

In City Council January 26th, 2026

Notice is hereby given that the regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council will be held on Monday evening January 26th, 2026 at 7:00PM in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 45 School St., Brockton, MA.

APPOINTMENTS:

1. Appointment of Luis Martins, of 206 Fairview Ave., Brockton, MA 02301 to the Brockton Redevelopment Authority, for a five-year term, ending January 2031.
2. Appointment of Natasha Jean-Gilles, of 46 Thomas Street, Brockton, MA 02302, to the Cemetery Board of Trustees, for a five-year term, ending in January 2031.
3. Appointment of Natasha Jean-Gilles, of 46 Thomas Street, Brockton, MA 02302, to the Women's Commission, for a three-year term, ending in January 2029.
4. Appointment of Steven M. Owens to the Commission on Human Rights for a three-year term, ending in January 2029.

COMMUNICATIONS:

5. From the Mayor appointing Luis Martins, of 206 Fairview Ave., Brockton, MA 02301 to the Brockton Redevelopment Authority, for a five-year term, ending January 2031.
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8. From the Mayor appointing Steven M. Owens to the Commission on Human Rights for a three-year term, ending in January 2029.
9. From the Mayor in accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council authorize the transfer of \$35,856.64. This transfer will fully fund the Sewer Enterprise's Debt Service category for the remainder of the fiscal year.
10. 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 \$35,856.64, without a detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services. This transfer will fully fund the Sewer Enterprise's Debt Service category for the remainder of the fiscal year.
11. 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 Department of Transportation to the Department of Public Works - Highway Division. These funds are part of the Complete Streets Grant and will be used to provide two-way vehicular travel and vastly improve pedestrian and bicyclist accommodation along the Warren Avenue Corridor.

12. From the CFO in accordance with Section 5 of Chapter 324 of the Acts of 1990, certifying that it is my professional opinion, after an evaluation of all pertinent financial information reasonably available, 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 Department of Transportation to the Department of Public Works - Highway Division, without detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services. These funds are part of the Complete Streets Grant and will be used to provide two-way vehicular travel and vastly improve pedestrian and bicyclist accommodation along the Warren Avenue Corridor.
13. 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 \$235,600.00 from the United States Department of Transportation and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to the Department of Public Works Highway Division. These funds are part of the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) grant and will be used to design and implement a demonstration project at three of the City's high-crash, high risk intersections.
14. 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 \$235,600.00 from the United States Department of Transportation and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to the Department of Public Works Highway Division, without detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services. These funds are part of the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) grant and will be used to design and implement a demonstration project at three of the City's high-crash, high risk intersections.
15. From the Mayor in accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council authorize the approval of prior year unpaid bills of \$2,976.75. In order to pay for invoices from previous fiscal years.
16. 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 prior year unpaid bills of \$2,976.75, without a detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services. In order to pay for invoices from previous fiscal years.

ORDINANCE:

17. Ordinance: **WHEREAS**, police and fire department candidates must successfully complete a state-wide Civil Service examination and are then placed on a list of eligible candidates. City residents receive a "resident preference," but many highly qualified candidates live outside the city;

WHEREAS, the police department has difficulty recruiting a sufficient number of highly qualified candidates for entry level positions. An increased number of police personnel in all ranks are scheduled to retire in the next two (2) years, creating more vacant positions.

WHEREAS, The school police and certain other school employees are already exempt from any residency requirement;

THEREFORE, an ordinance amendment to the City's Residency Ordinance will provide opportunities to expand recruitment efforts for both public safety departments.

ORDINANCE: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE III, SECTION 2-110 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BROCKTON

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Brockton to amend Article III, Section 2-110 “Residency requirement of employment and promotion” of the Revised Ordinances by inserting the following language at the end of the ordinance:

Sworn positions in the police department and all firefighter positions in the fire department shall be expressly exempt from the requirements of these provisions.

