

In City Council September 22, 2025

Notice is hereby given that the regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council will be held on Monday evening September 22, 2025 at 7:00PM in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 45 School St., Brockton, MA. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM with all nine members present. Councilors Minichiello and Tavares absent.

1171. Acceptance of the Minutes of the August 25, 2025 City Council Meeting.

Accepted and placed on file.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

Councilor Lally motioned to suspend the rules and act on this item this evening and was properly seconded. The motion carried by a hand vote. Councilors Minichiello and Tavares absent.

1172. Appointments of the following four candidates to the Brockton Fire Department:

Nelson D. Andrade of 15 Sinner Street, Apt. 32, Brockton, MA to the rank of Firefighter in the Brockton Fire Department.

Geovani V. Duarte of 167 Cross Street, Brockton, MA to the rank of Firefighter in the Brockton Fire Department.

Austin J. Ferreira of 15 Rockford Street, Brockton, MA to the rank of Firefighter in the Brockton Fire Department.

Edgar Kelley of 38 Blaine Street, Brockton, MA to the rank of Firefighter in the Brockton Fire Department.

Chief Nardelli: He's proud to present four candidates to them that have been vetted incredibly. These are four veterans who are also Brockton residents. They thank them for their service just for that. They're so proud to have them and now they're coming home to take care of the home front as first responders. They look forward to starting and they're starting in two weeks once they've given their notice tomorrow. They're excited about this. They're men of great moral character. It seems to be that they've going through their entire backgrounds and roots right here in the city which is even more important which is nice.

Appointments were confirmed by a hand vote. Councilors Minichiello and Tavares absent. Councilor Lally motioned to file for reconsideration with the wish it does not prevail and was properly seconded. Reconsideration failed by a hand vote.

Brief Recess

Councilor Tavares stepped in.

Back in session.

1173. Appointment of Dorosella Green of 84 Malvern Road, Brockton, MA 02301 to the Brockton Beautification Committee for a one-year term ending in September 2026.

Referred to Finance

## **410. (PETITIONS CONT.)**

### **PETITIONS:**

Petition of Council on Aging Board of Directors for Council Approval of Amended By-Laws.

Councilor Lally motioned to accept the by laws and was properly seconded. The motion carried by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”; ten members present and all voting in the affirmative. Councilor Minichiello absent.

Director of Council on Aging was present and stated they had done a rebrand on the Council on Aging and just figured it was time to do a freshen up of the mission statement. So, thank you very much.

### **REPORTS:**

1174.Of the Finance Committee for its meeting of September 2, 2025.

Accepted and placed on file.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

1175.From the Fire Chief informing them that they have selected four (4) candidates for appointment to the Brockton Fire Department. These candidates were found suitable for a Public Safety Position with the Brockton Fire Department.

Nelson D. Andrade of 15 Sinner Street, Apt.32, Brockton, MA to the rank of Firefighter in the Brockton Fire Department.

Geovani V. Duarte of 167 Cross Street, Brockton, MA to the rank of Firefighter in the Brockton Fire Department.

Austin J. Ferreira of 15 Rockford Street, Brockton, MA to the rank of Firefighter in the Brockton Fire Department.

Edgar Kelley of 38 Blaine Street, Brockton, MA to the rank of Firefighter in the Brockton Fire Department.

Accepted and placed on file.

1176.From the Mayor recommending the appointments of the following four candidates to the Brockton Fire Department:

Nelson D. Andrade of 15 Sinner Street, Apt.32, Brockton, MA to the rank of Firefighter in the Brockton Fire Department.

Geovani V. Duarte of 167 Cross Street, Brockton, MA to the rank of Firefighter in the Brockton Fire Department.

Austin J. Ferreira of 15 Rockford Street, Brockton, MA to the rank of Firefighter in the Brockton Fire Department.

Edgar Kelley of 38 Blaine Street, Brockton, MA to the rank of Firefighter in the Brockton Fire Department.

Accepted and placed on file.

#### **411. (COMMUNICATIONS CONT.)**

1177.From the Mayor appointing Dorosella Green of 84 Malvern Road, Brockton, MA 02301 to the Brockton Beautification Committee for a one-year term ending in September 2026.

Accepted and placed on file.

1178.From the Mayor in accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council authorize the transfer of \$100,000.00. This transfer will fully fund the Traffic Commission's "Traffic Lines and Signs" budget line for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Accepted and placed on file.

1179.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 \$100,000.00 without a detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services. This transfer will fully fund the Traffic Commission's "Traffic Lines and Signs" budget line for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Accepted and placed on file.

1180.From the Mayor in accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council authorize the approval of a prior year unpaid bill of \$2,000.00. In order to pay for an invoice from FY25.

Accepted and placed on file.

1181.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 approval of a prior year unpaid bill of \$2,000.00, without a detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services. In order to pay for an invoice from FY25.

