

In City Council April 14, 2025

Notice is hereby given that the regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council will be held on Monday evening April 14, 2025 at 7:00PM in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 45 School St., Brockton, MA. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM with 9 members present. Councilors Minichiello and Tavares absent.

901.Acceptance of the Minutes of the March 24, 2025 City Council Meeting.

Accepted and placed on file.

APPOINTMENTS:

902.Reappointment of Jocelyn Meek of 140 Copeland Street, Brockton, MA 02301 to the Brockton Public Library Board of Trustees for a three-year term ending in March 2028.

Referred to Finance

903.Reappointment of Margaret Mone of 10 Braemoor Road, Brockton, MA 02301 to the Brockton Public Library Board of Trustees for a three-year term ending in April 2028.

Referred to Finance

904.Reappointment of Ruby J. Clay of 607 Summer Street, Brockton, MA 02301 to the Brockton Conservation Committee for a three-year ending in April 2028.

Referred to Finance

HEARINGS:

Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc to install 1 JO pole on Westgate Drive beginning at a point approximately 0 feet of the centerline of the intersection of Westgate Drive and Reynolds Memorial HWY. National Grid to install new J/O pole 46-50, 30ft in line with P46 towards P47 and anchor, located in the grassy area on town property of Westgate drive.

President Thompson opened the Hearing.

Kalvin Fonseca from National Grid appeared in favor of the petition and was there to answer any questions.

No one was in opposition.

President Thompson closed the hearing.

Councilor Asack where is this exactly going? When will this get done?

Mr. Fonseca explained that the new pole will be located near Blanchard's area. After the petition passes then it gets put into scheduling and could take at least a month or so, not quite sure exactly.

Councilor Rodrigues who is doing the installation of the charger? Is it the City? Quick Charge or a simple charger?

Mr. Fonseca not sure which company is installing the chargers they are just providing the transformer. Wasn't involved in the work. Not aware of either.

Granted by a hand vote. Councilors Minichiello and Tavares absent.

335. (HEARINGS CONT.)

Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc to install 1 JO pole on Main Street beginning at a point approximately 43 feet South of the centerline of the intersection of Grand Street. Pole 56 on Main Street is being relocated approximately +/- 14 in order to widen parking lot entrance for new establishment.

President Thompson opened the Hearing.

Kalvin Fonseca from National Grid appeared in favor of the petition and was there to answer any questions.

Robert M. Fabian 103 Hancock St. Abington, Ma an Electrical Foreman for A+ Electric and is in favor of this petition. Just wanted to add its 14feet not 14inches and its being move to the North.

No one was in opposition.

President Thompson closed the hearing.

Granted by a hand vote. Councilors Minichiello and Tavares absent.

Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc to install 1 JO pole on Oak Street beginning at a point approximately 410 feet East of the centerline of the intersection of Campanelli Industrial Drive. New midspan pole 66-75 will be installed between pole 67 and 66-50. Pole 66-75 will be a riser pole to power new switchgear on Chatham West.

President Thompson opened the Hearing.

Kalvin Fonseca from National Grid appeared in favor of the petition and was there to answer any questions.

No one was in opposition.

President Thompson closed the hearing.

Granted by a hand vote. Councilors Minichiello and Tavares absent.

REPORTS:

905.Of the Ordinance Committee for its meeting of April 3, 2025.

Accepted and placed on file.

906.Of the Finance Committee for its meeting of April 7, 2025.

Accepted and placed on file.

COMMUNICATIONS:

907.From the Mayor reappointing Jocelyn Meek of 140 Copeland Street, Brockton, MA 02301 to the Brockton Public Library Board of Trustees for a three-year term ending in March 2028.

Accepted and placed on file.

908. From the Mayor reappointing Margaret Mone of 10 Braemoor Road, Brockton, MA 02301 to the Brockton Public Library Board of Trustees for a three-year term ending in April 2028.

336. (COMMUNICATIONS CONT.)

Accepted and placed on file.

909.From the Mayor reappointing Ruby J. Clay of 607 Summer Street, Brockton, MA 02301 to the Brockton Conservation Committee for a three-year ending in April 2028.

Accepted and placed on file.

910.From the Mayor in accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council authorize the transfer of \$476,000.00. This transfer is to make the final payment for the school deficit investigation.

Accepted and placed on file.

911.From the CFO in accordance with Section 5 of Chapter 324 of the Acts of 1990, certifying that the financial resources and revenues of the City of Brockton are and will continue to be adequate to support the total proposed transfer of \$476,000.00, without a detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services. This transfer is to make the final payment for the school deficit investigation.

Accepted and placed on file.

912.From the Mayor in accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council authorize the acceptance and expenditure of the grant award in the amount of \$92,000.00 from the Executive Office of Administration and Finance to the Information Technology Department. These funds are a part of the Community Compact Cabinet's (CCC) Information Technology Grant Program.

Accepted and placed on file.

