

Notice is hereby given that the regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council was held on Monday evening March 24, 2025 at 7:00PM in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 45 School St., Brockton, MA. The meeting was called to order at 7:03PM with 9 members present. Councilors Lally and Minichiello absent.

President Thompson had a moment of silence for the two teens Tymari Alberston and Cevannah Alvarez that lost their lives this weekend.

**870.**Acceptance of the Minutes of the March 10, 2025 City Council Meeting.

Accepted and placed on file.

**HEARINGS:**

Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid to install 1 SO pole on N Montello Street beginning at a point approximately 20 feet East of the centerline of the intersection of Linden Street. National Grid proposes to install new stub pole 6-84 will be installed across the street from pole 6.

President Thompson opened the Hearing.

Kalvin Fonseca from National Grid appeared in favor of the petition and was there to answer any questions.

No one was in opposition.

President Thompson closed the hearing.

Granted by a hand vote. Councilors Lally and Minichiello absent.

Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc to install 1 JO pole on West Chestnut Street beginning at a point approximately 300 feet West of the centerline of the intersection of Liberty Street. National Grid to install 50ft class H1 pole. Pole will be installed between P96 and P97 West Chestnut St on the same side of the road as P96 and P97. Pole will be labeled 96-50.

President Thompson opened the Hearing.

Kalvin Fonseca from National Grid appeared in favor of the petition and was there to answer any questions.

No one was in opposition.

President Thompson closed the hearing.

Granted by a hand vote. Councilors Lally and Minichiello absent.

**REPORTS:**

**871.**Of the Real Estate Committee for its meeting of March 11, 2025.

Accepted and placed on file.

**872.**Of the Finance Committee for its meeting of March 17, 2025.

### 325. (REPORTS CONT.)

Accepted and placed on file.

#### COMMUNICATIONS:

**873.**From the Commissioner of Buildings requesting reauthorization of the War Memorial Revolving Fund for FY26. The Revolving Fund is for the rental of the auditorium and custodial fees and is limited to annual expenditures of not more than \$25,000, during the fiscal year.

Accepted and placed on file.

**874.**From the Mayor in accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council re-authorize the War Memorial Revolving Fund.

Accepted and placed on file.

**875.**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 re-authorization of the War Memorial Revolving Fund, without detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services.

Accepted and placed on file.

**876.**From the Commissioner of Buildings requesting reauthorization of the Vacant and Abandoned Building Revolving Fund for the sole purpose of maintaining the Abandoned Building registry, limited to annual expenditures of not more than \$250,000 during FY2026, for the registration of vacant and abandoned buildings.

Accepted and placed on file.

**877.**From the Mayor in accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council re-authorize the Vacant and Abandoned Buildings Revolving Fund.

Accepted and placed on file.

**878.**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 re-authorization of the Vacant and Abandoned Buildings Revolving Fund, without detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services.

Accepted and placed on file.

**879.**From the Commissioner of Buildings requesting reauthorization of the Demolition Revolving Fund for FY26. The demolition Revolving Fund is for the demolition charges and fees and is limited to annual expenditures of the no more than \$110,000, during the fiscal year, for demolition costs of buildings of the City of Brockton.

Accepted and placed on file.

**880.**From the Mayor in accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council re-authorize the Demolition Revolving Fund.

Accepted and placed on file.

### 326. (COMMUNICATIONS CONT.)

**881.**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 re-authorization of the Demolition Revolving Fund, without detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services.

Accepted and placed on file.

**882.**From the Mayor in accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council re-authorize the Transportation Program Revolving Fund.

Accepted and placed on file.

**883.**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 re-authorization of the Transportation Program Revolving Fund, without detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services.

Accepted and placed on file.

**884.**From the Mayor in accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council re-authorize the Cable Revolving Fund for FY26.

Accepted and placed on file.

**885.**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 re-authorization of the Cable Revolving Fund for FY26, without detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services.

Accepted and placed on file.

**886.**From the Mayor in accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council authorize the transfer of \$10,000.00. These funds will support the Auditor's office goods and supplies category for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Accepted and placed on file.

**887.**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 total proposed transfer of \$10,000.00, without a detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services. These funds will support the Auditor's office goods and supplies category for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Accepted and placed on file.

**888.**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 \$500,000.00 from the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center to the Department of Public Works. These funds will be used to promote wide-scale EV adoption by increasing access to curbside EV charging infrastructure. This program is funded through the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) investment and the program will 100% fund the cost of the services, up to \$500,000.00.

