

A regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chambers with Councillor Sullivan presiding. The meeting was called to order at 8:05pm with ten members being present. Councillor Stewart absent.

Councillor Sullivan asks for a moment of silence for Richard Sergi, who passed away. He was the Executive Director of the Housing Authority. Richard called Councillor Sullivan stated that Mr. Sergi had called him last week and thanked him and the Council for the citation. He also mentioned that Councillor Studenski was good friends with Mr. Sergi and a pallbearer at the funeral. He stated that he has never seen so many attendees as he had seen at Mr. Sergi's service. He will be missed.

In City Council, December 22, 2014

APPOINTMENTS

- 571** Of Philip Griffin, 19 Emory St., as a member of the Brockton Redevelopment Authority for a five year term ending in January 2020.

Referred to Finance.

- 572** Of Craig S. Andrade, 48 Thurber Ave., as a member of the Brockton Board of Health for a three year term ending January 2018.

Referred to Finance.

- 573** Of Robert J. Pelaggi, 942 West Chestnut St., as a member of the Planning Board for a five year term ending January 2020.

Referred to Finance.

- 574** Reappointment of Gerald Smith, 107 Darren Dr., Brockton to the Brockton Redevelopment Authority for a five year term ending in January 2020.

Referred to Finance.

REPORTS

- 575** Of the Ordinance Committee for its meeting of December 15, 2014

Accepted and placed on file.

- 576** Of the Finance Committee for its meeting of December 15, 2014.

Accepted and placed on file.

COMMUNICATIONS

- 577** From the Mayor submitting a letter of resignation of John F. Kenney as an alternate from the Brockton Council on Aging.

Accepted and placed on file.

- 578** From the Mayor submitting a letter of resignation of Paul "Red" Sullivan from the Brockton Planning Board.

Accepted and placed on file.

COMMUNICATIONS (cont'd)

- 579** From the Mayor requesting the City Council accept the proposed four year phase-in toward inclusion of retired teacher health insurance costs in determining net school spending compliance, commencing in FY2016, as specified in section 260 of Ch. 165 of the Acts of 2014 for the BPS.

Accepted and placed on file.

- 580** From the CFO in accordance with Section 5 of Chapter 324 of the Acts of 1990, certifying the proposed acceptance of the four year phase-in toward inclusion of retired teacher health insurance, toward net school spending.

Accepted and placed on file.

- 581** From the Fire Chief requesting that the City Council accept and expend the FY2015 Mass Decontamination Unit Grant in the amount of \$4,000 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Public Health. The Fire Dept. intends to use these funds to man the upkeep of the Mass Decontamination Units and purchase supplies.

Accepted and placed on file.

- 582** From the Mayor in accordance with M.G.L., Ch. 44 recommending an appropriation of \$4,000 from Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Public Health to Fire Department-FY15 Massachusetts Decontamination Unit Grant. The Fire Dept. intends to use these funds to man the upkeep of the Mass Decontamination Units and purchase supplies.

Accepted and placed on file.

- 583** From the CFO in accordance with Section 5 of Ch. 324 of the Acts of 1990, certifying the proposed appropriation and expenditure of \$4,000 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Public Health-FY15 Mass Decontamination Unit Grant Fund.

Accepted and placed on file.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 517** Ordinance: An Ordinance amending Chapter XI of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Brockton. Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Brockton as follows: Chapter 11. Section 11-162. (FAVORABLE)

Passed to a third reading, by a hand vote, ten members present with nine voting in the affirmative. Councillor DuBois voting in the negative. Councillor Stewart absent.

- 569** Transfer total of \$10,000
 From: Parking Authority-Personal Services-Part Time Salaries other than OT
 To: Purchase of Services Building and Grounds \$7,000
 and
 From: Parking Authority-Personal Services-Part Time Salaries other than OT
 To: Electricity \$3,000
 (To cover cost of repairs to the pay stations in the B lot and the replacement of electrical panels in the garage, and to cover the anticipated shortfall in electrical costs due to increased usage and rate hikes.) (FAVORABLE)

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”; ten members present and all voting in the affirmative. Councillor Stewart absent.

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ORDERS

- 584** Ordered: That pursuant to the provisions of MGL Ch. 44, Sec. 53A ½ the City Council accepts a gift from the Brockton Library Foundation of 29 high efficiency windows for the West Branch Library Building.

Referred to Finance.

- 585** Ordered: That the City accepts the four year phase in toward inclusion of retired teacher health insurance costs in determining net school spending compliance, commencing in fiscal year 2016, as specified in section 260 of chapter 165 of the Acts of 2014, for the Brockton Public Schools.

Referred to Finance.

- 586** Appropriation of \$4,000
From: Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Public Health
To: Fire Department-FY15 Massachusetts Decontamination Unit Grant. (The Fire Department intends to use these funds to man the upkeep of the Mass Decontamination Units and purchase supplies)

Referred to Finance.

Councillor Sullivan stated that the Fire Chief was under the weather, and couldn't make it tonight.

Councillor Eaniri motioned to accept a late file and was properly seconded. The motion carried by a hand vote.

Appointment of Lawrence Rowley of 8 Athens Dr., Brockton as Commissioner of the Department of Public Works for a three year term ending December 2017.

Referred to Finance.

Councillor Sullivan hopes you make a donation to the volcano relief. He wanted to publicly thank Brockton Cable Access for their weekly shows. He stated to the Council that they should keep in mind that they were promised that code enforcement would be reinstated, but it has not been. They need to address this issue. He also takes a monet to thank the City Clerk, Anthony Zeoli, legal counsel for the city, Mark Gildea, and clerks Robin, AnnMarie and Carin. This was his second term as president and he stated that the Council has done some good things during his term. The budget is how it should be. He wishes everyone a Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa and Merry Christmas.

Councillor Cruise takes a moment of personal privilege to thank the Council President, Robert F. Sullivan.

Councillor DuBois takes a moment of personal privilege to thank the Council President for the wonderful that he has done.

Councillor Sullivan congratulated Councillor DuBois on her new position serving as State Representative for the 10th Plymouth District.

Adjourned at 8:17pm

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