attached ADU* – An attached ADU is built within the existing single-family dwelling.

*Detached ADU* – A detached ADU is built as a standalone structure separate from the single-family dwelling.

Applicability

This ADU ordinance shall only apply to the R1 for single-family lots.

ADU Perimeters

All ADUs shall:

1. Comply with the regulations of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for ADUs under Chapter 150 of the Acts of 2024;
2. Be built to the standards of 780 CMR the State Building Code and 527 CMR the State Fire Code; and
3. Shall comply with the Brockton City Ordinances.

Standards – All ADUs

All ADUs shall:

1. Require site plan review;
2. Maintain a separate entrance, either directly from the outside or through an entry hall or corridor shared with the principal dwelling sufficient to meet the requirement of the state building code for safe egress;
3. Not be larger in gross floor area than ½ of the gross floor area of the principal dwelling or 900 square feet, whichever is smaller;
4. Require a separate certificate of occupancy; and
5. Shall require one additional parking space if located outside 0.5 miles from a commuter rail station, subway station or bus station.

Standards – Attached ADUs

1. Attached ADUs shall conform to sec. 27-20(2).
2. Front and side Setbacks shall be the same as the required setbacks for principal structures in the zone which the Attached ADU is to be placed as requires in Sec. 27-9 Table 1 and may not be located closer to the street than the principal structure.
3. Rear setbacks for the Attached ADU shall be 15 feet in R1A, R1B and R1C zones.
4. A 10' setback from any other accessory structure is required.
5. Required lot coverage and green space shall be the same as required in Sec. 27-9 Table 1 and Sec. 27-18.
6. The height limitation shall be the same as the requirement for principal structures as stated in Sec. 27-9 Table 1.
7. All utilities for Attached ADUs must pass through the principal structure.

Standards – Detached ADUs

1. Setbacks shall be the same as the required setbacks for principal structures in the zone in which the Detached ADU is to be placed as required in Sec. 27-9 Table 1 and may not be located closer to the street than the principal structure.
2. A Detached ADU shall not be located within ten (10) feet of a principal or accessory structure.
3. On corner lots, Detached ADUs shall not be located on the side street side between the side street and the required front yard setback line of structures fronting on the side street.
4. A Detached ADU may only be located on the rear or side of the principal structure.



5. Required lot coverage and green space shall be the same as required in Sec. 27-9 Table 1 and Sec. 27-18.
6. The height limitation for Detached ADUs shall be the same as Sec. 27-9 Table 1.
7. Electric utilities for Detached ADUs shall be brought to the building based on requirements of the utility provider.
8. Water service shall be provided to Detached ADUs based on the requirements of the Brockton Department of Public Works.
9. Sewer service shall be provided to Detached ADUs based on the requirements of the Brockton Department of Public Works.

Councilor Farwell motioned to have legislative council summarize as this is a long ordinance. Motion was properly seconded and carried by a hand vote.

Referred to Ordinance

**ORDERS:**

**631.**Ordered: That the City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of the total grant funds in the amount of \$323,822.71.

FROM: EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY	\$323,822.71
TO: BROCKTON FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$323,822.71

Referred to Finance

**632.**Ordered: That the City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of the total grant funds in the amount of \$5,000.00.

FROM: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS	\$5,000.00
TO: CITY OF BROCKTON	\$5,000.00

Referred to Finance

**633.**Ordered: A Right of Easement for National Grid to install the underground electric system at 135 Warren Avenue, Brockton, MA, 02301. This easement is part of the ongoing work to support the Public Safety Building project.

Referred to Finance

**634.**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 Metro South Chamber of Commerce, Inc., a nonprofit corporation and which has an address of 60 School Street Brockton, MA 02301, for certain real property located at 50 School Street Brockton, MA 02301. Said lease agreement shall run for an eight-month term beginning November 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025. The Mayor is authorized to execute any and all documents necessary in connection with said Lease Agreement.