**327. (COMMUNICATIONS CONT.)**

Accepted and placed on file.

**889.**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 \$500,000.00 from the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center 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 promote wide-scale EV adoption by increasing access to curbside EV charging infrastructure. This program is funded through the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) investment and the program will 100% fund the cost of the services, up to \$500,000.00.

Accepted and placed on file.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Councilor Farwell stated that he is in full support of this appointment and that the City Solicitor is drafting out a memorandum between the City and the BRA so that board will be able to function and urges to vote in favor of this tonight.

**825.**Appointment of Dr. Eliza J. Wilson of 126 Edson Street, Brockton, MA 02302 to the Brockton Redevelopment Authority for a five-year term, ending in February 2030. (FAVORABLE) (POSTPONED FROM CITY COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2025)

Confirmed by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”, nine members present and all voting in the affirmative. Councilors Lally and Minichiello absent. Councilor Asack motioned to file for reconsideration with the wish it does not prevail and was properly seconded. Reconsideration fails by a hand vote.

**841.**Appointment of the following retired officer as a Special Police Officer: Brian Kirby (FAVORABLE)

Confirmed by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”, nine members present and all voting in the affirmative. Councilors Lally and Minichiello absent. Councilor Farwell motioned to file for reconsideration with the wish it does not prevail and was properly seconded. Reconsideration fails by a hand vote.

**861.**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: \$200,000.00

FROM: TREASURER - DEBT SERVICE	\$150,000.00
ASSESSOR – PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OT	\$50,000.00

TO: ASSESSOR – PURCHASE OF SERVICE	\$200,000.00
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(FAVORABLE)

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

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

FROM: DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION	\$15,000.00
TO: PARKS AND RECREATION	\$15,000.00

**328. (UNFINISHED BUSINESS CONT.)**

(FAVORABLE)

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

**865.**Ordered: That the City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of the total grant funds in the amount of \$62,461.00.

FROM: OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS' BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE \$62,461.00

TO: BROCKTON POLICE DEPARTMENT (FAVORABLE) \$62,461.00

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

**785.**Ordered: That the Mayor and/or Treasurer/Collector be authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to convey the property consisting of 4,391 square feet, located and known as Plot 3 Astle Court, Parcel ID: 164-334 to John S. Duquette, Jr. and Kelli-Ann Burwell, 12 Astle Court, Brockton, MA 02301 for the purchase price of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00). Said property to be sold under the Abutter Lot Program and to be sold with a permanent non-buildable restriction. Said property shall also merge with abutting lot of the purchaser within 6 months of purchase. The 6 months begins at the time the deed is executed.

If the Grantee fails to merge the premises as stated the City of Brockton reserves the right to revert the premises back to the City ownership at no cost and for no consideration. At closing, the Grantee shall execute a reverter deed to the City of Brockton which shall be held in escrow by the City pending satisfaction of the condition stated above. If the reverter deed has not been recorded within nine (9) months from the date of recording this deed, the City of Brockton's right of reverter shall be deemed to have lapsed. (FAVORABLE AS AMENDED)

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

**786.**Ordered: That the Mayor and/or Treasurer/Collector be authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to convey the property consisting of 3,400 square feet, located and known as Plot 27-1 Huntington Street, Parcel ID: 095-061 to Marie Marthe Tellus and Marie Andree Tellus, 43 Huntington Street, Brockton, MA 02301 for the purchase price of One Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$1,800.00). Said property to be sold under the Abutter Lot Program and to be sold with a permanent non-buildable restriction. Said property shall also merge with abutting lot of the purchaser within 6 months of purchase. The 6 months begins at the time the deed is executed.

If the Grantee fails to merge the premises as stated the City of Brockton reserves the right to revert the premises back to the City ownership at no cost and for no consideration. At closing, the Grantee shall execute a reverter deed to the City of Brockton which shall be held in escrow by the City pending satisfaction of the condition stated above. If the reverter deed has not been recorded within nine (9) months from the date of recording this deed, the City of Brockton's right of reverter shall be deemed to have lapsed. (FAVORABLE)

**329. (UNFINISHED BUSINESS CONT.)**

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”, nine members present and seven voting in the affirmative. Councilors Derenoncourt and Griffin in the negative. Councilors Lally and Minichiello absent.

**835.**Ordered: That the City of Brockton does hereby take in fee in accordance with G.L. Ch. 79 and/or other applicable law, the following described parcels of land, to wit:

*54 N. Main Street*

For further reference see Plymouth County Registry of Deeds Book 05477 / Page 00222.