ORDERS:

18. 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: \$35,856.64

FROM: DPW SEWER - GOODS AND SUPPLIES \$35,856.64

TO: DPW SEWER - DEBT SERVICE \$35,856.64

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

FROM: MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION \$500,000.00

TO: DPW - HIGHWAY \$500,000.00

20. Ordered: That the City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of the total grant funds in the amount of \$235,600.00

FROM: UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION \$188,480

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION \$47,120

TO: DPW - HIGHWAY \$235,600.00

21. Ordered: In accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council approve the expenditure of \$2,976.75

FROM: POLICE - PURCHASE OF SERVICE \$2,976.75

TO: ALL-COMM \$465.00

HD SUPPLY \$97.63

PROPIO \$174.87

CENTRAL SQUARE \$286.16

THOMPSON REUTERS \$1,953.09

22. *WHEREFORE*, currently, The city cannot fill all private detail positions needed during road and building construction. Officers up to age 70 from other departments are often called in for assignment because other communities have established the age seventy (70)

provision. NOTE: The city receives a ten percent (10%) fee of the costs of private details when a Brockton officer is assigned.

THEREFORE, be it Ordered by the City Council of the City of Brockton to adopt a Home Rule Petition to authorize retired officers in the City of Brockton to serve as special police officers up to the age of 70.

ORDERED: That the following petition be approved and submitted to the Great and General Court for approval under Clause (1) of Section 8 of Article 2, as amended, of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and to the end that legislation be adopted precisely as follows, except for clerical or editorial changes of form only.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF RETIRED POLICE OFFICERS IN THE CITY OF BROCKTON TO SERVE AS SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1.

- (a) The City of Brockton may appoint, subject to City Council approval, as they deem necessary, and upon the recommendation of the chief of police, retired police officers of the City of Brockton as special police officers to perform police details or police duties arising from the police details or during the course of police detail work, whether or not related to the detail work. The retired police officers shall have been regular police officers and retired based on superannuation. The special police officers shall not be subject to the maximum age restrictions applied to regular police officers under chapter 32 of the General Laws but shall not be eligible to serve as special police officers on the last day of the month in which have reached the age of 70. A special police officer shall pass a medical examination by a physician or other certified professional chosen by the City to determine that the officer is capable of performing the essential duties of a special police officer, the cost of which shall be borne by the special police officer, prior to performing police details.
- (b) Special police officers appointed pursuant to this act shall not be subject to chapter 31 of the General Laws, section 85H of chapter 32 of the General Laws or sections 99A, 100 or 111F of chapter 41 of the General Laws. Special police officers appointed pursuant to this act shall be subject to chapter 151A of the General Laws.
- (c) Special police officers shall, when performing their duties under subsection (a), have the same powers to make arrests and perform other functions as do regular police officers in the City.
- (d) Special police officers shall be re-appointed annually, subject to removal by the City at any time with 14 days written notice. Upon request, the chief of police shall provide reasons for removal in writing.
- (e) Special police officers appointed pursuant to this act shall be subject to the rules and regulations, policies and procedures and requirements of the police department and chief of police, including restrictions on the type of detail assignment, requirements regarding medical examinations to determine continued capacity to perform the duties of a special police officer, requirements for training, requirements for firearm licensing and qualification and requirements regarding uniforms and equipment. Special police officers shall not be subject to section 96B of chapter 41 of the General Laws.

- (f) Special police officers appointed pursuant to this act shall be sworn in before the City Clerk, who shall keep a record of all such appointments.
- (g) An individual who is appointed as a special police officer pursuant to this act shall be eligible for assignment to any detail, subject to the provisions of any collective bargaining agreement then in effect in the City between the City and the police union.
- (h) Retired police officers in the City serving as special police officers pursuant to this act shall be subject to the limitations on hours worked and on payments to retired city employees set forth in subsection (b) of section 91 of chapter 32 of the General Laws.
- (i) No further deductions under chapter 32 of the General Laws shall be made from the regular compensation of a special police officer appointed pursuant to this act for any service subsequent to them reaching the age of 65 years and upon retirement a special police officer appointed pursuant to this act shall receive a superannuation retirement allowance equal to that which the officer would have been entitled had the officer retired at the age of 65.
- (j) A special police officer appointed pursuant to this act shall comply with all requirements of chapter 6E of the General Laws, including: (i) maintaining certification and good standing with the Massachusetts peace officer standards and training commission; and (ii) complying with all annual in-service and other training requirements mandated by the municipal police training committee.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

23. *WHEREAS*, the city encountered issues with internal financial controls resulting in audits by outside organizations; and

***WHEREAS*,** the recent report from the Office of the Inspector General relating to the school department deficit, and the continued review of city finances by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue reinforce the need for stronger internal controls and oversight of finances. This proposed amendment to Chapter 324 of the Acts of 1990 was cited in the Inspector General report and is intended to help strengthen review and approval of multi-year spending obligations. This would apply to all departments and would not alter the authority of the school committee or other city agency to negotiate provisions of contractual agreements.