Referred to Finance

**635.**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 BAS Holding Corp., a foreign Corporation organized under the laws of the Delaware, and which has an address of 1958 Broadway, PO Box 172, Raynham, MA, for certain real property located at 433 Belmont Street Brockton, MA 02301. Said lease agreement shall run for a three-year term beginning October 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 with 2 consecutive one-year options to extend. The Mayor is authorized to execute any and all documents necessary in connection with said Lease Agreement.

Referred to Finance

**636. Ordered: Whereas** the City Council acting on behalf of the City of Brockton, has determined that it is necessary and essential as a matter of public welfare to reconstruct portions of Warren Avenue and Goddard Road in the City of Brockton, and that the public interest and convenience requires the acquisition of easements over portions of certain properties abutting Warren Avenue and Goddard Road.

**Now theretofore**, acting under the provisions of Chapter 79 of the General Laws, the City of Brockton for the purpose of layout and reconstruction and maintaining said Warren Avenue and Goddard Road does take permanent easements under Chapter 79 of the General Laws and all other general and special laws thereto enabling, the following described interests in real property situated in the City of Brockton, Plymouth County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

The following easements over parcels of land on a plan entitled "Easement Plan of Land, for Warren Avenue, Brockton, Massachusetts", dated November 4, 2024, prepared by Dawood Engineering, Braintree, MA, recorded herewith (the "Plan"), said easement being more particularly bounded and described as follows: (see attached)

Referred to Finance

**RESOLVE:**

**637. Resolve:** To invite the Brockton Fire Department's new Public Education Officer Peter Reardon, and anyone else he may wish to be accompanied by, to appear at a Finance Committee meeting to discuss his role and the significance of BFD's public education efforts.

Referred to Finance

**LATE FILES:**

Councilor Lally motioned to introduce a late file. Motion was properly seconded and carried by a hand vote.

Communication:

**641.** From the DPW Commissioner requesting to accept and authorize the expenditure of a grant received in the amount of Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000), from National Grid USA Service Company, Inc. d/b/a National Grid 'National Grid'. The grant has a goal of improving the energy efficiency, energy equity, and sustainability of all National Grid customers within the City of Brockton over a five-year term of November 1, 2024 - March 21, 2029 and supports an ongoing commitment to economic growth and climate change mitigation, and to strive to Lead by example to achieve a vibrant, cost-effective, clean energy future.

Accepted and placed on file

**642.** 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 \$450,000 from National Grid to the Department of Public Works. These funds will be used to improve energy efficiency, energy equity, and sustainability of all National Grid customers within the City.

Accepted and placed on file

**643.** 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 \$450,000.00 from National Grid to the Department of Public Works, without detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services. These funds will be used to improve energy efficiency, energy equity, and sustainability of all National Grid customers within the City.

Accepted and placed on file

**644. ORDERED:** That the City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of the total grant funds in the amount of \$450,000.00.

FROM: NATIONAL GRID \$450,000.00

TO: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS \$450,000.00

Referred to Finance

**Councilor's Recognition**

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.

Councilor Asack wished everyone a happy thanksgiving and mentioned the parade on Saturday.

Councilor Asack acknowledged the CFO's citation and offered her congratulations to CFO Clarkson.

Councilor Asack stated that she was not elected to keep an eye on the School Committee and that she shouldn't have to tell them how to act.

Councilor Asack stated that she is very upset with the Mayor's decision to veto the encampment ordinance. She then stated how she supports this ordinance for the businesses and residents within the City.

Councilor Farwell briefly acknowledged the turkey give away and mentioned Councilor Thompson, Lally, Nicastro and Griffin were there.

Councilor Farwell wanted to respond to Councilor Asack and stated that he has great respect for her and Ward 7 but that while he agrees they were not elected to tell the School Committee how to act, he does believe they were elected to set standards of decency.

Councilor Asack responded by acknowledging the turkey giveaway and stated that for many years while serving on the council she has had to face disrespectful comments from councilors to department heads.

Councilor Thompson recognized the turkey giveaway and wanted to back up Councilor Asack's words as he is disappointed in the Mayor's decision to veto but that he is not shocked.

Councilor Derenoncourt stated that he has respect for this council and that there will always be differences but he will not accept the fact the encampment ordinance wanting to distribute fines.

Adjourned at 8:00PM.