We have considered and estimated the damages sustained by all persons who have not waived damages in their several estates and hereby determine and award the same as follows, to be paid from community block development grant funds.

PROPERTY/OWNER	AMOUNT
54 N. Main Street	\$1,050,000.00

Owner: Father Bills and Mainspring Inc.

Said taking shall include all trees, soil or fixtures thereon.  
(FAVORABLE)

Councilor Derenoncourt stepped out.

Councilor Rodrigues stated he is in opposition because this building was conveyed to Mainspring years ago for the amount of one dollar and now we are being asked to purchase this property back for over a million plus dollars. Lots of roads need repairs if we have a million dollar in CGBG funds we should put it to the roads and invest in what actually is beneficial to the residents of this city. Councilor Rodrigues motions to table and was properly seconded.

For discussion purposes the motions were withdrew by Councilor Rodrigues and by Councilor Tavares.

Councilor Derenoncourt stepped back in.

No discussions on the matter.

Councilor Rodrigues motioned to table and was properly seconded. The motion to table carried by a roll call vote taken by “yeas and “nays’; nine members present and eight voting in the affirmative. Councilor Derenoncourt in the negative. Councilors Lally and Minichiello absent.

**866.**Resolve: Whereas: Prostate Cancer occurs in approximately 250,000 new cases every year.

Whereas: According to the American Cancer Society approximately 1 in 41 men will die from the effects of prostate cancer.

Whereas: Prostate cancer disproportionately affects African-American men.

Whereas: African-American men are more than twice as likely to die from prostate cancer than others.

Be it Resolved: To have Steven Bernard of the Brockton Area Branch of the NAACP appear before a committee of this Council to make a presentation on the efforts of the organization to spread awareness of the efforts to educate the public on the need for early diagnosis and treatment options via the Prostate Cancer Awareness campaign.

**330. (UNFINISHED BUSINESS CONT.)**

(FAVORABLE)

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

**869. Resolve: A RESOLUTION WELCOMING CAPE VERDEAN VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF FROM THE CAPE VERDEAN ASSOCIATION FIGHT AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE**

WHEREAS, the City of Brockton (hereafter “City”) is a municipal corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Massachusetts;

WHEREAS, the City Council is the legislative body of the City;

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the increasing number of domestic violence cases in the City of Brockton within the Cape Verdean Community, the City desires to welcome each individual and provide learning experiences in the battle to end intimate partner violence both here and in Cape Verde

WHEREAS, Family and Community Resources, Inc. works collaboratively with the Brockton Police Dept. to assist child, adolescent and adult survivors of intimate partner violence, and hold offenders accountable

WHEREAS, Family and Community Resources, Inc. will provide supervision, shadowing opportunities, community engagement and state-wide learning experiences relative to local, state and federal laws relating to intimate partner violence and human trafficking for three months

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Brockton, Massachusetts, that:

The City extends a warm welcome to Indira Virginia Semedo Mendonca and Isalda Maria De Barros Dos Santos from Praia, Santiago, Cape Verde. To assist them in ending gender-based violence in their country, the city will provide learning opportunities that they may take back to Cape Verde.

(FAVORABLE)

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

**ORDERS:**

**890. Ordered:** In accordance with M.G.L. c. 30(B)(16)(a), that the City Council hereby declare as surplus the City owned parcel of land Assessors Map Parcel ID 110-076, Route 76, Plot 372-1, land that was formerly part of the Brockton Area Transportation bus terminal as surplus property This Order further authorizes the Mayor to execute all documents necessary to facilitate the transfer of land. “The authority granted to the Mayor herein includes the authority to transfer the land declared in surplus in whole or in part.”

Referred to Finance

**891. Ordered:** That the City Council re-authorize the War Memorial Revolving Fund for the purpose of funding custodial fees. The Revolving Fund shall receive payments for the rental of the auditorium. Expenditures from the War Memorial Revolving Fund shall be made on the authority and direction of the Building Superintendent, provided that no more than twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) may be so expended without further appropriation from the War Memorial Revolving Fund during FY26. The Building Superintendent shall comply with the reporting requirements of M.G.L., Ch 44. Section 53E ½.

