

## FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the standing committee on Finance was held on **Tuesday January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 at 7:00PM** in the **Council Chambers, City Hall, 45 School St., Brockton, MA**. The meeting was called to order at 7:01PM with ten members present and Councilor Thompson presiding. Councilor Minichiello absent.

President Thompson gaveled the meeting.

Brief recess due to audio issues

Back in Session

1. Ordered: That the City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of the total grant funds in the amount of \$352,620.00.

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| FROM: EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY | \$352,620.00 |
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| TO: BROCKTON POLICE DEPARTMENT | \$352,620.00 |
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Invited: CFO Troy Clarkson  
Police Chief Brenda Perez, and/or designees

President Thompson stated that CFO Troy Clarkson won't be present but Budget Director Elvira Lopes will be.

Lugenia Lopes also filled in for Police Chief Brenda Perez.

Lugenia Lopes began by briefly explaining that these grant funds allow the Police Department to cover overtime pay.

Lugenia Lopes then stated that they have seen an increase in 20% in grant funding, as well as highlighting that this grant is not match-required.

Councilor Nicastro asked what last year's number was in regard to the 20% increase. Lugenia Lopes responded by stating last years number was \$293,000 and that this year we are receiving \$352,620.

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

2. 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: \$150,000.00

FROM: HUMAN RESOURCES – FULL TIME SALARIES \$150,000.00

TO: HUMAN RESOURCES – CONSULTANTS \$150,000.00

Invited: CFO Troy Clarkson  
Interim Human Resources Director Robert Fennessy

Ms. Elvira Lopes began by briefly explaining the money transfer is to substantiate a contract with CSS as well as explaining that this amount should make everything feasible.

Interim Human Resources Director Robert Fennessy briefly spoke about the ongoing efforts to find a new permanent HR Director.

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

3. 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: \$3,200,000.00

FROM: FY25 DPW WATER RETAINED EARNINGS \$3,200,000.00

TO: NEW WATER MAIN CAPITAL FUND \$3,200,000.00

Invited: CFO Troy Clarkson  
DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill

DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill stated that this money request is to fix the water main on Montello Street, specifying that there has been 6 failures within the main over the last few months which has lead to a significant loss in water. Commissioner Hill also stated that he does not believe the full 3.2 million would be required but he is asking for it in full to cover unexpected issues.

Councilor Derenoncourt motioned to recommend favorable.

On the motion, Councilor Farwell asked if this would cover underground and road infrastructure to which Commissioner Hill stated yes. Councilor Farwell then asked if there is any concern with the way the pipe has experienced failure in the past.



FROM: PARKING AUTHORITY – RETAINED EARNINGS \$130,000  
TO: PARKING AUTHORITY – CAPITAL PROJECT FUND \$130,000

Invited: CFO Troy Clarkson  
Executive Director Eric Akesson

Ms. Lopes stated that this transfer was already approved in October but the transfer was wanted to be held off until the retained earnings were certified.

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

6. 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: \$130,000

FROM: PARKING AUTHORITY – RETAINED EARNINGS \$130,000  
TO: PARKING AUTHORITY – CAPITAL PROJECT FUND \$130,000

Invited: CFO Troy Clarkson  
Executive Director Eric Akesson

Councilor Asack motioned to recommend favorably.

On the motion, President Thompson asked what was the underlying Capital Project that this was funding to which Mr. Akesson responded that this is to repair the piston that is underneath the elevator in the Addams Garage.

Councilor Asack's motion to recommend favorably was properly seconded and carried by a hand vote.

7. Ordered: In accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council approve the expenditure of \$254,714.15.

FROM: DPW SEWER – PURCHASE OF SERVICE \$228,251.06  
TO: REHOBOTH SOLAR LLC. \$228,251.06  
ALTUS POWER LLC. \$26,463.09

Scriveners Error should read: FROM: DPW SEWER – PURCHASE OF SERVICE  
\$254,714.15

Invited: CFO Troy Clarkson

Ms. Lopes briefly explained that these are for prior year invoices that are being paid out of this fiscal year from the Sewer Department.

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

Adjourned 7:27PM.