

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Standing Committee on Finance met on Tuesday, *January 22nd, 2019 at 7:00 PM* at the *Arnone School in the auditorium, 135 Belmont St.*, to consider the following with President Rodrigues presiding, all Councilors present.

1. APPOINTMENT: of Tanya Tillman of 1092 North Main Street, Brockton, to the Elections Commission for a term of 4 years.

Invited: Tanya Tillman

Cynthia Scrivani, Executive Director, Elections

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

2. APPOINTMENT: of Carol Roberts of 755 Crescent St., #516B, Brockton, MA to the Brockton Housing Authority Board of Commissioners for a five year term.

Invited: Carol Roberts

Thomas Thibeault, Executive Director, Brockton Housing Authority

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

3. APPROPRIATION: of additional grant funds in the amount of \$175,200
From: Executive Office of Public Safety and Security- FY19 Municipal Police Services Staffing Grant
To: City of Brockton Police Department-FY19 Municipal Police Services Staffing Grant Fund

Invited: John Crowley, Chief of Police

Karen Preval, Budget Director, Finance

Comments by John Crowley

(Grant to supplement overtime from the State, no match required)

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

4. APPROPRIATION: of the total grant funds in the amount of \$544,527.37
From: Executive Office of Public Safety and Security –FY19 Senator Charles E. Shannon, JR Community Safety Initiative Grant
To: City of Brockton Police Department- FY19 Senator Charles E. Shannon, JR Community Safety Initiative Grant Fund

Invited: John Crowley, Chief of Police

Karen Preval, Budget Director, Finance

Comments by John Crowley

(Increase in funding this year)

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

5. APPROPRIATION: of the total grant funds in the amount of \$125,000.00
From: Executive Office of Public Safety and Security Office of Grants and Research –SFY 2019 Massachusetts Municipal Public Safety Staffing Grant
To: City of Brockton Fire Department- SFY 2019 Massachusetts Municipal Public Safety Staffing Grant

Invited: Michael Williams, Chief of Fire
Karen Preval, Budget Director, Finance

Comments by Michael Williams

(Public Safety Grant given to Police and Fire. Went up \$50,000 this year, Mayor decided to split the \$50,000 with Police. So this is \$25,000 more than last year.)

Comments by Councilor Cruise

(Asked for update on the gas leak)

Comments by Michael Williams

(Sunday a gas valve was hit by a Columbia Gas snow plow truck and severed a valve. There is range of temperature which is ideal to repair the leak. Engineers were called to monitor not only the temperature and gas flow, but if needed to shut the gas line down, how long to fix before customers would lose the gas service. Plan was to vent the leak until temperatures rise to repair. Area is monitored 24 hours a day by Columbia Gas Technicians as well as a fire watch monitoring gas levels in the neighborhood.)

Comments by Councilor Nicaastro

(Columbia Gas is paying for the fire watch?)

Comments by Michael Williams

(Yes, that was agreed to.)

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

6. APPROPRIATION: of the total grant funds in the amount of \$13,586.00
From: Executive Office of Public Safety and Security/Department of Fire Services-FY2019 Student Awareness of Fire Education (S.A.F.E.) Grant \$10,386
To: City of Brockton Fire Department –FY2019 Student Awareness of Fire Education (S.A.F.E.) Grant Fund and \$3,200
To: City of Brockton Fire Department –FY 2019 Senior Safe Grant Fund

Invited: Michael Williams, Chief of Fire
Karen Preval, Budget Director, Finance

Comments by Michael Williams

(Annual Grant- \$10,386 for Education in schools and the \$3,200 for Elderly and high rises.)

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

7. APPROPRIATION: of the total grant funds in the amount of \$9,253

From: Massachusetts Service Alliance (MSA)

To: Brockton Public Library

There is a \$10,405.92 match required

Invited: Paul Engle, Executive Director, Library

Karen Preval, Budget Director, Finance

Comments by Paul Engle

(Contribution of MSA Grant that was received last year to contribute work in the Maker Space developing a mentor program.)

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

8. ORDERED: That the following named sum be and the same is hereby Appropriated as the same was submitted by the Mayor as follows:

Total Appropriation of \$165,000

From: Stabilization Fund \$165,000

To: Law Department/Property Purchase for the acquisition of the 34 Cottage Street property.

(It is intended that this property will be for the benefit of the Council on Aging)

Invited: Honorable Mayor, William Carpenter

Karen Preval, Budget Director, Finance

Philip Nessralla, City Solicitor

Janice Fitzgerald, Director of Council on Aging

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

9. 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.

Invited: Philip Nessralla, City Solicitor

Comments by Aileen Bartlett (on behalf of Philip Nessralla)

(Recap of Comcast Contract- 10 year contract with the City, senior discount now available, also the city received a check from Comcast for \$150,000 (in the Comcast revolving fund) for upgrading to fiber.)

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

Meeting adjourned 7:40 PM