

Notice is hereby given that the regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council will be held on Monday evening February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 at 7:00PM in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 45 School St., Brockton, MA.

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Due to inclement weather, the regularly scheduled meeting of the Brockton City Council has been postponed from Monday evening February 23, 2026 to Wednesday, February 25, 2026 in the City Council Chamber at 45 School St. Brockton, Ma 02301 at 7:00 PM. All Agenda items will remain as originally scheduled.

1. Acceptance of the Minutes of the February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026 City Council Meeting.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

2. Appointment of Suzy Barros as an alternate to the License Commission, for a three-year term, ending in February 2029.
3. Appointment of Elisangela Teixeira to the Brockton Advisory Council of Health for a three-year term ending in February 2029.
4. Appointment of Luisa Schaeffer to the Human Rights Commission for a three-year term ending in February 2029.
5. Appointment of Sylvester P. Fortes of 20 Hope St., Brockton, MA 02302, to the Brockton Advisory Council of Health for a three-year term, ending in February 2029.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

6. From the Mayor appointing Suzy Barros as an alternate to the License Commission, for a three-year term, ending in February 2029.
7. From the Mayor appointing Elisangela Teixeira to the Brockton Advisory Council of Health for a three-year term ending in February 2029.
8. From the Mayor appointing Luisa Schaeffer to the Human Rights Commission for a three-year term ending in February 2029.
9. From the Mayor appointing Sylvester P. Fortes of 20 Hope St., Brockton, MA 02302, to the Brockton Advisory Council of Health for a three-year term, ending in February 2029.
10. From the Mayor expressing his strong support for the Lovett Brook Urban Renewal Plan and to respectfully request a favorable consideration.
11. From the Acting Superintendent of Cemeteries requesting the transfer of \$285,000 from the Sales of Lots and Graves Account to the FY26 Cemetery Budget-Department Equipment Line for the purchase of various pieces of equipment to aid in the performance of burials and the maintenance of the City's cemeteries.
12. From the Mayor in accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council authorize the transfer of \$285,000.00. This transfer will fund various equipment purchases for the Cemetery Department.

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 total proposed transfer of \$285,000.00, without a detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services. This transfer will fund various equipment purchases for the Cemetery Department.
14. From the Mayor in accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, I hereby recommend that the City Council authorize the proposed transfer of \$35,590.86. This appropriation provides funding for one (1) year (July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026), of a one (1) year contract.
15. 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 adequate to support the proposed transfer of \$35,590.86, for purposes of funding the Brockton Association of Engineers, Technicians and Inspectors contract, without detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services. This appropriation provides funding for one (1) year (July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026), of a one (1) year contract. This is a reasonable and financially sustainable settlement for the city.
16. From the Mayor in accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council authorize the proposed transfer of \$65,648.79. This appropriation provides funding for one (1) year (July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026), of a one (1) year contract.
17. 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 adequate to support the proposed transfer of \$65,648.79, for purposes of funding the Brockton City Hall Administrative Services Association contract, without detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services. This appropriation provides funding for one (1) year (July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026), of a one (1) year contract. This is a reasonable and financially sustainable settlement for the city.
18. From the Mayor in accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council authorize the establishment of the City's Municipal Electricity Aggregation program.
19. 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 authorization of the City's Municipal Electricity Aggregation program, without detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services.
20. From the Mayor in accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council authorize the proposed transfer of \$600,000.00. This transfer will fully fund the property insurance category for the remainder of the fiscal year.
21. 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 adequate to support the proposed transfer of \$600,000.00, without detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services. This transfer will fully fund the property insurance category for the remainder of the fiscal year.
22. From the Mayor in accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council authorize the proposed rate increase for refuse rates

retroactively to July 1, 2025. The increase in fees will ensure that the Refuse Enterprise remains in good financial standing as well as positively impacting the retained earnings of the enterprise fund.

23. 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 proposed rate increase for refuse rates retroactively to July 1, 2025, without a detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services. The increase in fees will ensure that the Refuse Enterprise remains in good financial standing as well as positively impacting the retained earnings of the enterprise fund.
24. From the Mayor in accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council support the proposed easement of the land identified as Assessor's Parcel IDs: 110-017 and 110-016.
25. 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 proposed easement of the land identified as Assessor's Parcel IDs: 110-017 and 110-016, without a detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services.

**ORDINANCES:**

26. **ORDINANCE:** Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Brockton to amend Chapter 17 Planning and Development, Article V – Department of Planning and Economic Development as follows:

Sec. 17-152 – Director, subsection (a) Appointment and term of office.

Strike the words “five (5) years” and insert in its place “three (3) years.”

The purpose of this Ordinance Amendment is to establish a three (3) year term for the position of Director of Planning and Economic Development.

