

Non-Agenda item Police Swearing in for 6 Police Officers at 6:45PM.

In City Council September 8, 2025

Notice is hereby given that the regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council will be held on Monday evening September 8, 2025 at 7:00PM in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 45 School St., Brockton, MA. The meeting was called to order at 7:06PM with all nine members present. Councilors Minichiello and Nicastro absent.

Moment of Silence for Joyce Hill.

APPOINTMENTS:

1156. Reappointment of Christina Derome of 315 Sully Road, Brockton, MA 02302 to the Brockton License Commission for a three-year term ending in July 2028.

Referred to Finance

HEARINGS:

Petition of Sans Limites Development LLC DBA America's Used & New Clothing Furniture Store of 248 Pleasant St. Brockton, MA 02301 for a Second-Hand Articles License located at 410 Pleasant St. Unit B Brockton, MA 02301.

President Thompson opened the Hearing.

Jeluce Moise 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.

Petition of VIP Inc., DBA VIP Tires and Service, of 39 Neel Road, Harwich, MA 02646 for a Garage License Transfer located at 98 Westgate Drive, Brockton, MA 02301.

President Thompson opened the Hearing.

Ann Maroon appeared in favor of the petition and was there to answer any questions.

No one was in opposition.

Councilor Asack: no questions, but this business is in her ward on and doesn't get any complaints or any issues with it and this is just a transfer. She hopes everybody supports it.

President Thompson closed the hearing.

Granted by a hand vote.

404. (HEARINGS CONT.)

Petition of VIP Inc., DBA VIP Tires and Service, of 39 Neel Road, Harwich, MA 02646 for a Flammable Storage (Aboveground) License Transfer located at 98 Westgate Drive, Brockton, MA 02301.

President Thompson opened the Hearing.

Ann Maroon appeared in favor of the petition and was there to answer any questions.

No one was in opposition.

Councilor Asack: no questions, but same as the previous license, she doesn't receive any calls or complaints regarding this business that's been there for many years. She hopes everybody supports the transfer.

President Thompson closed the hearing.

Granted by a hand vote.

PETITIONS:

Councilor Derenoncourt stepped out.

Petition of Change of Control/Ownership whereby Seda Ciampa was issued 45% ownership interest in Leaf Relief, Inc. Philip C. Nessralla reduces his interest from 100% to 55%.

Clerk Cruise stated this is not a public hearing. This is the CCC has approved this and the license commission has approved this transfer and the council the Mr. Nessralla is here if they have questions. This is not a public hearing. This is simply to approve the decision of the license commission councilors. As per ordinance, the license commission is the deliberative body on this matter. They have approved the reduction in interest and so has the CCC. Their role here is strictly an up or down vote.

Granted by a roll call vote taken by "yeas" and "nays"; eight members present and all voting in the affirmative. Councilor Derenoncourt not present. Councilors Minichiello and Nicastro absent.

Councilor Derenoncourt stepped back in.

Petition of Change of Control/Ownership whereby Samvel Arustamyan increased his ownership interest in The Holistic Concepts, Inc. from 49% to 51%.

Granted by a roll call vote taken by "yeas" and "nays"; nine members present and all voting in the affirmative. Councilors Minichiello and Nicastro absent.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1157. From the Library Director informing the City Council that the Brockton Public Library, in collaboration with the Poet Laureate Selection Committee, has officially appointed their next Poet Laureate and Youth Poet Laureate:

Poet Laureate (2025-2027): Pauline Anderson

Youth Poet Laureate (2025-2027): Adriana D'Haiti

Accepted and placed on file.

1158. From the Mayor reappointing Christina Derome of 315 Sully Road, Brockton, MA 02302 to the Brockton License Commission for a three-year term ending in July 2028.

405. (COMMUNICATIONS CONT.)

Accepted and placed on file.

1159. From the Mayor in accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council authorize the acceptance and expenditure of a donation in the amount of \$500.00 from Plymouth District Attorney's Office to the Brockton Council on Aging. These funds will help fund the Council on Aging's Senior Safety and Wellness event.

Accepted and placed on file.

1160. 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 a donation in the amount of \$500.00 from the Plymouth District Attorney's Office to the Brockton Council on Aging, without a detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services. These funds will help fund the Council on Aging's Senior Safety and Wellness event.

Accepted and placed on file.

1161. From the Mayor in accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council authorize the transfer of \$246,175. This transfer will be used to meet the total appropriated municipal income threshold required to qualify for full state aid in FY26.

Accepted and placed on file.

1162. 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 \$246,175 without a detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services. This transfer will be used to meet the total appropriated municipal income threshold required to qualify for full state aid in FY26.

Accepted and placed on file.

1163. 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 \$1,600,000 from the MassWorks Infrastructure Program to the Planning Department. These funds will be used for the Road and Park Design for Trout Brook Redevelopment Area.

Accepted and placed on file.

1164. 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 \$1,600,000 from the MassWorks Infrastructure Program to the Planning Department, without detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services. These funds will be used for the Road and Park Design for Trout Brook Redevelopment Area.

Accepted and placed on file.