913.From the CFO in accordance with Section 5 of Chapter 324 of the Acts of 1990, certifying the financial resources and revenues of the City of Brockton are and will continue to be adequate to support the acceptance and expenditure of the grant award in the amount of \$92,000.00 from the Executive Office of Administration and Finance to the Information Technology Department, without detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services. These funds are a part of the Community Compact Cabinet's (CCC) Information Technology Grant Program.

Accepted and placed on file.

914.From the Building Commissioner requesting approval to use \$4,964.92 FY25 funds to pay for 10 bills from fiscal years 23 and 24. They currently have sufficient funding in Fire/Security line item to cover these expenses.

Accepted and placed on file.

915.From the Mayor in accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council authorize the approval of prior year unpaid bills in the amount of \$4,964.92. In order to pay for unpaid invoices from FY24.

Accepted and placed on file.

916.From the CFO in accordance with Section 5 of Chapter 324 of the Acts of 1990, certifying that the financial resources and revenues of the City of Brockton are and will continue to be adequate to support approval of prior year unpaid bills in the amount of \$4,964.92, without a detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services. In order to pay for unpaid invoices from FY24.

Accepted and placed on file.

Councilor Derenoncourt stepped out.

337. (COMMUNICATIONS CONT.)

917. From the Mayor in accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council authorize the acceptance and expenditure of the grant award in the amount of \$12,000.00 from the National Environmental Health Association to the Inspectional Services Department. These funds are a part of the Retail Flexible Funding Model (RRFM) Grant Program.

Accepted and placed on file.

918. From the CFO in accordance with Section 5 of Chapter 324 of the Acts of 1990, certifying that the financial resources and revenues of the City of Brockton are and will continue to be adequate to support the acceptance and expenditure of the grant award in the amount of \$12,000.00 from the National Environmental Health Association to the Inspectional Services Department, without detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services. These funds are a part of the Retail Flexible Funding Model (RRFM) Grant Program.

Accepted and placed on file.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

597. Ordinance: An Ordinance to establish the Immunization Revolving Fund in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44 Section 53E ½ relative to reimbursements and expenditures for the administration of vaccines. (FAVORABLE)

Passed to a third reading by a hand vote. Councilor Derenoncourt not present. Councilors Minichiello and Tavares absent.

741. Ordinance: An Ordinance Amending the Ordinance Prohibiting Camping on Public Property to strike Section 8 penalty for violations relative to criminal complaints. (UNFAVORABLE)

Failed to a third reading by a hand vote. Councilor Derenoncourt not present. Councilors Minichiello and Tavares absent.

743. Ordinance: An Ordinance Amending the Ordinance Prohibiting Camping on Public Property to amend Section 6 “Removal Process and Enforcement”, Section 2 “Definitions” and Section 8 “penalty for violations.” (FAVORABLE AS AMENDED)

Passed to a third reading as amended by a hand vote. Councilor Derenoncourt not present. Councilors Minichiello and Tavares absent.

891. Ordered: That the City Council re-authorize the War Memorial Revolving Fund for the purpose of funding custodial fees. The Revolving Fund shall receive payments for the rental of the auditorium. Expenditures from the War Memorial Revolving Fund shall be made on the authority and direction of the Building Superintendent, provided that no more than twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) may be so expended without further appropriation from the War Memorial Revolving Fund during FY26. The Building Superintendent shall comply with the reporting requirements of M.G.L., Ch 44. Section 53E ½. (FAVORABLE)

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”, eight members present and all voting in the affirmative. Councilor Derenoncourt not present. Councilors Minichiello and Tavares absent.

338. (UNFINISHED BUSINESS CONT.)

892.Ordered: That the City Council re-authorize the Vacant and Abandoned Buildings Revolving Fund for the purpose of maintaining the Abandoned Building Registry, as well as the closing, boarding up and care of vacant and abandoned buildings. The Vacant and Abandoned Building Revolving Fund shall receive the receipts of payments of fines and fees for the registration of vacant and abandoned buildings. Expenditures from the Vacant and Abandoned Buildings Revolving Fund shall be made on the authority and direction of the Building Superintendent, provided that no more than two hundred and fifty thousand (\$250,000) may be so expended without further appropriation from the Vacant and Abandoned Building Revolving Fund during FY26. The Building Superintendent shall comply with the reporting requirements of M.G.L., Ch 44. Section 53E ½. (FAVORABLE)

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”, eight members present and all voting in the affirmative. Councilor Derenoncourt not present. Councilors Minichiello and Tavares absent.

Councilor Tavares stepped in.

893.Ordered: That the City Council re-authorize the Demolition Revolving Fund for the purpose of helping to fund cost in connection with demolition of buildings in the City of Brockton. The fund shall receive the receipts of payments of all demolition charges of the City of Brockton. Expenditures from the Demolition Revolving fund shall be made on the authority and direction of the Building Superintendent, with the written approval of the Mayor, provided that no more than one hundred and ten thousand (\$110,000) may be so expended without further appropriation from the Demolition Revolving Fund during FY26. The Building Superintendent shall comply with the reporting requirements of M.G.L., Ch 44. Section 53E ½. (FAVORABLE)

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”, nine members present and all voting in the affirmative. Councilor Derenoncourt not present. Councilors Minichiello absent.

