

In City Council March 10, 2025

Notice is hereby given that the regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council will be held on Monday evening March 10, 2025 at 7:00PM in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 45 School St., Brockton, MA.

1. Acceptance of the Minutes of the February 3, 2025 Special City Council Meeting.
2. Acceptance of the Minutes of the February 10, 2025 City Council Meeting.
3. Acceptance of the Minutes of the February 24, 2025 City Council Meeting.

APPOINTMENTS:

4. Appointment of the following retired officer as a Special Police Officer: Brian Kirby

HEARINGS:

5. Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid to install 1 SO pole on Minot Ave. National Grid petitions to install one new NG pole (6) 35' +/- from pole (5) in order to provide support to the infrastructure on Minot Ave. Install new pole to pole guy 35' +/- from pole 5 to pole 6. Brockton, MA.

REPORTS:

6. Of the Finance Committee for its meeting of February 18, 2025.
7. Of the Finance Committee for its meeting of March 3, 2025.

COMMUNICATIONS:

8. From the Chief of Police requesting the appointment of the following retired officer as a Special Police Officer: Brian Kirby
9. From the Mayor appointing the following retired officer as a Special Police Officer: Brian Kirby
10. From the Mayor in accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council authorize the transfer of \$200,000.00. These funds will be used to purchase real property revaluation services.
11. 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 \$200,000.00, without a detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services. These funds will be used to purchase real property revaluation services.
12. 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 \$3,500.00 from the Department of Industrial Accidents to the City of Brockton. These funds are in addition to the original \$5,000 that was awarded to the City in November 2024 as part of the Workplace Safety and Education Grant.
13. 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 \$3,500.00 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 are in addition to the original \$5,000 that was awarded to the City in November 2024 as part of the Workplace Safety and Education Grant.

14. From the Chief of Police requesting authorization to expend grant monies related to the Massachusetts Unwanted Opioid & Benzodiazepine Product Stewardship Program of \$1,300.00 from the Med-Project.
15. From the BPD Grant Writer requesting grant award documents be processed to allow Brockton Police Department to expend \$1,300.0 for the Massachusetts Unwanted Opioid & Benzodiazepine Product Stewardship, the MED-Project. The MED-project provides funding to support the collection of unwanted household medications for disposal. There is no match required.
16. 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 \$1,300.00 from the Med- Project to the Brockton Police Department. These funds are related to the Massachusetts Unwanted Opioid & Benzodiazepine Product Stewardship Program. There is no match required.
17. From the CFO in accordance with Section 5 of Chapter 324 of the Acts of 1990, certifying 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 \$1,300.00 from the Med- Project to the Brockton Police Department, without detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services. These funds are related to the Massachusetts Unwanted Opioid & Benzodiazepine Product Stewardship Program. There is no match required.
18. From the Superintendent of Parks requesting acceptance and expenditure of the state appropriation received through Department of Conservation and Recreation in the amount of \$15,000. These funds will be used to make upgrades to the fields at the Gilmore School. There is no required match for this appropriation.
19. 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 \$15,000.00 from the Department of Conservation and Recreation to the Parks and Recreation Department. These funds will be used to make upgrades to the fields at the Gilmore School.
20. 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 \$15,000.00 from the Department of Conservation and Recreation to the Parks and Recreation Department, without detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services. These funds will be used to make upgrades to the fields at the Gilmore School.
21. From the Chief of Police requesting authorization to expend grant monies related to the FY 2024 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Grant (JAG) from the U.S. Office of Justice Programs in the amount of \$62,461.00.
22. From the BPD Grant Writer requesting grant award documents be processed to allow the City of Brockton to expend funds authorized under the FY 2024 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) for \$62,461.00. Grant funds will be utilized for the purchase for Departmental equipment.
23. 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 \$62,461.00 from the Office of Justice Programs Bureau of Justice Assistance to the Brockton Police Department. These funds are part of the FY24 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant and will be used to purchase departmental equipment.

24. 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 \$62,461.00 from the Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance to the Brockton Police Department, without detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services. These funds are part of the FY24 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant and will be used to purchase departmental equipment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

25. 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)

26. Appointment of Patrick Hill of 39 Patterson Avenue, Brockton, MA 02301 to the position of Commissioner of Public Works for the City of Brockton for a three-year term ending February 2028. (FAVORABLE)

27. Appointment of Sandra A. Knight of 153 Boylston Street, Brockton, MA 02301 to the position of Human Resources Director for the City of Brockton for a three-year term ending, February 2028. (FAVORABLE)

28. Ordered: In accordance with General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, that the City Council authorizes the collector, treasurer or other department head, with the approval of the Mayor, to enter into contracts to identify and pursue federal government reimbursements for, or other revenues or available resources that may be generated by, programs or activities being carried out by the municipality, and to provide that payments for services under such contracts may be made from the reimbursements or revenues recovered as a result of the services performed without appropriation of such revenues. (FAVORABLE)

On February 12, 2025 Councilor Lally filed for reconsideration on this order.