27. **ORDINANCE:** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 8 SECTION 8-9 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BROCKTON

The following language “the fee shall be increased to three hundred sixty dollars

(\$360.00), billed at ninety dollars (\$90.00) four (4) times per year,” shall be replaced with

“the fee shall be increased to five hundred twenty dollars (\$520.00), billed at one hundred thirty (\$130.00) four (4) times per year.”

**ORDERS:**

28. **WHEREFORE**, Creating one (1) commission charged with creating policies and regulations relating to parking and traffic safety will allow for an integrated approach for these public safety issues. Further, when economic development requires approval of traffic and parking regulations, having one commission will streamline the city's review process.

***THEREFORE***, be it Ordered by the City Council of the City of Brockton to adopt a Home Rule Petition as follows.

**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 CREATING THE TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION OF 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:*

SECTION 1: ABOLISHMENT OF DIVISION 5 “TRAFFIC COMMISSION” of the Acts of 1973 Chapter 0071, An Act Establishing Traffic Commission in the City of Brockton” and ABOLISHMENT OF CHAPTER 509 of the Acts of 1982, An Act Establishing the Brockton Parking Authority in the City of Brockton

The Act of 1973 Establishing a Traffic Commission in the City of Brockton and the Act of 1982 Establishing a Parking Authority in the City of Brockton are hereby abolished and a new Traffic and Parking Commission is hereby established.

SECTION 2: ESTABLISHMENT OF TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION

There is hereby established in the City of Brockton, hereinafter referred to as the city, a Traffic and Parking Commission, hereinafter referred to as the commission, to consist of the chief of police or his representative, the chief of the fire department or his representative, the DPW commissioner or his designee,, one councilor-at-large and one ward councilor, one of whom shall be a member of the public safety committee of the city council, to be designated by the president thereof, a member of the planning board to be designated by the planning board and three (3) persons representing the public to be appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the city council.

The three (3) members representing the public initially appointed by the mayor shall be appointed for terms of one year and two (2) years, respectively, and upon the expiration of such term his/her successor shall be eligible for reappointment to serve for a term of three (3) years and, in each instance, until the qualification of his successor. They shall receive such compensation as the mayor and city council may determine.

SECTION 3: TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION

The chief of police, or his representative, shall act as chairman of said commission and shall be known as the commissioner. The members of the commission who are employed by the city in their respective positions shall receive no compensation for their services as commissioners, but all expenses incurred for the purpose of this act shall be paid by the city. All statutes, ordinances and orders applicable generally to the departments of the city shall apply to the commission.

SECTION 4 - POWERS.

The commission shall have exclusive authority, except as otherwise herein provided, to adopt, amend, alter and repeal rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the general law as modified by this act, relative to vehicular street traffic and parking in the city and to the movement, stopping or standing of vehicles on, and their exclusion from, all or any streets, ways, highways, roads and parkways under the control of the city, including rules and regulations designating any way or part thereof under said control as a through way under and subject to the provisions of section nine of chapter eighty-nine of the General Laws, and may prescribe penalties not exceeding fifty dollars for the violation of any rule or regulation adopted hereunder. No such rule or regulation, except such special rules and

regulations as are declared by vote of the commission to be urgently required by consideration of public safety, necessity or convenience or such as are of a temporary nature and are to be effective for a period of not more than two weeks, shall take effect until printed for two (2) successive weeks in one or more newspapers published in the city. Upon petition of twenty-five (25) registered voters of the city relative to any rule or regulation adopted or proposed to be adopted under this section, the commission shall hold a public hearing thereon within ten (10) days after the filing with the commission of such petition, and final action thereof shall be determined only by vote of a majority of the membership of the commission. The commission shall have power to erect, make and maintain, or cause to be erected, made and maintained, parking signs, traffic signs, signals, markings and other devices for the control of such traffic in the city and for informing and warning the public as to rules and regulations adopted hereunder, subject, however, to section two of chapter eighty-five and sections eight and nine of chapter eighty-nine of the General Laws. Nothing in this act shall be construed to authorize the commission to adopt any rule or regulation excluding the vehicles or buses of a street railway or bus company from any way or part thereof in which it has a location, or to modify or limit any power or authority of the state department of public works or of the state department of public utilities, or any power nor vested in the mayor, city council or heads of departments with reference to the issuance of licenses, or permits for the opening, using or occupying of streets and sidewalks.

