

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Standing Committee on Finance met on Tuesday, May 31, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chamber with Councilor Cruise presiding. All councilors were present.

1. APPOINTMENT: Paul Merian, 20 Bassett Road, as a member of the License Commission for a three year term ending in May, 2019, replacing Scott McDuffy.
A motion was made by Councilor Studenski second by Councilor Sullivan as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY
2. ORDER: That pursuant to the Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, the City Council authorizes the re-establishment of a revolving fund, not to exceed \$10,000.00, for Fiscal Year 2017 for the sole purpose of reimbursing departments for the cost of complying with requests for public records.
A motion was made by Councilor Monahan second by Councilor Eaniri as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY
3. ORDER: That pursuant to the Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, the City Council authorizes the re-establishment of a revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2017 for the reauthorization of the Parking Authority Revolving Fund to receive revenues from Parking Violations Fines up to and including the amount of \$250,000.
A motion was made by Councilor Monahan second by Councilor Eaniri as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY
4. ORDER: That pursuant to the Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, the City Council authorizes the re-establishment of a revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2017 from the cash receipts from Comcast, such expenditures not to exceed \$600,000.00.
A motion was made by Councilor Monahan second by Councilor Eaniri as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY
5. ORDER: That pursuant to the Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, the City Council authorizes the re-establishment of a revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2017 for the sole purpose of funding the acceptance expenditure by the Women's Commission of receipts and donations from various events, provided that not more than \$2,500.00 may be so expended from the fund during FY 2017.
A motion was made by Councilor Monahan second by Councilor Eaniri as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY
6. ORDER: That pursuant to the Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, the City Council authorizes the re-establishment of a revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2017 for the sole purpose of funding of the acquisition and installation of grave liners exclusive of the cost of labor, for repair and maintenance of equipment, and for capital projects, provided that not more than \$125,000 may be so expended from the Grave Liners Revolving Fund during Fiscal Year 2017.
A motion was made by Councilor Monahan second by Councilor Eaniri as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY
7. ORDER: That pursuant to the Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, the City Council authorizes a FY2017 revolving fund for Manning Pool Revolving Account under the control of the Mayor, from all FY2017 receipts received from admission to the pool, but further provided that the expenditures of such revolving fund revenues shall not exceed \$50,000 and shall be limited to spending purposes for ordinary maintenance expenses to operate the pool.
A motion was made by Councilor Monahan second by Councilor Eaniri as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY

8. ORDER: That pursuant to the Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, the City Council authorizes the re-establishment of a revolving fund of the 40R Smart Grant Incentive Revolving Fund for said receipts from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, provided that not more than \$350,000.00 may be so expended from the fund during FY 2017.
A motion was made by Councilor Monahan second by Councilor Eaniri as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY
9. ORDER: That pursuant to the Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, the City Council authorizes the re-establishment of a revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2017 for the sole purpose of funding in connection with the demolition of buildings, provided that not more than \$110,000.00 may be so expended from the fund during FY 2017.
A motion was made by Councilor Monahan second by Councilor Eaniri as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY
10. ORDER: That pursuant to the Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, the City Council authorizes a revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2017, for the sole purpose of helping to fund the cost in connection with the operation of the War Memorial Building, provided that not more than \$15,000.00 may be so expended from the fund during FY 2017.
A motion was made by Councilor Monahan second by Councilor Eaniri as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY
11. ORDER: That pursuant to the Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, the City Council authorizes the re-establishment of a revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2017 for the sole purpose of funding the creation and maintenance of the Abandoned Building Registry as well as the closing and boarding up of vacant and abandoned buildings, provided that no more than \$250,000 may so be expended for the fund during FY 2017.
A motion was made by Councilor Monahan second by Councilor Eaniri as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY
12. ORDER: That pursuant to the Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, the City Council authorizes the re-establishment of a revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2017 for the sole purpose of funding the Keep Brockton Beautiful Program, provided that not more than \$5,000.00 may be so expended from the fund during FY 2017.
A motion was made by Councilor Monahan second by Councilor Eaniri as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY
13. Order: That pursuant to the Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, the City Council authorizes the re-establishment of a revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2017 for the sole purpose of funding the Composting Bin Distribution Program, provided that not more than \$2,000.00 may be so expended from the fund during FY 2017.
A motion was made by Councilor Monahan second by Councilor Eaniri as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY
14. ORDER: That the Personnel Director research the salary levels for comparable positions in the school department and municipal government, and prepare a report for review by the City Council; further, that this report be provided within ninety (90) days of the date of this Order unless the Personnel Director requests additional time.
A motion was made by Councilor Farwell second by Councilor Monahan to POSTPONE UNTIL SEPTEMBER MEETING.