At the February 24 City Council Meeting Councilor Lally motioned reconsideration and postponement to next City Council meeting taken collectively by a roll call vote taken by "yeas" and "nays"; ten members present and all voting in the affirmative. Councilor Tavares absent.

29. Ordered: That the City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of the total grant funds in the amount of \$49,986.00.

FROM: EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY \$49,986.00
TO: BROCKTON FIRE DEPARTMENT \$49,986.00
(FAVORABLE)

30. Ordered: That the City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of the total grant funds in the amount of \$775,475.14.

FROM: EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY \$775,475.14
TO: BROCKTON POLICE DEPARTMENT \$775,475.14
(FAVORABLE)

31. 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: \$1,098,593.00

FROM: CERTIFIED FREE CASH	\$1,098,593.00
TO: OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND (FAVORABLE)	\$1,098,593.00

- 32.** 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: \$8,106,226.00

FROM: CERTIFIED FREE CASH	\$8,106,226.00
TO: CHAPTER 324 SUPPLEMENTAL RESERVE (FAVORABLE)	\$8,106,226.00

- 33.** 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: \$50,000.00

FROM: AUDITOR – FULL TIME SALARIES	\$50,000.00
TO: AUDITOR - POSTAGE (FAVORABLE)	\$50,000.00

- 34.** 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: \$750,000.00

FROM: DPW HIGHWAY – SNOW REMOVAL	\$500,000.00
DPW HIGHWAY – PAVING	\$50,000.00
FINANCE – FULL TIME SALARIES	\$100,000.00
MAYOR – PURCHASE OF SERVICE	\$100,000.00
TO: LAW – PROPERTY INSURANCE	\$650,000.00
LAW - COURT JUDGEMENTS (FAVORABLE)	\$100,000.00

- 35.** 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: \$268,000.00

FROM: PARKS AND RECREATION - RETAINED EARNINGS	\$268,000.00
TO: PARKS AND RECREATION – PURCHASE OF SERVICE	\$160,000.00
PARKS AND RECREATION – GOODS AND SUPPLIES	\$68,000.00
PARKS AND RECREATION – PARK PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMNTS	\$15,000.00
PARKS AND RECREATION – SUMMER PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS	\$25,000.00
(FAVORABLE)	

- 36.** Resolve: Be it resolved by the Brockton City Council to invite Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer, Mayor Robert Sullivan, and Irene Giannopoulos, City Auditor, to appear before the Finance Committee to discuss and provide an update on the current status of the FY25 budget. (FAVORABLE)

37. Resolve: To invite Ward 2 City Councilor Maria Tavares, as she is also an appointed Special Representative of the International Diplomatic Alliance (“IDA”), a Missouri nonprofit corporation, and any IDA representative she wishes, to appear before the Finance Committee of the Brockton City Council to discuss and present concrete examples of the work of IDA as a non-governmental organization focused on humanitarian activities with a mission to preserve and address worldwide basic needs including healthcare, education, social services, citizen support, food distribution, and combatting homelessness. (FAVORABLE)

38. Resolve: Be it resolve by the Brockton City Council to invite Brenda Perez, Chief of Police, or her designee, to appear before the Finance Committee to discuss the Brockton Police Department’s strategy and planning for enforcement and implementation of the Ordinance Prohibiting Camping on Public Property and the Ordinance Prohibiting Loitering in Public Places. (FAVORABLE)

ORDERS:

39. 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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40. Ordered: That the City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of the total grant funds in the amount of \$3,500.

FROM: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS	\$3,500.00
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TO: CITY OF BROCKTON	\$3,500.00
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41. Ordered: That the City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of the total grant funds in the amount of \$1,300.00.

FROM: THE MED- PROJECT	\$1,300.00
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TO: BROCKTON POLICE DEPARTMENT	\$1,300.00
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42. 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
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TO: PARKS AND RECREATION	\$15,000.00
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43. 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
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TO: BROCKTON POLICE DEPARTMENT	\$62,461.00
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RESOLVES:

44. 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.

45. Resolve: Be it resolved by the Brockton City Council to invite Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer and Priya Tahiliani, Superintendent of the Brockton School Department, 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.

46. Resolve: WHEREAS, The recruitment of qualified candidates to become members of the Brockton Police Department is an annual priority;

Now, therefore, be it Resolved:

Chief Brenda Perez and any other appropriate staff member she may determine be invited to a meeting of the City Council to discuss current recruitment efforts and to provide any recommendations to enhance the city's ability to attract and recruit candidates for appointment to the police department.

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.