

A regular meeting of the City Council was held on Monday April 8, 2019 in the City Council Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of City Hall, 45 School St., Brockton, MA. Councillor Rodrigues presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm with eleven members present.

Councillor Farwell calls for a moment of silence for Arnold Greenblatt, who ran for office many times and he has known him since 1991. Arnold firmly believed in the best for Brockton and Councillor Farwell was honored to hear him speak. His family member was present. Our thoughts are with the family.

Councillor Eaniri asks for a moment personal privilege for George Churchill, Jr., who passed recently and who had been a Firefighter for many years and retired from Brockton Fire Department. He also was a Southeastern Regional School committee member. Our thoughts and prayers for the family.

Councillor Cruise for a moment of silence for Dick Lewis that passed today in the a.m. He was on the Board of Directors of the Brockton Housing Authority, as well as a member and Chairman. He served the people and city for many years and will be missed. Prayers for the family.

In City Council, April 8, 2019

- 174** Acceptance of the minutes of the March 25, 2019 City Council meeting.

Accepted and placed on file.

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

- 175** Of Wayne A. Lake , 56 Short St., Brockton, MA as a Constable in the City of Brockton for a term of three (3) years.

Referred to Finance.

- 176** Of Jean Roody Vrigneau, 98 Southfield Dr., Brockton, MA as a Constable in the City of Brockton for a term of three (3) years.

Referred to Finance.

- 177** Of Clarence Hassan, 14 Ridge Hill Avenue, Brockton, MA to the Planning Board for a five year term.

Referred to Finance.

#### **REPORTS**

- 178** Of the Finance Committee for its meeting of April 1, 2019.

Accepted and placed on file.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

- 179** From Executive Director of Parking Authority requesting that City Council transfer the total appropriation in the amount of \$ 25,727 from Parking Authority-Personal Services Other than Over time \$21,030 and Parking Authority-Snow Removal \$4,697 to Parking Authority-Purchase of Services. Funds will be used to cover shortfalls in electricity costs and lease payments for parking spaces needed to displace patrons who were on site of the new garage for the remainder of the fiscal year. Further, to cover repairs to the Adams Garage, and replacing multiple meters which have been damaged.

Accepted and placed on file.

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**COMMUNICATIONS (cont'd)**

- 180** From the Mayor in accordance with M.G.L , chapter 44, recommending that the City Council authorize the total appropriation of \$25,727 from Parking Authority-Personal Services Other than Over time \$21,030 and Parking Authority-Snow Removal \$4,697 to Parking Authority-Purchase of Services. (In order to cover shortfalls in electricity costs and lease payments for parking spaces needed for the new garage for the remainder of the fiscal year. Also, to cover repairs to the Adams Garage and replacing meters which have been damaged).

Accepted and placed on file.

- 181** From the CFO in accordance with Section 5 of Chapter 324 of the Acts of 1990, certifying the total proposed appropriation in the amount of \$25,727 from Parking Authority-Personal Services other Than Overtime \$21,030 and Parking Authority-Snow Removal \$4,697 to Parking Authority-Purchase of Services.

Accepted and placed on file.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 158** Total appropriation of \$20,000  
From: Information Technology-Full Time  
To: Information Technology- Overtime (FAVORABLE)

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

- 159** Total Grant Award in the amount of \$174,189.43  
From: Executive Office of Elder Affairs-FY19 Formula Grant  
To: City Of Brockton Council On Aging-FY19 Formula Grant Fund (FAVORABLE)

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

- 171** Acceptance and expenditure of the total grant funds in the amount of \$6,240.03  
From: Executive Office of Public Safety and Security Office of Grants and Research/Highway Safety Division FY19 Traffic Enforcement and Equipment Grant Program  
To: City of Brockton Police Department-FY19 Traffic Enforcement and Equipment Grant Program Fund. (FAVORABLE)

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

- 172** Acceptance and expenditure of additional grant funds in the amount of \$98,938.00  
From: the Executive Office of Health and Human Service’s-FY19 Safe and Successful Youth Initiative Grant  
To: City of Brockton Police Department-FY19 Safe and Successful Youth Initiative Grant Fund. (FAVORABLE)

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

**54.**  
**ORDERS**

- 182** Ordered: That the common necessity and convenience of the inhabitants of the City of Brockton require the laying out and acceptance of Cypress Drive, extending from Rockland Street, easterly and northerly, a distance of about 1,402 feet, more or less, and for that purpose it is necessary to take an easement for Highway Purposes and lay out as a public street or way of said City of Brockton.

Referred to Finance and Planning

Councillor Sullivan stepped down.

- 183** Ordered: That the common necessity and convenience of the inhabitants of the City of Brockton require the laying out and acceptance of Rock Meadow Drive, extending from Rockland Street easterly, a distance of about 1,200 feet, more or less, and from Rock Meadow Drive northerly, a distance of about 310 feet, more or less, and for that purpose it is necessary to take an easement for Highway Purposes and lay out as a public street or way of said City of Brockton.