15. ORDER: That pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. ch. 44, sec. 53A, the City Council hereby authorizes the acceptance and expenditure by the Fire Department of a grant in the amount of \$300. from the Harbor One Bank as set forth in the attached grant documents. Such funds are to be used for the areas of youth, education and prevention by the Fire Education Officer to assist in delivering the message of Fire Safety to the students of Brockton. No match is required.
A motion was made by Councilor Sullivan second by Councilor Monahan as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY
16. ORDER: That pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. ch. 44, sec. 53A, the City Council hereby authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of a grant in the amount of \$35,000. from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation. Such funds are to be held under the Parks and Recreation Conservation and Recreation Grant Fund and to be used to improve McKinley Park. There is no match required.
A motion was made by Councilor Monahan second by Councilor Sullivan as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY
17. ORDER: The City Council of the City of Brockton petitions the Great and General Court under the provisions of Section 8 of Article 89 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for an Act as follows: AN ACT RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHMENT OF A BILL OF RIGHTS FOR HOMEOWNERS IN THE CITY OF BROCKTON
A motion was made by Councilor Barnes second by Councilor Rodrigues as RECOMMENDED UNFAVORABLY
18. RESOLVE: The Mayor or his designee, the Police Chief and Fire Chief or their designees, the Chairman of the License Commission or his designee, the Executive Director of the Board of Health, and the Superintendent of Buildings be invited to appear before a committee of the City Council to discuss ongoing code enforcement activities, available staffing, as well as specific objectives for the next fiscal year.
A motion was made by Councilor Farwell second by Councilor Sullivan to POSTPONE UNTIL AUGUST MEETING.
19. RESOLVE: That the Brockton Water Systems Manager, a representative of the Brockton Water Commission, a representative of the Central Plymouth County Water District Commission, Mr. Alex Mansfield and Ms. Pine DuBois of the Jones River Watershed Association be invited to a meeting of the City Council to discuss issues affecting the quality and quantity of the city's water resources. (The address of Jones River Jones River Watershed Association is 55 Landing Rd Kingston, MA 02364.)
A motion was made by Councilor Farwell second by Councilor Studenski to POSTPONE UNTIL JULY MEETING.
20. RESOVLE: To have members of the staff of Brockton 21st Century Corp along with Mayor Carpenter inform the City Council on current projects taking place to promote further economic development, new business, maintaining business and other outstanding issues being faced by this organization.
A motion was made by Councilor Beauregard second by Councilor Barnes to POSTPONE UNTIL JUNE MEETING.
21. RESOLVE: To have Matthew Zahler of Trinity Financial Corp and any other individual from this company to update the City Council as to the development of a parking garage at the Enterprise Block and any information regarding a restaurant inside this establishment.
A motion was made by Councilor Beauregard second by Councilor Lally to POSTPONE UNTIL JUNE MEETING.

22. RESOLVE: To invite George Durante, the new “fellow” hired through Mass Development to work on downtown economic projects, to learn more about the Transformative Development Initiative and expected results. (You were requested to invite Mr. Durante, TDI “Fellow”, the Director of Planning, and Robert Jenkins from the BRA, on this matter.)
A motion was made by Councilor Beauregard second by Councilor Eaniri as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY

23. RESOLVE: That the Mayor, Superintendent of Buildings, City Solicitor, City Planner and Paul McLally, to appear before a committee of this Council to discuss the status of ownership of the property located at 121 Main Street.
A motion was made by Councilor Barnes second by Councilor Sullivan as COMMITTEE HAS VOTED TO TABLE.