**331. (ORDERS CONT.)**

Referred to Finance

**892.**Ordered: That the City Council re-authorize the Vacant and Abandoned Buildings Revolving Fund for the purpose of maintaining the Abandoned Building Registry, as well as the closing, boarding up and care of vacant and abandoned buildings. The Vacant and Abandoned Building Revolving Fund shall receive the receipts of payments of fines and fees for the registration of vacant and abandoned buildings. Expenditures from the Vacant and Abandoned Buildings Revolving Fund shall be made on the authority and direction of the Building Superintendent, provided that no more than two hundred and fifty thousand (\$250,000) may be so expended without further appropriation from the Vacant and Abandoned Building Revolving Fund during FY26. The Building Superintendent shall comply with the reporting requirements of M.G.L., Ch 44. Section 53E ½.

Referred to Finance

**893.**Ordered: That the City Council re-authorize the Demolition Revolving Fund for the purpose of helping to fund cost in connection with demolition of buildings in the City of Brockton. The fund shall receive the receipts of payments of all demolition charges of the City of Brockton. Expenditures from the Demolition Revolving fund shall be made on the authority and direction of the Building Superintendent, with the written approval of the Mayor, provided that no more than one hundred and ten thousand (\$110,000) may be so expended without further appropriation from the Demolition Revolving Fund during FY26. The Building Superintendent shall comply with the reporting requirements of M.G.L., Ch 44. Section 53E ½.

Referred to Finance

**894.**Ordered: That the City Council re-authorize Transportation Program Revolving Fund for FY26, for the purpose of maintaining the transportation of residents ages 60 and older in the City of Brockton. The Transportation Program Revolving Fund shall receive the receipts of payments of donations and fees for transportation. Expenditures from the Transportation Revolving Fund shall be made on the authority and direction of the Director of the Council on Aging, provided that no more than five hundred thousand (\$500,000) may be so expended without further appropriation from the Transportation Revolving Fund during the FY26. The Director of the Council on Aging shall comply with the reporting requirements of M.G.L., Ch 44. Section 53E ½.

Referred to Finance

**895.**Ordered: That the City Council re-authorize Comcast Revolving Fund for FY26, from all cash receipts from Comcast franchise fees, in excess of six hundred and seventy-five thousand (\$675,000), pursuant to the cable license contract, and that further, that the expenditure from this fund shall not exceed seven hundred and fifty (\$750,000) without further appropriation, during Fiscal Year 2026.

Referred to Finance

**896.**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: \$10,000.00

FROM: AUDITOR – PART TIME SALARIES \$10,000.00

TO: AUDITOR – GOODS AND SUPPLIES \$10,000.00

Referred to Finance

**332. (ORDERS CONT.)**

**897.**Ordered: That the City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of the total grant funds in the amount of \$500,000.00.

FROM: MASSACHUSETTS CLEAN ENERGY CENTER \$500,000.00

TO: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS \$500,000.00

Referred to Finance

**RESOLVES:**

**898.**Resolve: Be it resolved by the Brockton City Council to invite Kevin Sullivan of Leftfield Project Management to appear before the Finance Committee to discuss and provide an update on the current status of the Brockton High School renovation project.

Referred to Finance

**899.**Resolve: Be it resolved by the Brockton City Council to invite Edward Starzec of the Charter Contracting Group to appear before the Finance Committee to provide an update on the Brockton Yards development at the CSX/ Downtown Trout Brook property.

Referred to Finance

**LATE FILES**

Councilor Farwell motioned to accept a late file and was properly second. The motion carried by a hand vote. Councilors Lally and Minichiello absent.

**900.RESOLVE:**

WHEREAS, The Boys and Girls Club of Metro South (BGCMS) has a facility at 233 Warren Avenue providing programs and services of critical importance to the youth of our city, and,

WHEREAS, The city formed a partnership with this organization in its plans to construct a new and expanded facility to meet the increasing needs of children, and,

WHEREAS, Private investors donated millions of dollars to the planned renovation and expansion of programs at the Brockton facility, and,

WHEREAS, It is beneficial to have an update on the progress of the development plans;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That Mr. Derek Heim, Chief Executive Officer of the Boys and Girls Club of Metro South, and such other staff members or project participants as he deems appropriate be invited to a meeting of the City Council to provide information on the status of the project in Brockton and how the council may be of continuing assistance to his organization.

Referred to Finance

### **333. (COUNCILOR'S RECOGNITION CONT.)**

#### **Councilor's Recognition**

Councilor Griffin stated that Saturday March 29 at 10AM at the War Memorial Building Vietnam War remembrance ceremony.

Councilor Nicastro reminder that we will not be meeting next week because it's the 5<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month.

President Thompson reminder the next Finance Committee meeting will be April 7.

Meeting Adjourned:7:32 PM

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.