

## FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the standing committee on Finance was held on Monday December 16<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 7:03PM with six members present and Councilor Rodrigues presiding. Councilors Asack, Derenoncourt, Minichiello, Tavares and Teixeira absent.

1. Appointment of Ms. Harriet Beasley, of 9 Roger Road, Brockton, MA 02301, to the Council on Aging Board of Directors as a permanent member for a three (3) year term, ending in December 2027.

Invited: Ms. Harriet Beasley

Ms. Harriet Beasley began by briefly thanking everyone from the City Council as well as the Mayor.

Councilor Lally motioned to recommend favorably. Motion was properly seconded and carried by a hand vote.

Councilor Lally then motioned to have item 10 on the agenda to be moved out of order. Motion was properly seconded and carried by a hand vote.

10. Resolve: In recognition of the Brockton Garden Club's 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, long time member Jacqueline Bonarigo will present to the city council the Garden Clubs involvement as well as some of the exciting projects and events planned in our community.

Invited: Ms. Jacqueline Bonarigo

Ms. Jacqueline Bonarigo began by briefly thanking everyone for their time.

Councilor Asack stepped in.

Ms. Jacqueline Bonarigo explained some of the operations within the Brockton Garden Club as well as offering dates of different meet ups for the public to attend.

Councilor Asack spoke briefly thanking Ms. Bonarigo for speaking on the Brockton Garden Club as well as mentioning she has wished to join but has not been able to do so due to conflict in schedule regarding meetings. Councilor Asack ended by congratulating Ms. Bonarigo on their 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Councilor Nicastro then spoke stating that she has served on the Garden Club for many years and that she is disappointed that she cannot attend meetings regularly anymore as they fall on Mondays. Councilor Nicastro ended by thanking Ms. Bonarigo for her time bringing light on the Brockton Garden Club.

Councilor Asack motioned to recommend favorably. Motion was properly seconded and carried by a hand vote.

2. 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 117 North Main LLC, for the property located at 117 North Main Street.

Invited: Honorable Mayor Robert F. Sullivan  
Chairman of Assessors John O'Donnell  
CFO Troy Clarkson

CFO Troy Clarkson began by stating the developer regarding the TIE agreement has an excellent track record with the City of Brockton, and introduced Ted Carman and asked if he could provide a brief presentation.

Ted Carman began by explaining his excitement regarding this development and giving his thanks to the City Council.

Ted Carman then gave a brief presentation regarding the development.

Councilor Nicastro asked if the project was possible without the TIE agreement and why to which Mr. Carman explained that no because without the agreement then they can't get the tax credits as well as how the TIE agreement allows more money to be borrowed upfront.

Councilor Griffin wanted to thank Mr. Carman for doing development in the City of Brockton and acknowledged the work that has already been done over the years within the City. Councilor Griffin then stated that he will be voting for this TIE agreement and also encouraged his fellow councilors to do so as well.

Councilor Thompson thanked Mr. Carman for his work within the City of Brockton as well as specifying his work in Ward 5. Councilor Thompson asked if this is a mix-use construction to which Mr. Carman stated yes. Councilor Thompson then stated he is voting in agreement with the TIE and also encouraged his fellow councilors to do so as well.

Councilor Asack asked if this building had any historic credits to which Mr. Carman stated that the neighborhood has a historic district but this building currently is not contributing to that.

Councilor Farwell then asked for a timeline with when things will get rolling to which Mr. Carman stated next August is the current goal.

President Rodrigues asked what the total cost of the development would be to which he was told that it would be north of \$40,000,000.00.

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

3. Ordered: That the City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of the total grant funds in the amount of \$39,600.00.

FROM: MASSACHUSETTS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY      \$39,600.00

TO: BROCKTON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY                      \$39,600.00

Invited: CFO Troy Clarkson  
Stephan Hooke

Mr. Hooke began by stating this grant is a straight grant and there is no match required. Two light towers will be purchased with the funds as well as generators and cooling and heat kits.

Councilor Asack motioned to recommend favorably. Motion was properly seconded.

On the motion, Councilor Nicastro stated she believed to have seen the grant required a match to which Mr. Hooke responded that there is no match required.

Councilor Asack's motion that was properly seconded was then carried by a hand vote.

4. That the City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of the total grant funds in the amount of \$791,667.00.

FROM: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH                                      \$791,667.00

TO: CITY OF BROCKTON    \$791,667.00

Invited: Dr. Eno Mondesir  
CFO Troy Clarkson

Dr. Eno Mondesir began by briefly discussing the grant and how it will allow the City to do what they need to do and then opened it up to questions.

