

City of Fall River Massachusetts

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

MEETING: October 14, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, One Government Center

PRESENT: President Joseph D. Camara, presiding;
Councilors Shawn E. Cadime, Michelle M. Dionne, Paul B. Hart,
Bradford L. Kilby, Linda M. Pereira, Cliff Ponte, Andrew J. Raposo
and Ricky T. Tith

ABSENT: None

IN ATTENDANCE: None

President Camara called the meeting to order at 8:47 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS – INVITATIONS – PETITIONS

Review of City Council Executive Session Minutes

- Discussion to review and approve the Executive Session Minutes from the July 28, 2020, Committee on Finance Meeting. Anticipated executive session pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(4) to discuss the deployment of security personnel or devices, and/or strategies with respect thereto.
- Discussion to review and approve the Executive Session Minutes from the June 22, 2021, Regular Meeting of the City Council. Anticipated executive session pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(4) to discuss the deployment of security personnel or devices, and/or strategies with respect thereto.

Councilor Cadime stated that the minutes are a public document and suggested that Corporation Counsel review and appropriately redact the minutes in accordance with the Open Meeting Law to remove any information relating to policing strategies that should not be disclosed. Councilor Dionne stated that the meetings were held in executive session due to the discussion of law enforcement protocols and expressed concern about releasing the minutes, as many of these protocols are still in place. A motion was made by Councilor Dionne and seconded by Councilor Hart to not disclose the minutes. President Camara expressed concern regarding what could or could not be redacted as it would be at the discretion of Corporation Counsel. Councilor Hart asked if these minutes would be released after approval and Councilor Cadime explained that if the approved minutes are referred to Corporation Counsel for redaction, the redacted minutes could be released following the City Council's review of those redacted minutes. The City Clerk also read portions of the Open Meeting Law related to the review and potential release of executive session minutes and clarified that law does allow for a "portion" of the minutes to be released, if it was determined that continued non-disclosure of the remaining text was warranted. Councilor Cadime agreed and reiterated that the minutes must be released, but that redactions are allowed when appropriate per M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(4).

Councilors Hart and Kilby requested the presence of Corporation Counsel and the City Clerk stated he could be invited to the next meeting if that was the will of the City Council. Councilor Dionne requested further clarification as to why the City Council's review of these minutes was necessary. The City Clerk stated that a request for copies of City Council executive session minutes was received. Vice President Pereira agreed that many of the strategies discussed within the minutes are still ongoing, and that the text within the minutes should be appropriately redacted to avoid disclosure of public safety protocols. Councilor Raposo and the City Clerk held a brief discussion regarding qualifying topics to be discussed within an executive session meeting and the City Clerk explained that discussions of "deployment of security personnel or devices, or strategies with respect thereto;" was the purpose for these two executive session meetings. Councilor Raposo asked if the delay that will occur by referring the approved minutes to Corporation Counsel for review would place the City in violation of the request, as there is a time limit for a response. The City Clerk stated that October 22, 2025 would be the deadline for the thirty-day response requirement for this request, but that the individual who requested the minutes could be contacted to determine if an extension would be possible. Councilor Dionne then withdrew her motion to not disclose the minutes.

On a motion made by Councilor Cadime and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was voted 9 yeas to approve the minutes. On a further motion made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by Councilor Cadime, it was voted 9 yeas to refer both sets of minutes to Corporation Counsel for redaction of the text relating to "deployment of security personnel or devices, or strategies with respect thereto" and to request that the redacted minutes be returned to the City Council for review of those redactions as soon as possible.

A brief discussion was held regarding the need for a Special Meeting of the City Council to address the matter in a timely manner and that Corporation Counsel should attend the next meeting when these minutes are discussed. Councilor Ponte asked if the minutes should be tabled until a response is received from Corporation Counsel. Council President Joseph D. Camara stated that the minutes did not need to be tabled, as they have been approved and were being referred to Corporation Counsel for his recommended redactions to the City Council.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was voted 9 yeas to adjourn the executive session portion of the Regular Meeting of the City Council at 9:06 p.m.

On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Tith, it was voted 9 yeas to return the City Council meeting to open session at 9:06 p.m.

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:

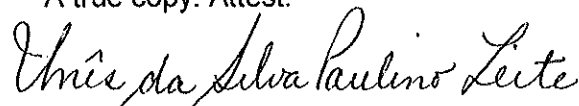
Agenda (attached)

Executive Session Minutes from the July 28, 2020 Committee on Finance Meeting

Executive Session Minutes from the June 22, 2021 Regular Meeting of the City Council

M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 22 Minutes of Meetings

A true copy. Attest:



City Clerk

In City Council, October 28, 2025
Approved.