Accepted and placed on file.

1182.From the Mayor in accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council accepts the lease agreement entered into with Hawkeye Fence LLC, a nonprofit corporation which has an address of 925 Centre Street Brockton, MA 02301.

Accepted and placed on file.

1183.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 lease agreement entered into with Hawkeye Fence LLC, a nonprofit corporation which has an address of 925 Centre Street Brockton, MA 02301, without detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services.

Accepted and placed on file.

**412. (UNFINISHED BUSINESS CONT.)**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1142.Ordered: A waiver of the City of Brockton’s residency requirement under Section 2-110 of the City Ordinances for Plumbing/Gas Inspector Jason Yetman. (FAVORABLE)

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”; ten members present and eight voting in the affirmative and Councilors Asack and Derenoncourt in the negative. Councilor Minichiello absent.

1143.Ordered: That the City, pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 44, § 53A and 53A½, hereby accepts the following gifts from Robert Beauchesne to the Council on Aging, with a total estimated value of three hundred twenty-one dollars and forty-seven cents (\$321.47):

- 1. Twelve (12) pens, valued at \$25.09
- 2. Board and gavel, valued at \$45.31
- 3. Twelve (12) pens, valued at \$25.09
- 4. Banner, estimated value \$125.00
- 5. Forty (40) pens, valued at \$50.49
- 6. Forty (40) pens, valued at \$50.49 (FAVORABLE)

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”; ten members present and all voting in the affirmative. Councilor Minichiello absent.

1144.Ordered: That the following named sum be and the same hereby transfer as the same was submitted by the Mayor as follows:

Appropriation of: \$33,547.68

FROM: HUMAN RESOURCES – BENEFITS	\$33,547.68
TO: PROCUREMENT – PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OT	\$6,655.52
DPW COMMISSIONER – PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OT	\$3,593.56
LIBRARY – PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OT	\$1,216.08
COUNCIL ON AGING – PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OT	\$2,769.39
PARKS AND RECREATION - PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OT	\$6,655.52
POLICE – PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OT	\$1,674.86
DPW ENGINEERING – PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OT	\$1,785.55
BOARD OF HEALTH - PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OT	\$7,643.86
VETERANS’ SERVICES - PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OT	\$1,553.33

(FAVORABLE)

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”; ten members present and all voting in the affirmative. Councilor Minichiello absent.

**413. (UNFINISHED BUSINESS CONT.)**

1145.Ordered: That the following named sum be and the same hereby transfer as the same was submitted by the Mayor as follows:

Transfer of: \$63,566.62

FROM: HUMAN RESOURCES – BENEFITS	\$63,566.62
TO: CEMETERY – PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OT	\$3,847.90
DPW HIGHWAY - PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OT	\$29,334.34
DPW MAINTENANCE - PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OT	\$2,157.17
DPW REFUSE DIVISION – PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OT	\$6,624.70
PARKS AND RECREATION - PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OT	\$9,030.22
PUBLIC PROPERTY- PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OT	\$5,324.28
PARKING AUTHORITY - PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OT	\$7,248.02

(FAVORABLE)

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”; ten members present and all voting in the affirmative. Councilor Minichiello absent.

1146.Ordered: That the following named sum be and the same hereby transfer as the same was submitted by the Mayor as follows:

Appropriation of: \$22,151.48

FROM: HUMAN RESOURCES – BENEFITS	\$22,151.48
TO: LIBRARY – PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OT	\$22,151.48

(FAVORABLE)

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”; ten members present and all voting in the affirmative. Councilor Minichiello absent.

1148.Ordered: That the City of Brockton appropriates the amount of Four Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$470,000) for the purpose of purchasing equipment used to maintain D.W. Field Golf Course. To meet this appropriation the City Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said amount under G.L. c. 44, §7(1), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefor.

Further Ordered: That the City Treasurer is authorized to file an application with The Commonwealth of Massachusetts’ Municipal Finance Oversight Board to qualify under G.L. c. 44A any and all bonds or notes of the City authorized by this order, and to provide such information and execute such documents as the Municipal Finance Oversight Board of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts may require. (FAVORABLE)

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”; ten members present and nine voting in the affirmative. Councilor Derenoncourt voting in the negative. Councilor Minichiello absent.

Councilor Lally stepped out.

**414. (UNFINISHED BUSINESS CONT.)**

1149.Ordered: That pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40, § 14 and the City of Brockton’s Ordinance 2-157, the City of Brockton hereby accepts the Lease Agreement entered into with Metro South Chamber of Commerce, Inc., a non-profit corporation and which has an address of 60 School Street Brockton, MA 02301, for certain real property located at 50 School Street Brockton, MA 02301. Said lease agreement shall run for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2028.The Mayor is authorized to execute any and all documents necessary in connection with said Lease Agreement.  
(FAVORABLE)

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”; ten members present and nine voting in the affirmative. Councilor Lally not present. Councilor Minichiello absent.