The commission shall have all powers and duties necessary to carry out the development and regulation of off-street parking in the city of Brockton, including, but not limited to:

- (a) The power to acquire by purchase, gift, or otherwise, or by eminent domain under chapter seventy-nine and chapter eighty A, and to hold such property, real or personal, or any interest therein located within the city, as the commission determines necessary to provide sufficient public off-street parking facilities within the city.
- (b) The power to clear, grade, surface, and resurface land acquired or used for the purpose of this section, and to own, construct, reconstruct, operate, and maintain thereon such facilities for public off-street parking as are determined necessary for said district and to annually set such rates to be charged for use of such facility by the public as the commission determines appropriate.
- (c) The power to contract for service for a maximum period not exceeding five years. The power to lease for a period not exceeding ninety-nine years, as lessee, or to purchase air space above any real property within the boundaries of the city, and to construct said public off-street parking facilities within such air space. The commission may also similarly lease or purchase such parts of real property below such air space as may be necessary for structural supports and means of ingress and egress to and from the public off-street parking facility to be constructed within such air space.
- (d) The power to lease all or part of any public off-street parking facility to be used, operated, and maintained by the lessee or lessees for public parking and other compatible uses, including but not limited to leases of one or more designated parking spaces in such parking facility either (1) to be a developer or developers, or successor thereof, of improvements constructed or to be constructed within the City for use by persons employed, residing or doing business within the City; or (2) directly to any such person or persons. Said leases shall be upon such terms as the commission shall determine; provided, however, that any rate schedule shall be reviewed and approved annually by the commission, which also shall set forth regulations with respect to the use, operation, and occupancy of the property demises.
- (e) The power to operate and maintain all other parking facilities, on-street or off-street, or any portion thereof operated and maintained within the boundaries of the City.

SECTION 5 - Existing ordinances.

All existing ordinances, orders and regulations relating to the control of vehicular traffic and parking shall remain in full force and effect until superseded by rules and regulations adopted by the commission under this act and the adoption thereof by the commission shall not affect any act done, any right accrued, any penalty incurred, or any suit, prosecution or proceeding pending, at the time of said adoption.

#### SECTION 6 - EFFECT

This act shall take effect upon its passage.

29. **WHEREFORE**, the Boys and Girls Club raised millions of dollars to construct new facilities in Brockton on land at Eldon B. Keith Field. The land needed by the Club was purchased from the city, with approval by the City Council. An easement to allow entry into their land from West Elm Street is needed but for almost two (2) years the school committee has refused to grant approval. Meanwhile, as time passes the costs of construction increase for the Club. If approved, this petition will allow the mayor to proceed with the planning and design for a suitable easement, notwithstanding state law which allows the school committee to control the land.

**THEREFORE**, be it Ordered by the City Council of the City of Brockton to adopt a Home Rule Petition as follows.

#### **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 MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BROCKTON AND THE BROCKTON CITY COUNCIL TO GRANT AN EASEMENT OVER LAND KNOWN AS “ELDON B. KEITH FIELD” TO ALLOW FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW FACILITY BY THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF METRO SOUTH**

*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: Notwithstanding the provisions of MGL Chapter 71, Section 33, or Chapter 99 of the Acts of 1920, the mayor with the approval of the city council may grant to the “Boys and Girls Club of Metro South” an easement over land known as Eldon B. Keith Field for the purpose of constructing a new facility to serve the youth of the city.

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

30. Ordered: WHEREAS, the Lovett Brook area is considered to be a decadent area because of the diversity of ownership, irregular lot sizes or obsolete street patterns; and also, for excessive land coverage;

WHEREAS, the City with the Department of Planning and Economic Development and the Brockton Redevelopment Authority prepared the Lovett Brook Urban Renewal Plan to support goals and to take necessary action to implement the plan;

WHEREAS, the Brockton Planning Board will consider determined that the Lovett Brook Urban Renewal Plan is based on a local survey and is consistent with the Brockton Comprehensive Plan, A Blueprint for Brockton, and approved said plan at its August 5, 2025 meeting;

WHEREAS, the Brockton Redevelopment Authority will meet to consider approval of the Lovett Brook Urban Renewal Plan as an Urban Renewal Plan prepared in accordance with MGL Ch. 121B and 760 CMR 12.00, as amended from time to time.

NOW THERE, be it ordered as follows:

1. The City Council finds that there is a clear need for an Urban Renewal Plan in order to achieve the approved objective on the Brockton Comprehensive Plan, A Blueprint for Brockton.
  
2. That the Lovett Brook Urban Renewal Plan, as described in Exhibit A attached hereto, prepared by Innes Land Strategies Group, Tighe & Bond, and RKG Associates, dated October 6, 2025, is an Urban Renewal Plan prepared in accordance with MGL Ch. 121B and 760 CMR 12.00.
  
3. That the City Council approves the boundaries of the Lovett Brook Urban Renewal Plan as depicted in Exhibit A.
  
4. That the area contained in the Lovett Brook Urban Revitalization District project boundaries is a blighted open area as designed by MGL Ch. 121B and as described in the Findings and Declaration of the Brockton Redevelopment Authority approved on October 23, 2025 and is in need of revitalization and redevelopment.
  