***THEREFORE*,** be it Ordered by the City Council of the City of Brockton to adopt a Home Rule Petition to Amend Chapter 324 of the Acts of 1990 accordingly.

ORDERED: That the City Council of the City of Brockton petitions the Great and General Court for to repeal special legislation relating to the City of Brockton to be filed with an attested copy of this Order be and hereby is approved under the provisions of Clause One (1) Section Eight (8) of Article Two (2), as amended, of the Articles of Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as follows:

**PETITION TO AMEND CHAPTER 324 OF THE SPECIAL ACTS OF 1990 “AN
ACT RELATIVE TO THE FINANCIAL CONDITIONS IN THE CITY OF
BROCKTON”**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled,
and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

Provided that the General Court may reasonably vary the form and substance of this requested legislation which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition, be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court Assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

The text of Chapter 324 “An Act Relative to the Financial Conditions in the City of Brockton” shall amended to include the following language at the end of Section 5 of Chapter 324 of the Special Acts of 1990 to state as follows:

All powers and duties of the chief financial officer of Brockton shall apply to all departments of the city, including the school department.

School department budgets, expenditures and other financial matters requiring action by the city council shall be submitted to the chief financial officer for review and comment after they have been acted upon by the school committee.

All collective bargaining agreements, personal employment contracts, a contract for goods and services, or any agreement, lease, purchase order, or spending request by the school department which may require the expenditure of funds or otherwise financially obligate the city for a period in excess of one year, shall be first submitted to the chief financial officer who shall submit in writing to the mayor and city council a certification that it is his/her professional opinion, after an evaluation of all pertinent financial information reasonably available, the city's financial resources and revenues are and will continue to be adequate to support such proposed expenditures or obligations without a detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services.

Provided further, in the case of any collective bargaining agreement, individual employment contract or agreement to pay salaries, wages and benefits, no agreement shall be valid without a certification by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall report his/her failure to issue a certification to the mayor and city council. The chief financial officer shall note, specifically, the contents of the agreement which prevent certification and return the agreement to the appropriate department for further action.

In all cases where the duty is not expressly charged to any other department or office, it shall be the duty of the chief financial officer to promote, secure, and preserve the financial interests of the city.

The city of Brockton shall be deemed to have accepted section 37M of chapter 71 of the General Laws for the purpose of consolidating the operations of the business and financial services department of the school department with those of the city under the authority of the chief financial officer.

RESOLVES:

- 24.** Resolve: Pursuant to Chapter 12, Section 24 and Chapter 19, Section 26 of the Brockton City Ordinances, the Chief of Police shall make an annual report to the City Council concerning traffic accident situations in the City, accompanied by recommendations, and

shall report to the City Council the condition and organization of the police department, including a synopsis of the business of the preceding year with remarks and recommendations;

Pursuant to Chapter 6, Section 33 of the Brockton City Ordinances, the Fire Chief shall make an annual report to the City Council of the condition of the fire department, including a synopsis of all losses and accidents by fire; and

Pursuant to Chapter 3, Section 21 of the Brockton City Ordinances, the Animal Control officer shall make a bi-annual report to the City Council stating opinions as to the maintenance and conditions of every premises holding a kennel license in the City.

WHEREFORE, be it resolved by the Brockton City Council to invite Brockton Police Chief Brenda Perez, Brockton Fire Chief Brian Nardelli, and Animal Control Officer Thomas Dechellis to appear before the Public Safety Committee to discuss and provide annual reports in accordance with the Brockton City Ordinances.

25. Resolve: WHEREAS, The City recently conducted its municipal election, and,

WHEREAS, It is important to constantly seek improvements in the election process so as to ensure support from the voters for the integrity and results of any election;

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved:

The four (4) elections commissioners for the City of Brockton be invited to a meeting of the Council to discuss election procedures and to identify improvements which may be initiated for the conduct of future elections.

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.