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MEETINGS SCHEDULED
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, ONE GOVERNMENT CENTER
OCTOBER 14, 2025
AGENDA

5:55 P.M. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Curb Removals

1. Lincoln Development LLC, 60 Garside Street, Unit 6, for the removal of curbing as follows:

	Existing Opening	Curbing to be Removed	Curbing to be Added	Combined Opening Proposed After Alteration
439 Pine Street	16'	16'	0'	32'

The existing parcel is served by a 16-foot curb opening. The applicant proposes to construct a second 16-foot opening to allow for a new exit-only driveway. The total opening for the location will be 32 feet. The Site Plan Review has been successfully completed.

2. Ryan Wordell, 312 Mohawk Drive, Westport, MA, 02790, for the removal of curbing as follows:

	Existing Opening	Curbing to be Removed	Curbing to be Added	Combined Opening Proposed After Alteration
312 Mohawk Drive	24'	34'	0'	58'

The existing parcel is served by a 24-foot curb opening. The applicant proposes extending that opening by an additional 13 feet and to construct a second 21-foot opening to allow for a circular driveway. The total opening for the location will be 58 feet.

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Joint Pole Locations

3. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc, for one new jointly owned pole location as follows:

Currant Road

One (1) new jointly owned pole location

This petition is proposing to install one new, jointly owned Pole 10-50 on Currant Road, approximately 104 feet southwesterly from the centerline of the intersection of Robb Way and Currant Road. In accordance with Plan No. 31103964 (Petition A).

4. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc, for one new jointly owned pole location as follows:

Currant Road

One (1) new jointly owned pole location

This petition is proposing to install one new, jointly owned Pole 5-50 on Currant Road, approximately 29 feet southeasterly from the centerline of the intersection of Graham Road and Currant Road. In accordance with Plan No. 31103964 (Petition B).

5. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc, for one new jointly owned pole location as follows:

Riggenbach Road

One (1) new jointly owned pole location

This petition is proposing to install one new, jointly owned Pole 14-25 on Riggenbach Road, approximately 326 feet north-northeasterly from the centerline of the intersection of Currant Road and Riggenbach Road. In accordance with Plan No. 31103964 (Petition C).

6. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc, for one new jointly owned pole location as follows:

Whipple Street

One (1) new jointly owned pole location

This petition is proposing to install one new, jointly owned Pole 16-1 on the west side of Whipple Street approximately 30 feet westerly of existing Pole 16. In accordance with Plan No. 31188415.

7. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc, for one new jointly owned pole location as follows:

Stewart Street

One (1) new jointly owned pole location and anchor

This petition is proposing to install one new, jointly owned Pole 17 and anchor on the southerly side of Stewart Street, approximately 130 feet northwesterly of the existing Pole 62 on Robeson Street. The pole and anchor will be set between 411 and 429 Stewart Street on the sidewalk against curbing. In accordance with Plan No. 31188406.

8. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc, for one new jointly owned pole location as follows:

Brayton Avenue

One (1) new jointly owned pole location

This petition is proposing to install one new, jointly owned Pole 30-50 between existing Pole 30 and Pole 31 on Brayton Avenue. Pole 30-50 will be installed approximately 80 feet southeasterly of Pole 30 and 55 feet northwesterly of Pole 31. In accordance with Plan No. 31151394.

Joint Pole Relocations

9. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc, for relocating three jointly owned pole locations as follows:

Seventh Street

One (1) jointly owned pole relocation

Bedford Street

One (1) jointly owned pole relocation

Eighth Street

One (1) jointly owned pole relocation

This petition is proposing to relocate jointly owned poles on Seventh Street, Bedford Street and Eighth Street. Pole #5 on Seventh Street will be relocated 10 feet northerly of its existing location. Pole #14 on Bedford Street will be relocated 10 feet westerly of its existing location. Pole #2 on Eighth Street will be relocated 25 feet northerly of its existing location. Pole will remain in the sidewalk against the curbing. All old poles will be removed by Verizon New England, Inc. In accordance with Plan No. 31129934 dated May 29, 2025.

Solely Owned Pole Locations

10. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid for two new pole locations as follows:

Riggenbach Road

Two (2) new pole locations

This petition is proposing to install two new, solely owned poles on Riggenbach Road. Pole 12-50 will be installed at a point approximately 116 feet north-northeasterly of the centerline of the intersection of Currant Road and Riggenbach Road. Pole 13-50 will be installed approximately 97 feet northeasterly of Pole 12-50. In accordance with Plan No. 31103964 (Petition D).

11. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid for two new pole locations as follows:

Currant Road

Two (2) new pole locations

This petition is proposing to install two new, solely owned poles on Currant Road. Pole 0-50 will be installed at a point approximately 50 feet north-northwesterly of the centerline of the intersection of Riggenbach Road and Currant Road. Pole 0-84 will be installed approximately 72 feet southwesterly of Pole 12-50. In accordance with Plan No. 31103964 (Petition E).

6:00 P.M. CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON FINANCE MEETING (OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC HEARINGS IF THEY RUN PAST 6:00 P.M.)

1. Citizen Input
2. *Resolution – Administration prepare presentation to address the needs of City Parks and leagues, including football and baseball fields (tabled 2-14-2023)

7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL (OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE MEETING IF IT RUNS PAST 7:00 P.M.)