894.Ordered: That the City Council re-authorize Transportation Program Revolving Fund for FY26, for the purpose of maintaining the transportation of residents ages 60 and older in the City of Brockton. The Transportation Program Revolving Fund shall receive the receipts of payments of donations and fees for transportation. Expenditures from the Transportation Revolving Fund shall be made on the authority and direction of the Director of the Council on Aging, provided that no more than five hundred thousand (\$500,000) may be so expended without further appropriation from the Transportation Revolving Fund during the FY26. The Director of the Council on Aging shall comply with the reporting requirements of M.G.L., Ch 44. Section 53E ½. (FAVORABLE)

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”, nine members present and all voting in the affirmative. Councilor Derenoncourt not present. Councilors Minichiello absent.

895. Ordered: That the City Council re-authorize Comcast Revolving Fund for FY26, from all cash receipts from Comcast franchise fees, in excess of six hundred and seventy-five thousand (\$675,000), pursuant to the cable license contract, and that further, that the expenditure from this fund shall not exceed seven hundred and fifty (\$750,000) without further appropriation, during Fiscal Year 2026. (FAVORABLE)

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”, nine members present and all voting in the affirmative. Councilor Derenoncourt not present. Councilors Minichiello absent.

896.Ordered: That the following named sum be and the same is hereby transferred as the same was submitted by the Mayor as follows:

Transfer of: \$10,000.00

339. (UNFINISHED BUSINESS CONT.)

FROM: AUDITOR – PART TIME SALARIES	\$10,000.00
TO: AUDITOR – GOODS AND SUPPLIES (FAVORABLE)	\$10,000.00

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”, nine members present and all voting in the affirmative. Councilor Derenoncourt not present. Councilors Minichiello absent.

897.Ordered: That the City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of the total grant funds in the amount of \$500,000.00.

FROM: MASSACHUSETTS CLEAN ENERGY CENTER	\$500,000.00
TO: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (FAVORABLE)	\$500,000.00

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”, nine members present and all voting in the affirmative. Councilor Derenoncourt not present. Councilors Minichiello absent.

898.Resolve: Be it resolved by the Brockton City Council to invite Kevin Sullivan of Leftfield Project Management to appear before the Finance Committee to discuss and provide an update on the current status of the Brockton High School renovation project.
(FAVORABLE)

Adopted by a hand vote. Councilor Derenoncourt not present. Councilors Minichiello absent.

899.Resolve: Be it resolved by the Brockton City Council to invite Edmund Starzec of the Charter Contracting Group to appear before the Finance Committee to provide an update on the Brockton Yards development at the CSX/ Downtown Trout Brook property.
(FAVORABLE)

Adopted by a hand vote. Councilor Derenoncourt not present. Councilors Minichiello absent.

ORDERS:

919.Ordered: That the following named sum be and the same is hereby transferred as the same was submitted by the Mayor as follows:

Transfer of: \$476,000.00

FROM: LIBRARY - PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OT	\$200,000.00
AUDITOR – PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OT	\$100,000.00
BOARD OF HEALTH – PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OT	\$150,000.00
MAYOR – PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OT	\$26,000.00
TO: LAW – PURCHASE OF SERVICE	\$476,000.00

Referred to Finance

340. (ORDERS CONT.)

920.Ordered: That the City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of the total grant funds in the amount of \$92,000.00.

FROM: EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE \$92,000.00

TO: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT	\$92,000.00
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Referred to Finance

921.Ordered: In accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council approve the expenditure of \$4,964.92.

FROM: PUBLIC PROPERTY – PURCHASE OF SERVICE	\$4,964.92
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TO: SECURITAS TECHNOLOGY CORP.	\$2,665.42
WESTECH	\$2299.50

Referred to Finance

922.Ordered: That the City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of the total grant funds in the amount of \$12,000.00.

FROM: NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION \$12,000.00

TO: INSPECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT	\$12,000.00
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Referred to Finance

Councilor Derenoncourt stepped back in.

LATE FILE

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

923.RESOLVE: Be it resolved by the Brockton City Council to invite Plymouth County Commissioner Gregory Hanley and Marc R. Pacheco, former Massachusetts State Senator and current President and CEO of the Transatlantic Climate Alliance (“TCA”), to appear before the Finance Committee to discuss opportunities for the City of Brockton to affiliate with TCA, to inform the City of the TCA’s 1st international conference to be held in the City of Brockton, and to share and discuss opportunities for the City of Brockton to be a manufacturing, innovation and technological center in the green and blue economy.

Referred to Finance

Councilor's Recognition

President Thompson: eminder that Finance Committee Meeting will be on Tuesday April 21, 2025 at 7PM due to Monday being a holiday.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:23PM

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. Recommendations are based on reports from committees.