Councilor Lally stepped back in.

1150. Ordered: That the City Council hereby declare 7 Commercial Street – Brockton Police Headquarters as surplus and available for disposition and sale to the most advantageous proposer after soliciting requests for proposals. And further, that the Mayor be and hereby is authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to dispose of said property.  
Amendment: To a tax paying entity. (FAVORABLE AS AMENDED)

Councilor Farwell motioned to refer this to Real Estate Committee and was properly seconded. The motion carried by a hand vote.

**ORDERS:**

1184.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: POLICE - PERSONAL SERVICES	\$100,000.00
TO: TRAFFIC - GOODS AND SUPPLIES	\$100,000.00

Referred to Finance

1185.Ordered: In accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council approve the expenditure of \$2,000.00.

FROM: AUDITING – PURCHASE OF SERVICE	\$2,000.00
TO: MUNICIPAL SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS	\$2,000.00

Referred to Finance

**415. (ORDERS CONT.)**

1186.Ordered: That pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40, § 14 and the City of Brockton’s Ordinance 2-157, the City of Brockton hereby accepts the Lease Agreement entered into with Hawkeye Fence LLC for certain real property located at 91 Foster Street, Brockton MA to be leased to Brockton Public Schools. Said lease agreement shall run for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2028.The Mayor is authorized to execute any and all documents necessary in connection with said Lease Agreement.

Referred to Finance

**RESOLVES:**

1187.Resolve:

- WHEREAS, The City of Brockton is fortunate to have many organizations dedicated to the sports interests of our young people, and,
- WHEREAS, These organizations diligently work to hold down the costs of their operations in order to allow as many children as possible to participate in various sports, and,
- WHEREAS, Recent fee increases voted by the Brockton School Committee have dramatically increased the potential costs to certain community-based, youth sports organizations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Representatives from The Brockton Blazers Softball organization and any other youth organization affected by fee increases be invited to a meeting of the council to discuss the impact on their ability to continuing sports opportunities for young people.

Referred to Finance

**Late File**

Councilor Asack motioned to accept a late file and was properly seconded. The motion carried by a hand vote.

1188.ORDINANCE: Amendment to Zoning Map for Parcel IDs identified

Be it ordained, pursuant to Section 27-5 of the City Ordinances “Zoning Map” whereby reference is made to and incorporation of said boundaries of each of the zones established as shown on the map entitled, “The City of Brockton, Massachusetts Zoning District Map” dated November 10, 1967, and thereafter amended, that said map be amended to reflect the following zoning change:

<b>Parcel ID</b>	<b>133-002</b>	<b>R-1(current) to</b>	<b>R-5 Zone</b>
	<b>133-003</b>	<b>R-1(current) to</b>	<b>R-5 Zone</b>
	<b>175-160</b>	<b>R-1(current) to</b>	<b>R-5 Zone</b>

Referred to Ordinance and Planning

## 416. (COUNCILOR'S RECOGNITION CONT.)

### **Councilor's Recognition**

Councilor Asack: She has scheduled an ordinance meeting for this Thursday, September 25th, at 5:00 p.m. here in council chambers.

Councilor Farwell: they routinely accept late files. He understands that the deadline for filing matters to be heard in council is noon on the Tuesday preceding their meeting. A citywide zoning issue, which was just referred to ordinance, or an amendment to that, or a zoning map, which is now to be included. He just doesn't think this is the way to conduct zoning business. And he's disappointed that they tend to make themselves look either ineffective or as if they're hiding something. They quickly take this late file in, then they quickly schedule an ordinance committee meeting for 5:00 on a Thursday, which makes it very difficult for anyone to get to that meeting if they work. He wasn't consulted it to see if he was available, and He is working. Fortunately, he believes he will be back in time for 5:00, but he just wants to make it known to all of his colleagues, how however unpopular this may be, they need to do a better job on substantive issues, getting them out to the public, letting the public understand what they're doing, letting the public read the documents that accompany what they're doing, and give them an opportunity to be heard. He knows there will be a public hearing on zoning changes after the ordinance committee meets, but that begs the question, why not go through the normal legislative process? Why not submit something by the noon deadline on the Tuesday preceding? A zoning map that was just read into the record tonight now has to be looked at by business organizations, residents. Does it affect them? Does it affect their neighborhood? He is for one just think they need to do a better job in how they handle these issues that comes before them because otherwise frankly if he was sitting out in the audience or he was sitting at home he would wonder well if they're doing something this fast what's the slight of hand here they know what's really going on and they know he can make a fool of himself very easily he doesn't need some legislative process that seems so abrupt and so quick to do it for him and he want them to do a better job. He's proud of the council, but the only way they're going to garner support in the public's eye is if they do things the right way.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:29PM

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.