406. (UNFINISHED BUSINESS CONT.)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilor Asack stepped out.

975. Ordinance: An Ordinance to Amend the Pay Plan Ordinance to include the Position "Deputy Commissioner of Public Works" and to set the wage scale for the position. (FAVORABLE AS AMENDED) (PASSED TO A THIRD READING AS AMENDED)

Councilor Farwell: voted against this at an earlier meeting and in front of them, they will have copies of correspondence that he received at his request from their human resources director relative to this position and the action that's being recommended tonight. They'll notice that the water systems manager position was posted on three separate occasions, January 2nd, 2025 to January 9th. January 10th, 2025 to May 1st, there were seven applicants. and then May 2nd, 2025 to May 30th, 2025. And there was one applicant. They will also notice that when they posted this position, the salary was \$87,15 to \$108,381. It was in a department head union and the rest of the handout indicates qualifications. When this came into ordinance, they were told that the state is forcing us to have a water systems manager, and he certainly understand that. What he doesn't understand is that when the city knew that Mr. Creedon was retiring, the prior incumbent in that position, apparently, they didn't bother to cross train anyone. Apparently, they didn't advertise back then for someone to come in and perhaps work with him for a period of time and maybe earn their D4 license classification. Now, they have a new salary schedule and they have a new title to the position of deputy commissioner. He has always advocated for reorganizing the Department of Public Works. The commissioner has too many reports. He's got the highway division, water, sewer, commissioner's office, refuse. But if you look at the ordinance that amends the pay plan, they've gone from a posting of \$87,000 to a minimum 137,000. Another \$50,000 just to fill the water systems manager position and a change in title. Now, going back many years, the school department was kind of famous for this. they would hire someone and they would call it a deputy superintendent's position because that carried a higher salary. He happen to think that they're here because people trust us to look at these issues and to make the kinds of decisions that need to be made to protect the interests of the city and the taxpayers. He still unconvinced that they should change the structure of the DPW, have a deputy commissioner spend this extra money and not go back and try to work out some type of a contractual agreement with Violia to serve as our water maintenance division supervisor while they train someone on staff or they re-advertise the position. And if they're going to use these salary levels, we may get many different applicants. They could, he supposes, find someone in Brockton who would be willing to study and pass the test, brought up the position in for \$50,000 at the step one and not have a full-throated evaluation of what the structure of the DPW should be. He just can't live with that. That's just not something he's comfortable doing. And he is sensitive to the fact that we're bargaining with our unions. They're telling them that they can only have a 1 and a.5% increase while they raise their health insurance costs. And yet they're going ahead and they're creating these new fairly well-paid positions. So, he's a no vote tonight. He would love to see this go back to ordinance. He thinks there needs to be a discussion with the mayor about what would be the most prudent thing to do. sign a contract and have an outside vendor serve as our water systems manager, but I'm not going to vote for this tonight.

Councilor Rodrigues: He tends to agree with council Farwell and instead of them just do an up and down vote on this particular thing.

Councilor Rodrigues motioned to refer this back to ordinance committee and was properly seconded. The motion carried by hand vote.

Councilor Asack stepped back in.

407. (ORDERS CONT.)

ORDERS:

1165.Ordered: That the City, pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 44, §53A and 53A½, hereby accepts the following donation of \$500.00

From: PLYMOUTH DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

To: COUNCIL ON AGING

Referred to Finance

1166.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: \$246,175

FROM: FIRE- PERSONAL SERVICES \$246,175

TO: LIBRARY- GOODS AND SUPPLIES \$246,175

Referred to Finance

1167.Ordered: That the City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of the total grant funds in the amount of \$1,600,000.

FROM: MASSWORKS INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM \$1,600,000

TO: PLANNING DEPARTMENT \$1,600,000

Referred to Finance

RESOLVES:

1168.Resolve: Be it resolved to have Mayor Robert Sullivan, Brockton CFO Dr. Troy Clarkson, DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill and City Solicitor Megan Bridges appear before the Finance Committee of the Brockton City Council to discuss the recent trip to meet with representatives of the Aquaria treatment plant regarding a proposed purchase of the Dighton desalination plant.

Referred to Finance

1169.Resolve: Be it resolved by the Brockton City Council to invite Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer, Mayor Robert Sullivan, and Juan Gonzalez, Interim City Auditor, to appear before the Finance Committee to discuss and provide an update on the current status of the FY26 budget and close out of the FY25 budget.

Referred to Finance

408. (RESOLVES CONT.)

1170. Resolve: Be it resolved by the Brockton City Council to invite Thomas Thibeault, Executive Director, Thomas Plouffe, Esq., Assistant Executive Director and General Counsel, and Bruna Campbell, Compliance Officer, of the Brockton Housing Authority, to appear before the Finance Committee to discuss and provide an update on the 2024 Brockton Housing Authority Annual Report and to further discuss long terms plans and initiatives of the Brockton Housing Authority.

Referred to Finance

Councilor's Recognition

President Thompson stated that they will not be holding next week's finance committee due to their upcoming preliminary elections.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:25PM

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.