5. That the City Council approves the Lovett Brook Urban Renewal Plan, as described in Exhibit A attached hereto, prepared by Innes Land Strategies Group, Tighe & Bond, and RKG Associates, dated October 6, 2025.
  
6. That the City Council requests the Mayor to submit the Urban Revitalization Plan together with such other materials as required, the Department of Housing and Community Development for final approval.
  
7. That the City Council requests the Mayor to submit an Environmental Notification Form to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) Office for a MEPA Certificate.
  
8. That upon final approval of the urban renewal plan, and during its duration, requests that the Brockton Redevelopment Authority report annually on the status of implementation of the urban renewal plan.
  
9. That the City Council authorizes the Mayor to approve minor, non-substantive language changes to the Urban Revitalization Plan if such changes are recommended by the Department of Housing and Community Development or MEPA office.
  
10. That this order shall take effect upon the final approval of the Urban Revitalization Plan by the Department of Housing and Community Development.
  
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: \$285,000.00

FROM: SALE OF LOTS AND GRAVES	\$285,000.00
TO: CEMETERY – GOODS AND SUPPLIES	\$285,000.00

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

Appropriation of: \$35,590.86

FROM: HUMAN RESOURCES – BENEFITS	\$35,590.86
TO: PLANNING – PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OT	\$4,708.25
DPW WATER - PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OT	\$4,405.55
DPW ENGINEERING – PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OT	\$4,169.79
BOARD OF HEALTH – PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OT	\$3,579.74
PUBLIC PROPERTY – PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OT	\$18,727.53

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

Appropriation of: \$65,648.79

FROM: HUMAN RESOURCES – BENEFITS	\$65,648.79
ANIMAL CONTROL – PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OT	\$443.37
ASSESSOR – PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OT	\$612.21
AUDITOR – PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OT	\$5,961.30
CEMETERY – PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OT	\$483.88
CITY CLERK – PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OT	\$4,754.53
CITY COUNCIL – PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OT	\$4,232.26
COUNCIL ON AGING– PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OT	\$612.21
DPW COMMISSIONER – PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OT	\$589.73
DPW HIGHWAY – PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OT	\$3,534.46
DPW REFUSE – PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OT	\$2,168.66
DPW WATER – PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OT	\$1,918.13
ELECTIONS – PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OT	\$1,830.31
FINANCE – PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OT	\$2,168.66
FIRE – PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OT	\$4,209.77
BOARD OF HEALTH – PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OT	\$443.37
HUMAN RESOURCES - PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OT	\$2,314.77
LAW - PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OT	\$1,161.67
LIBRARY - PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OT	\$2,894.75
PARKS AND RECREATION- PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OT	\$3,030.32
PLANNING - PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OT	\$1,008.36
POLICE - PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OT	\$7,248.35
PROCUREMENT – PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OT	\$567.24
PUBLIC PROPERTY – PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OT	\$2,149.88
TREASURER’S – PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OT	\$10,221.10
VETERANS – PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OT	\$1,089.50

34. Ordered: That the City Council authorize the Mayor and appropriate department(s) to research, develop and participate in a contract, or contracts, to aggregate the electricity load of the residents and businesses in the City and for other related services, independently, or in joint action with other municipalities, and authorize the Mayor to execute all documents necessary to accomplish the same.

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

Appropriation of: \$600,000.00

FROM: FINANCE – PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OT	\$50,000.00
FINANCE – PURCHASE OF SERVICE	\$50,000.00
POLICE – PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OT	\$250,000.00
FIRE – PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OT	\$250,000.00

TO: LAW – PROPERTY INSURANCE

\$600,000.00

36. Ordered: The City of Brockton grants to Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts, doing business as Eversource Energy, an Easement over and under City owned land identified as Assessor’s Parcel IDs: 110-017 and 110-016, to provide certain limited access over or under the identified parcels as more particularly described in the proposed Easement attached to this Order. The City Council authorizes the Mayor to execute the attached Easement and to take other actions as necessary to carry out the terms, purposes, and conditions of the same.

**RESOLVES:**

37. 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.

38. WHEREAS, The Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School provides exceptional educational and training classes in many disciplines for Brockton students, and

WHEREAS, The majority of the student enrollment originates from Brockton families;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Superintendent Holly McClanan and other staff members as she may determine appropriate, be invited to a meeting of the Council to provide an overview of school enrollment, staff promotions, educational programs, and services.

39. Resolved: To invite Mayor Moises Rodrigues, Police Chief Brenda Perez, and Police Lieutenant William Schlieman to appear before the Brockton City Council sitting as the Finance Committee to discuss their “Proposal to Address the Issues Associated with Addiction, Mental Health & Homelessness in Brockton January 2026” and such other related issues as the Finance Committee wishes to address.

**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.