Referred to Finance and Planning.

Councillor Sullivan stepped back in.

- 184** Ordered: A copy of all legal documents executed between the city and the Brockton 21<sup>st</sup> Century Corporation related to the transfer of control for these properties to the city, and the outstanding promissory note signed by the corporation, be provided to the City Council. (1) A summary of all outstanding contractual agreements, outstanding invoices for services or goods, or any other liability which was the responsibility of the Brockton 21<sup>st</sup> Century Corporation and which now may be incurred by the city be provided to the City Council. (2) If payments from public funds have been made for charges formerly required of the corporation, such information shall be provided to the City Council. (3) Documents and information requested shall be provided within fourteen (14) days of the date of this Order.

Referred to Finance.

The Clerk to the Council states for the councillors to please note on the agenda for April 8, 2019, regarding item #185, just above the language of the order it should state "Russell Lopes Case".

- 185** Ordered: (1) That the Law Department provide copies of all decisions issued by any court for all appeals filed by the city or the plaintiff, and copies of any pending appeals, motions, or other filings submitted; (2) That pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21, an Executive Session be scheduled to discuss the continued, pending litigation in the Lopes case and related information. (3) That a complete, up-to-date summary of all funds expended by the city in this litigation be provided to the City Council. With respect to the documents requested, they shall be provided to members of the Council no later than fourteen (14) days after date of this Order.

Referred to Finance.

- 186** Total Appropriation of \$25,727  
From: Parking Authority-Personal Services  
other than over time \$21,030  
And Parking Authority-Snow removal \$4,697  
To: Parking Authority-Purchase of Services.

Referred to Finance.

**55.**  
**ORDERS**

- 187**     Resolve: to invite Patricia Monteith, the Brockton Representative for Mass Memories Road Show to be held at the Brockton Public Library on Saturday, May 18, 2019 to inform the public and the city council as to how to participate in this one time only opportunity to preserve Brockton History.

Referred to Finance.

- 188**     Resolve: to invite Steve Grossman CEO of ICIC (Initiative for a Competitive Inner City) or his designee to inform the public and city council of this new program and how individuals in this city could take advantage of this economic development opportunity.

Referred to Finance.

**LATE FILES**

Councillor Eaniri motioned to move under suspension of the rules and accept 2 communications and an order as late files and was properly seconded. The motion carried by a hand vote.

- 189**     Communication: From the Mayor requesting that the City Council accept M.G.L., Ch. 33, Section 59 in relation to the Brave Act.

Accepted and placed on file

- 190**     Communication: From the CFO in accordance with Section 5 of Ch. 324 of the Acts of 1990, certifying the acceptance of M.G.L., Ch. 33, Section 59 in relation to the Brave Act.

Accepted and placed on file

- 191**     Ordered: That M.G.L., Ch. 33, Subsection 59 be accepted by the City Council. Said section of General Laws is relative to public employees not to lose pay or services in the armed forces, paragraphs A, B, C, D, E and F. (Also known as the Brave Act)

Referred to Finance.

Councillor Asack takes a moment of personal privilege to state that the past weekend at the Big Apple, the Brockton High School wind ensemble were the Grand Champions. Also Brockton High School concert choir brought home the gold for their performance. She also states on April 13 Keep Brockton Beautiful day will be held. Sign up will be from 8am-9am at Height's Crossing. You will receive a free t shirt and free cookout lunch at noon after clean up is done. For more information, contact the Recycling Department or DPW, ask for Pat 508 580-7827, or contact the Mayor's Office at 508 580-7123.

Councillor Sullivan takes a moment of personal privilege to state that the Brockton High School Drama Club were the state champs of the Boston festival and he thanks all the kids that participated and thanked Carol Thomas and Bob Hogan and they should be proud of their accomplishments. He also stated that the next Ordinance Committee meeting will meet May 8 at 6pm and **not** May 1 as originally stated.

Councillor Nicastro takes a moment of personal privilege to state that on Wednesday, April 11 the Real Estate Committee will hold their meeting in the Council Committee room. 3 matters will be discussed and all are welcome.

Councillor Beauregard wondered if the new website is up and running. Councillor Monhan is the holdup stated Councillor Rodrigues.

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Councillor Beauregard stated that she is disappointed by the ACLU representative regarding what was said about the panhandling Ordinance the city has passed. Brockton has its quota when it comes to affordable housing and everyone needs to come to the table and people need to be safe at the ATM, and in their cars etc. She believes that the Councillors are doing a great job and care about the residents. She thanked the council for their support.

Councillor Monahan takes a moment of personal privilege to state that there will be a Ward Meeting on Thursday, April 18 at 6pm at George's Café and pizza will be served. Come on down all are welcome.

Adjourned 7:27p.m.

All items on agenda are available in their entirety for review in the City Clerk's Office for all interested parties.

All council business as listed on the agenda have been emailed to the City Council members in their complete form, with exception of oversized material, such as maps, photos, etc.