

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Standing Committee on Finance met on Monday, October 5, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chamber with Councilor Eaniri presiding. All councilors were present except Councilors DeNapoli, Dubois and Monahan.

1. APPOINTMENT: Officer David Santos of the Brockton Police Department as a Weigher of Trucks in the City of Brockton.
POSTPONED TO FINANCE MEETING BEING HELD ON OCTOBER 19, 2015.
2. APPOINTMENT: Mario Lopes Alves, 23 Smith Ave., Brockton as a Constable in the City of Brockton for a term of (3) years.
RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY
3. REAPPOINTMENT: David A Asiaf, 5 Tarkin Hill Lane, Bridgewater as a Constable in the City of Brockton for a term of three (3) years
RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY
4. ORDER:
 Appropriation: \$6,395,631
 From: FY2016 Unappropriated Estimated Receipts of Water Enterprise Fund
 To: DPW-Water Enterprise: Desal Fixed Charge \$6,395,631.00
 (This appropriation will allow the Water Department to pay the FY2016)
POSTPONED TO FINANCE MEETING BEING HELD ON OCTOBER 19, 2015.
5. 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.
POSTPONED TO FINANCE MEETING BEING HELD ON OCTOBER 19, 2015.
6. ORDINANCE: An Ordinance amending Ch. 23 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Brockton. Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Brockton as follows: Pursuant to Chapter 23, Section 30 (f) (6), in substitution for the water rate increase proposed by the Brockton Water Commission on February 10, 2015.
RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY
7. ORDER:
 Appropriation: \$218,000
 From: Unappropriated Receipts FY16 Tax Levy
 To: Police Department Personnel Services other than overtime \$165,000
 Personnel Department Employee Benefits \$51,000
 Treasurers Medicare Tax \$2,000

 (in order to provide funding for six additional police recruits and their benefits for six months.) This is a conditional certification for **FY16 ONLY**. This funding would allow for six new recruits, in addition those already in the budget, bringing the size of the requested class to eleven. The CFO cannot provide a positive certification for the years after FY16, because this action exacerbates the fiscal budgetary imbalance which we are now experiencing.
RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY

8. ORDER:

Appropriation: \$20,000

From: Overlay Surplus of FY2008- \$20,000

To: Library Personnel Services Overtime- \$8,000

Library Purchase of Service- \$12,000

To provide the funding necessary for the agreement to add to a grant from the Library Foundation for the extending of hours at the West and East branches (eight (8) hours per week at each branch for the balance of the fiscal year). This funding adds to the contribution of \$75,000 from the Brockton Library Foundation. Furthermore, requesting that the City Council authorize the acceptance and expenditure of \$75,000 from the Brockton Library Foundation for purposes of providing an additional eight (8) hours per week at each of the West and East branches for the rest of this fiscal year.

RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY

9. ORDER:

Appropriation: \$366,330.00

From: Landfill Reserve Account

To: Thatcher Street Landfill.

(for maintenance, repair, replacement and other related projects for the continuing maintenance of the Thatcher Street Landfill).

RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY

10. ORDER:

Transfer: \$16,590.00

From: the Ambulance Receipts Account

To: Department Equipment for the following 2 purchases:

1. \$15,690.00 for nine Perform Mobile Software licenses for use by the contracted ambulance service. This will provide the ability for a two-way flow of dispatching information between Fire Alarm and the ambulances in the field. Included in this request is the annual maintenance fee for support services of the mobile licenses.

This enhances safety of the members and security of information.

2. \$900.00 for the purchase of three Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) guide cards with racks.

These will be used by the Fire Alarm Operators when receiving and dispatching Emergency Medical incidents in compliance with current standards.

RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY

11. ORDER:

Appropriation: \$560,000

From: FY 2009 Overlay Surplus \$220,000

FY 2011 Overlay Surplus \$340,000

To: the Stabilization Fund,

This funding comes from the surplus in Overlay Accounts as identified by the Board of Assessors in a letter dated July 20, 2015.

RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY

12. ORDER:

Appropriation: \$130,000

From: Overlay Surplus of FY 2008

To: Stabilization Fund

(to provide additional funding in the Stabilization Reserve). The funding comes from Overlay Surplus amounts as declared by the Board of Assessors. The total declared for FY 2008, 2009, and 2011 was \$750,000 inclusive. The intended use is \$60,000 from The FY 2008 amount (\$40,000 for holiday decorations and \$20,000 for a Library grant match), but also the intent is moving the balance to the Stabilization Fund. The total to stabilization from the three years will be \$690,000.

RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY

13. ORDER:

Appropriation: \$488,156 as Follows:

From: Unappropriated Estimated Receipts FY16 Tax Levy \$450,156

To: Cemetery Department-

Personal Services Other than OT \$20,747

Cemetery Department-P.S. OT \$17,387

Dpw Highway- \$160,931

Personal Services Other than OT

Dpw Highway-P.S. Overtime \$73,900

Dpw Maintenance-P.S. Other than OT- \$15,653

Dpw Maintenance-P.S. Overtime \$9,994

Library Department-P.S. Other than OT- \$12,805

Library Deptment-P.S. Overtime \$900

Public Property-P.S. Other than OT \$23,104

Public Property-P.S. Overtime \$3,225

Parking Authority P.S. Other than OT \$30,156

Park/Recreation Department

P.S. Other than OT \$58,354

Park/Recreation - Department P.S. OT \$23,000

A further appropriation of \$38,000

From: Unappropriated Refuse Enterprise

Estimated Receipts \$38,000

To: DPW Refuse P.S. Other than OT \$28,000

DPW Refuse P.S. OT \$10,000

The CFO in accordance with Section 5 of Ch. 324 of the Acts of 1990, certifies that the financial resources and revenues of the City of Brockton are and will be adequate for **FY16 ONLY** to support the proposed appropriation from various sources of \$488,156 to various departments for purposes of settling a three (3) year contract with the laborers union. This is a conditional certification for **FY16 ONLY**. He is able to provide the certification for FY16 because the funding comes from unappropriated FY16 revenues, primarily tax levy growth. However, for FY17 and beyond, this contract will exacerbate the budgetary imbalance described in his FY16 budget letter and in the credit reports of Moody's and Standard and Poor. These are available on the Finance Department Web page.

RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY

14. ORDER:

Appropriation: \$167,000

From: Unappropriated Estimated Receipts-FY16 Tax Levy \$167,000

To: Library Personnel Services other than overtime \$165,500

Library Personal Services Overtime \$1,500

(In order to provide funding for all of the costs, including retroactive costs, of a collective bargaining agreement between the City and its Library Union employees, Local 808 unit of SEIU, for the three (3) year period of 7/1/2013 through 6/30/2016. This three-year settlement provides for increases to base wages of 2% for FY14, 2% for FY15 and 1.25% for FY16 for a total of 5.25%. It also provides for one-time cash payments equal to 1% of base wages of FY14 and FY15. This funding is from tax levy new growth, which is greater than budgeted, not from the unused levy amounts inside the levy limit allowed from 2.5% annual growth.) This is a conditional certification for **FY16 ONLY**. The funding is available for **ONLY** FY16 because it comes from unappropriate FY16 tax levy revenues. However, for FY17 and beyond this contract's cost will exacerbate the budgetary imbalance described in the CFO's FY16 budget letter and credit report of Moody's and Standard and Poor. RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY

15. ORDER: That the City Council approves the boundaries of the proposed D.W. Clark Economic opportunity Area more particularly described as 14 East Union Street, Assessor's Map 129, Plot 1, Parcel ID 129-233 East Union Street and approves the application for approval of the D.W. Clark EOA to the Economic Assistance Coordinating Council (EACC)
RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY

16. RESOLVE: That the City Council hereby requests that Brian Moriary and Cindy Pendergast or a representative of Neighborworks, a Southern, MA program, Come before a committee of this council to report and lay out the plan for this organization.
POSTPONED TO FINANCE MEETING BEING HELD ON OCTOBER 19, 2015.

17. RESOLVE: That the City Council hereby authorizes a Tax Increment Financing Plan encompassing the property described as 14 East Union Street Assessor's Map 129, Plot 1, Parcel ID 129-233 East Union Street, and further that the City Council approves the Tax Increment Financing Plan of Commercial Yard, LLC on behalf of D.W. Clark, Inc., and forwards said application to the Massachusetts Economic Assistance Council for its approval and endorsement.
RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY