

## FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Standing Committee on Finance met on *Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:00 PM* at the *Arnone School in the auditorium, 135 Belmont St.*, to consider the following:

1. ORDERED: That the City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of the total grant funds in the amount of \$98,465 from the Community IT Grant. The City of Brockton in conjunction with the Brockton Public Schools District intends on expanding the capacity of the Public Safety Network, which is a dedicated fiber network to deliver all things related to Public Safety. Funding will be used to assist in providing needed upgrades in 10G fiber connectivity and better performance and stability of switching networks.

Invited: Karen Preval, Budget Director, Finance  
Bill Santos, IT Director

Comments by Councilor Asack

(This is a no match grant?)

Comments by Bill Santos

(Yes)

Comments by Councilor Cruise

(Where does the Community IT Grant come from?)

Comments by Bill Santos

(State Grant)

Having considered the same, Motion by Councilor Asack to report FAVORABLE, 2nd by Councilor Monahan. Motion carried by a hand vote.

2. RESOLVE: To invite the Mass Development TDI Fellow to inform the City Council as the results of the summer beer garden project known as Prova and any future plans for other such activity.

Invited: George Durante, TDI Fellow, Mass Development

Comments by President Eaniri

(Congratulations on a successful season, good job.)

Comments by Councilor Beauregard

(Were there profits made? Question on the cost as well as the money raised. Will the location change, and maybe start Memorial Day to Labor Day?)

Comments by George Durante

(This proved that there is a market downtown for food and entertainment in the evening. There were 24 occurrences of Prova, 120 hours of operation July to September; 166 people per night with zero public safety incidents. Food and beverage sales per night were \$1,750 in a 4-5 hour span.)

Comments by Councilor Beauregard

(How do we move forward for next year?)

Comments by George Durante

(Prova is working on becoming a 501C3 non-profit organization. It will happen next year, the location is TBD. Learned a lot from last year about expenses which will help with planning for next year; flooring, electricity, installing grass, etc. More details will come in February/March. Group will start recruiting vendors and entertainment. Marketing will be through Facebook as well as an email: [provabrocktoninfo@gmail.com](mailto:provabrocktoninfo@gmail.com).)

Comments by Councilor Beauregard

(Did you make a profit?)

Comments by George Durante

(Prova did not. Free for vendors and the public and the vendors and performers were able to keep the revenue they made. There was no registration fee for vendors.)

Comments by Councilor Nicastro

(Would you consider this to be a public private partnership?)

Comments by George Durante

(This is actually a public private non-profit partnership. This was fueled by Mass Development Patronicity Program which was the crowd funding platform that was used. The community raised \$84,500 from 120 different donors in order to access the \$50,000 match from Mass Development.)

Comments by Councilor Nicastro

(Request from the Council to see Profit and Loss)

Comments by George Durante

(Still compiling the data)

Comments by Councilor Nicastro

(Did Prova pay for private police detail?)

Comments by George Durante

(No, they were there from the city.)

Having considered the same, Motion by Councilor Cruise to report FAVORABLE, 2nd by Councilor Asack. Motion carried by a hand vote

3. RESOLVE: To invite the executive director of the Brockton Retirement Board to inform the City Council as to changes and policies established under her administration.

Comments by President Eaniri

(Letter has to go to the Retirement Board first before Jean can be invited. The Chairman would like to be invited to come as well. This will take place in February or March)

Comments by Councilor Sullivan

(Motion to postpone)

Having considered the same, Motion by Councilor Sullivan to POSTPONE, 2nd by Councilor Lally. Motion carried by a hand vote.

4. RESOLVE: To invite the city solicitor or a representative from the law department to inform the City Council and the public as to the new contract with Comcast or if the new contract has not been signed, information as to where we as a community stand on this issue.

Comments by President Eaniri

(Comcast contract is almost finished, there is a 30/40 day window which at that time they will return it back to the City Solicitor's office.)

Having considered the same, Motion by Councilor Cruise to POSTPONE to 2<sup>nd</sup> Finance Meeting in January, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Asack. Motion carried by a hand vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM