

FINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA

The Standing Committee on Finance will meet on Monday, May 19, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chamber to consider the following:

1. REAPPOINTMENT: Robert W. Bishop of 333 Foundry Street, South Easton, MA as a Constable in the City of Brockton for a term of three (3) years.
Invited: Robert W. Bishop

2. ORDER:
Transfer: \$55,000
From: Planning Department-Personal Services other than Overtime
To: Building Department Capital
(The intended use of this money is to purchase a portable generator that would be large enough to run a building, such as City Hall, the Library or the Council on Aging in case of emergency).
Invited: Honorable Mayor Bill Carpenter
John A. Condon, Chief Financial Officer
James Casieri, Superintendent of Public Property

3. ORDER:
Appropriation: \$417,000;
From: The Stabilization Fund
To: Police Department-Personal Services Other than Overtime, \$401,000; and
From: The Stabilization Fund
To: Police Department-Personal Services, Overtime, \$16,000
(in order to finance the proposed costs of the contract settlement with the Brockton Police Supervisors Union, covering FY14, FY15, and FY16).
Invited: Honorable Mayor Bill Carpenter
John A. Condon, Chief Financial Officer
Philip C. Nessralla, City Solicitor
Maureen Cruise, Personnel Director
Robert Hayden, Interim Police Chief
Lt. Donald Mills, President Police Supervisors Union

4. RESOLVE: The Mayor be invited to appear before the May 19, 2014 Finance Committee to discuss his plan to appoint a full-time Department Head for the Police Department (Chief or Commissioner) in accordance with M.G.L., Chapter 41, Section 61A.
Invited: Honorable Mayor Bill Carpenter

5. RESOLVE: The Mayor, City Solicitor, and Personnel Director are invited to appear before the May 19, 2014 Finance Committee to discuss MGL Chapter 41, Section 61A, as it governs appointments of “temporary officers”; Specifically, the provision of MGL Chapter 41, Section 61A that states, “but no such temporary officer shall be appointed under this section for a period longer than 60 days”.
Invited: Honorable Mayor Bill Carpenter
Maureen Cruise, Personnel Director
Philip C. Nessralla, City Solicitor
6. RESOLVE: That the Police Chief, Robert Hayden, be invited to appear before the Finance Commission to discuss any and all limitations placed on his ability to work more than 960-hours per year, pursuant to G.L. c. 32 Sec. 91(b) &(c)
Invited: Robert Hayden, Interim Chief of Police
Martin Brophy, Treasurer/Tax Collector
Maureen Cruise, Personnel Director
Philip C. Nessralla, City Solicitor
7. RESOLVE: That the City’s CFO confer with the Assessor’s Department and get full accounting by year, of any-and-all funds from “Reserve for Abatements and Assessment accounts” that may be made available.
Invited: John A. Condon, Chief Financial Officer
Paul J. Sullivan, Chairman Assessors
8. RESOLVE: That representatives from the Brockton Blue Dog Shelter, located at 1014 Pearl Street, come before the Finance Committee to discuss their organization’s purpose, goals, and benefits to the City of Brockton and its neighboring communities.
Invited: Jeni Mather, Founder of BBDS
Malicha Cronshaw, BBDS
9. RESOLVE: That Mr. Justin Smith come before the Finance Committee to discuss his desire, dedication, and determination to change the law of the Commonwealth and require that any assault & battery on a Police Officer, responding to a criminal activity, shall be prosecuted as a felony rather than the current misdemeanor charge.
Invited: Justin Smith
10. RESOLVE: that the Mayor, Chiefs of the City Public Safety Departments, the Chief Financial Officer, and the Chairman of the Board of Assessors, be invited to appear before a committee of this Council to discuss the impact upon the City in providing such essential services to non-profits, the community benefits to the City resulting from the mission of the non-profits, and to review ways to strengthen the partnership between the City and its tax-exempt institutions.
Invited: Honorable Mayor Bill Carpenter
John A. Condon, Chief Financial Officer
Richard C. Francis, Fire Chief
Robert Hayden, Interim Chief of Police
Paul J. Sullivan, Assessors Chairman

11. RESOLVE: That the City Council hereby requests that a representative and/or representatives of Aquaria appear before the Finance Committee to address questions pertaining to the Desalinization water contract.

Invited: Honorable Mayor Bill Carpenter

John A. Condon, Chief Financial Officer

Michael Thoreson, Commissioner of DPW

Philip C. Nessralla, City Solicitor & or his designee

Brian Creedon, Water System Manager, DPW

Moises Pariente, Aquaria Water

Rebecca McEnroe, P.E., Project Manager, Aquaria Water

12. RESOLVE: that the City's Chief Financial Officer, Solicitor, and Treasurer/Collector come before the Finance Committee to discuss Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) programs and how they may be implemented between the City and certain Non-tax paying entities located within Brockton (FAVORABLE)