Councilor Lally motioned to recommend favorably. Motion was properly seconded.

On the motion, President Rodrigues asked what these funds would be used for to which Dr. Mondesir responded that he wishes he could provide full details to the Council but that he himself is also eager to learn what the uses will be and once he is aware he will provide that information to the Council.

On the motion, Councilor Nicastro stated that based on what she read she believes it may be regarding addiction & health.

CFO Troy Clarkson stated that the grant is part of a long-term goal to address the addiction epidemic within the city.

President Rodrigues asked if the City applied for this grant or if it was given by the State to which CFO Clarkson stated that the City did apply for these funds.

Councilor Lally's motion that was properly seconded was then carried by a hand vote.

5. That the following named sum be and the same is hereby transferred as the same was submitted by the Mayor as follows: Transfer of: \$1,488,499.85

FROM: CERTIFIED FREE CASH \$1,488,499.85

TO: DPW REFUSE RETAINED EARNINGS \$1,488,499.85

Invited: DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill  
CFO Troy Clarkson

Councilor Farwell stated that items 5,6, and 7 were all a part of the City Council's Special Meeting and motioned to collectively table all three of the items. Councilor Farwell's motion was properly seconded and carried by a hand vote.

6. That the following named sum be and the same is hereby transferred as the same was submitted by the Mayor as follows: Transfer of: \$1,252,690.67

FROM: CERTIFIED FREE CASH \$1,252,690.67

TO: DPW SEWER RETAINED EARNINGS \$1,252,690.67

Invited: DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill  
CFO Troy Clarkson

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7. That the following named sum be and the same is hereby transferred as the same was submitted by the Mayor as follows: Transfer of: \$73,760.21

FROM: CERTIFIED FREE CASH \$73,760.21

TO: DPW STORMWATER RETAINED EARNINGS \$73,760.21

Invited: DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill  
CFO Troy Clarkson

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8. That the City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of the total grant funds in the amount of \$55,000.00.

FROM: EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY \$55,000.00

TO: CITY OF BROCKTON \$55,000.00

Invited: IT Director Ted Medeiros  
CFO Troy Clarkson

IT Director Ted Medeiros began by opening up to the City Council for questions.

Councilor Farwell asked how well we are prepared with IT security to which Mr. Medeiros stated that we are well prepared.

Mr. Medeiros stated that this grant will help with in-user training which he believes is one of the main keys in IT support/protection.

Councilor Nicastro asked if the amount of the grant is \$5,500 or \$55,000 as shes seen both numbers and is asking for that to be double checked to which Mr. Medeiros explained the \$5,500 that she is seeing may be the match from the state.

Councilor Farwell motioned to recommend favorably. Motion was properly seconded and carried by a hand vote.

9. That the City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of the total grant funds in the amount of \$850,000.

FROM: DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT \$850,000.00

TO: CITY OF BROCKTON \$850,000.00

Invited: CFO Troy Clarkson

CFO Clarkson explained that this is an appropriation for improvements at the Adams Garage.

Councilor Farwell motioned to recommend favorably. Motion was properly seconded.

On the motion, Councilor Nicasastro asked if Mr. Clarkson is aware of the work that will be done with these funds. CFO Clarkson responded by stating that the specific improvements were listed in the application and that he does not have them right now but will get them to her.

Councilor Farwell's motion that was properly seconded was then carried by a hand vote.

11. 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: \$100,000.00

FROM: DPW STORMWATER – DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT                      \$100,000.00

TO: DPW STORMWATER – CONSULTANTS                                      \$100,000.00

Invited: DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill  
CFO Troy Clarkson

DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill stated that these funds will be going from Goods to Service Line Item and that these will be used for two separate consultants; one for revamping the billing as well as continue services that have been used annually.

Councilor Thompson asked the status on the meetings regarding the Stormwater commission to which Mr. Hill stated sometime in January they would have their first meeting.

Councilor Thompson mentioned that there seems to be a bottleneck regarding the Stormwater and Engineers and asked if they could do anything to widen that and speed up the processes.

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

President Rodrigues briefly reminded everyone about the December 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

Councilor Asack stated that there is a water survey form the Old Colony Public Planning and encouraged the public to participate.

Councilor Farwell stated that there is an Ordinance Committee Meeting on Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30PM

Meeting Adjourned 7:40PM