PRIORITY MATTERS

1. *Mayor and request for confirmation of the appointment of Bruce Oliveira to the position of Harbormaster
2. *Mayor and request for confirmation of the following appointments to the Historical Commission:
 - a. Caroline H. Aubin
 - b. Ryan Andrew Klein
3. *Mayor and gift order for donation of a limited edition print of the original painting of Captain Thomas J. Hudner, Jr., by Brian Fox, to Government Center, donated by Paul and Dona Burke, BayCoast Bank, St. Anne's Credit Union, Joseph and Joanne Marshall and Riverside Art
4. *Mayor and proposed ordinance re: salary amendments for the Director of Fall River Emergency Management Agency, Veterans' Grave Officer and Senior Aide
5. *Mayor and order establishing spending limits of Library Revolving Fund for Fiscal Year 2026

PRIORITY COMMUNICATIONS

6. *Communication from the Director of Human Resources re: investigation into concerns raised by the Veterans' Benefit Agent
7. *Board of Election Commissioners and warrant for Municipal Election scheduled for November 4, 2025
8. *Traffic Commission recommending amendments to the traffic ordinances

COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

ORDINANCES

Second reading and enrollment

9. *Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, Miscellaneous
Handicapped parking removals
 - County Street, West, 22 feet north of Barnes Street
 - Fielden Street, East, 44 feet south of Pleasant Street
 - Slade Street, North, 119 feet west of Church Street

RESOLUTIONS

10. *Committee on Finance convene with the Administration, the City Engineer/Planner and Corporation Counsel to discuss potential restrictions being placed on housing developments and the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation convene with the same parties to discuss the creation of a proposed ordinance to insert said restrictions into the City Code

CITATIONS

11. Lori Ann Rita – 43 years of dedicated service to the Fall River Police Department
12. Ana Riley – 2026 Rhode Island Superintendent of the Year

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ORDERS – HEARINGS

Curb Removals

13. Lincoln Development LLC, 60 Garside Street, Unit 6 – Removal of 16 feet for a total opening of 32 feet at 439 Pine Street
14. Ryan Wordell, 312 Mohawk Drive, Westport, MA, 02790 – Removal of 34 feet for a total opening of 58 feet at 312 Mohawk Drive

Joint Pole Locations

15. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc., for the following:
 - a. Currant Road (Petition A) – One (1) new jointly owned pole
 - b. Currant Road (Petition B) – One (1) new jointly owned pole
 - c. Riggerbach Road (Petition C) – One (1) new jointly owned pole
 - d. Whipple Street – One (1) new jointly owned pole
 - e. Stewart Street – One (1) new jointly owned pole and anchor
 - f. Brayton Avenue – One (1) new jointly owned pole

Joint Pole Relocations

16. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc. for the following:
 - Seventh Street – One (1) new jointly owned pole relocation
 - Bedford Street – One (1) new jointly owned pole relocation
 - Eighth Street – One (1) new jointly owned pole relocation

Solely Owned Pole Locations

17. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid for the following:
 - a. Riggerbach Road (Petition D) – Two (2) new pole locations
 - b. Currant Road (Petition E) – Two (2) new pole locations

ORDERS – MISCELLANEOUS

18. Auto Body Shop License Renewal
Gabrielle Cabral d/b/a Competitive Auto Body & Sales, 1021 Locust Street
19. Auto Repair Shop License Renewal
Wayne Senechal d/b/a Wayne's Auto and Performance, 122 Lowell Street
20. Police Chief's Report on Licenses
Taxicab Drivers
Domingos Almeida, Jr. Melissa Carvalho Justin Schultz

COMMUNICATIONS – INVITATIONS – PETITIONS

21. *Claims
22. *Fall River Public Library Annual Report – Fiscal Year 2025
23. *Letter from City resident regarding enforcement of City ordinances
24. Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes – August 21, 2025
25. Drainlayer Licenses
Daniels Asphalt Services, Inc.
DB & Son Excavating, Inc.

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City Council Minutes

- 26. *Public Hearings – September 9, 2025
- 27. *Committee on Finance – September 9, 2025
- 28. *Committee on Finance – September 23, 2025
- 29. *Regular Meeting of the City Council – September 9, 2025
- 30. *Regular Meeting of the City Council – September 23, 2025

BULLETINS – NEWSLETTERS – NOTICES

- 31. *Department of Public Utilities, Notice of public hearing and request for comments re: Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid for authorization to issue long-term debt securities in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1.4 billion; an exemption from advertising requirements; and an exemption from the par value requirements of M.G.L. Ch. 164 §15A
- 32. *Department of Public Utilities, Notice of filing and rescheduled public hearing (Fall River) re: Petition of Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp. d/b/a Liberty for approval of a general increase in base distribution rates for gas service and a performance-based ratemaking plan

ANTICIPATED EXECUTIVE SESSION

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