

City of Fall River Massachusetts

Office of the City Clerk

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CHELSEA PACHECO
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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: Fellisha Desmarais, Library Administrator

President Camara called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by a salute to the flag and announced that the meeting may be recorded with audio or video and transmitted through any medium.

PRIORITY MATTERS

1. Mayor and request for confirmation of the appointment of Bruce Oliveira to the position of Harbormaster

Councilor Raposo requested clarification as to why this appointment was occurring and the City Clerk explained that the former Harbormaster resigned. On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Kilby, it was unanimously voted to confirm the appointment.

2. Mayor and request for confirmation of the following appointments to the Historical Commission:
 - a. Caroline H. Aubin

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to confirm the appointment.

- b. Ryan Andrew Klein

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to confirm the appointment.

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

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order.

Approved, October 15, 2025

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

4. Mayor and proposed ordinance re: salary amendments for the Director of Fall River Emergency Management Agency, Veterans' Grave Officer and Senior Aide
On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to refer the proposed ordinance to the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation.

5. Mayor and order establishing spending limits of Library Revolving Fund for Fiscal Year 2026

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to waive the rules to allow Fellisha Desmarais, Library Administrator, to answer questions. Councilor Raposo inquired as to why the Bookmobile was no longer visiting schools as frequently as in the past. Ms. Desmarais explained that, in order to qualify for additional funding from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Bookmobile must provide a certain number of public service hours and that trips to schools are not open to the general public. The Library Administrator explained that, due to this funding requirement, the Bookmobile has been attending more public events, such as food festivals and farmers' markets. Ms. Desmarais also stated that the Bookmobile is designed to share information regarding the services offered by the Fall River Public Library, but is limited in what it can provide and that students should be encouraged to visit the library building. Councilor Raposo expressed concern as many students do not have access to transportation to visit the library, but stated that he understood the funding requirements of public engagement. Councilor Raposo requested that the Library Administrator provide a schedule to the City Councilors regarding the Bookmobile's locations over the next few months and Ms. Desmarais stated that she would forward that information as soon as possible.

Councilor Cadime stated that he had requested updates from the Director of City Operations regarding various updates at the Fall River Public Library, including the installation of surveillance cameras, a new heating system, ventilation and air conditioning system and the repointing of the roof due to ongoing leaks. Councilor Cadime stated that he submitted this request a few months ago but has not received that information. On a motion made by Councilor Cadime and seconded by Councilor Dionne, it was unanimously voted that the City Council send a letter to the Administration regarding these matters, a copy of which is attached and hereto made a part of these minutes. On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order.

Approved, October 15, 2025

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

PRIORITY COMMUNICATIONS

6. Communication from the Director of Human Resources re: investigation into concerns raised by the Veterans' Benefit Agent

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted that the communication be accepted and placed on file.

7. Board of Election Commissioners and warrant for Municipal Election scheduled for November 4, 2025

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to adopt the warrant.

Approved, October 15, 2025

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

8. Traffic Commission recommending amendments to the traffic ordinances
On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to refer the recommendations to the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation.

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

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted that the proposed ordinance be passed through second reading and enrollment. On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted that the proposed ordinance be passed to be ordained.

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

Councilor Cadime stated that affordability and gentrification within all municipalities within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is an ongoing issue and that this resolution is intended to start the discussion of various methods that can be considered to ease the housing cost burden on the residents of Fall River. On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to adopt the resolution.

CITATIONS

11. Lori Ann Rita – 43 years of dedicated service to the Fall River Police Department
On a motion made by Councilor Kilby and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to adopt the citation.

12. Ana Riley – 2026 Rhode Island Superintendent of the Year
On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to adopt the citation.

ORDERS – HEARINGS

14. Ryan Wordell, 312 Mohawk Drive, Westport, MA, 02790 – Removal of 34 feet for a total opening of 58 feet at 312 Mohawk Drive

On a motion made by Councilor Dionne and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to take item 14 out of order, and to refer the order to the Committee on Public Works and Transportation.

On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to take items 13, 15, 16 and 17 together.

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

Joint Pole Locations

15. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc., for the following:
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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

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Dionne, it was unanimously voted to adopt the orders.

Approved, October 15, 2025

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

ORDERS – MISCELLANEOUS

18. Auto Body Shop License Renewal

Gabrielle Cabral d/b/a Competitive Auto Body & Sales, 1021 Locust Street

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order.

Approved, October 15, 2025

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

19. Auto Repair Shop License Renewal

Wayne Senechal d/b/a Wayne's Auto and Performance, 122 Lowell Street

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order.

Approved, October 15, 2025

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

20. Police Chief's Report on Licenses

Taxicab Drivers

Domingos Almeida, Jr. Melissa Carvalho Justin Schultz

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Dionne, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order.

COMMUNICATIONS – INVITATIONS – PETITIONS

21. Claims

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to refer the claims to Corporation Counsel.

22. Fall River Public Library Annual Report – Fiscal Year 2025

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted that the report be accepted and placed on file.

23. Letter from City resident regarding enforcement of City ordinances

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted that the communication be referred to the Committee on Public Safety and that copies of the communication be forwarded to the Police Chief, the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Inspector of Buildings.

24. Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes – August 21, 2025

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted that the minutes be accepted and placed on file.

25. Drainlayer Licenses

Daniels Asphalt Services, Inc.

DB & Son Excavating, Inc.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to approve the drainlayer licenses.

On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to take items 26 through 30 together.

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

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes.

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

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted that the notice be accepted and placed on file.

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

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted that the notice be accepted and placed on file.

A brief recess was held from 8:41 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. for signing of an ordinance and the election warrant.

ANTICIPATED EXECUTIVE SESSION

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.

On a motion made by Councilor Kilby and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was voted 7 yeas, 2 nays, to enter Executive Session, with President Camara and Councilor Dionne voting in the negative.

President Camara read the following statement aloud: "Certain aspects of policing strategies should not be publicized to the community and the purpose of this executive session is to review the minutes of the Committee on Finance meeting held on July 28, 2020 and the Regular Meeting of the City Council held on June 22, 2021 pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a) (4). The City Council will return to open session and announce whether the determination of their review was to disclose the minutes or to continue the non-disclosure."

President Camara then requested that all non-participants exit the Council Chamber and that the audio and video recordings be discontinued. The City Council entered Executive Session at 8:47 p.m.

The City Council returned to open session at 9:06 p.m.

President Camara announced that, during Executive Session, the City Council voted to refer the approved minutes to Corporation Counsel for review and to perform necessary redactions. President Camara further stated that the City Council voted to request that Corporation Counsel return the redacted minutes to the City Council as soon as possible for the City Council's review and potential disclosure.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:08 p.m.

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:
Agenda packet (attached)

A true copy. Attest:



City Clerk

In City Council, October 28, 2025
Approved.



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October 17, 2025

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor
City of Fall River
One Government Center
Fall River, MA 02722

Dear Mayor Coogan:

At the Regular Meeting of the City Council held on October 14, 2025, a discussion was held regarding necessary updates and repairs that were planned for the Fall River Public Library, including the installation of surveillance cameras, updates to the heating, ventilation and air-conditioning system and the repointing of the roof to prevent future water leaks within the structure.

On a motion made by Councilor Cadime and seconded by Councilor Dionne, it was unanimously voted that the City Council send a letter to the Administration requesting an update on these matters and send a response to the City Council as soon as possible.

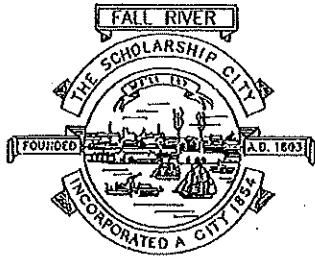
The Fall River Public Library is an integral part of the community and provides important services, events and education to those within the Greater Fall River area. The City Council looks forward to your response with these updates, including completed, on-going and future renovation projects to improve and preserve this historic structure.

Very truly yours,

Inês da Silva Paulino Leite
City Clerk

cc: Michael P. Dion, Interim City Administrator/
Executive Director of the Community Development Agency
Al Oliveira, Director of City Operations

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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.

ADA Coordinator: Gary P. Howayeck, Esq. 508-324-2650

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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.)

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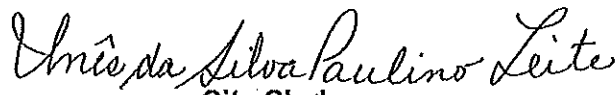
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City Clerk

City of Fall River, *In City Council*

FINANCE 2

(Committee on Human Services, Housing, Youth and Elder Affairs)

WHEREAS, City parks are in need of repair, and

WHEREAS, many baseball and football leagues are independent and do fundraising on their own, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee on Finance convene with the Administration to discuss the needs of City parks and the needs of leagues, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Administration and Park Board be invited to a future meeting of the Committee on Finance to discuss how to improve our City parks, baseball and football fields as well as bring forward, in conjunction with the baseball and football leagues, any immediate capital needs for our City parks, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that bids be obtained and a cost provided to the Committee on Finance for a strategic Master Plan for all parks and that it be researched whether Open Space and Recreational grant funding is available for these improvements.

In City Council, January 24, 2023
Adopted.

A true copy. Attest:

Alison M. Bouchard
City Clerk

Tabled 2-14-2023



**City of Fall River
Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor**

PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

October 2, 2025

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FALL RIVER, MA

Council President and
Honorable Members of the City Council
City of Fall River
One Government Center
Fall River, MA 02722

Dear Council President and Members of the Honorable Council:

I hereby request confirmation from the City Council of the following appointment:

Name: Bruce Oliveira (FRPD)

Address 685 Pleasant Street
Fall River, MA 02723

Position: Harbormaster

Replacing: Jose Barbosa (FRPD)

Term Expires: April 27, 2027

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

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City of Fall River
Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor

PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

October 8, 2025

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FALL RIVER, MA

Council President and
Honorable Members of the City Council
City of Fall River
One Government Center
Fall River, MA 02722

Dear Council President and Members of the Honorable Council:

I hereby request confirmation from the City Council of the following appointment:

Name: Caroline H. Aubin

Address 37 Wingold Street
Fall River, MA 02720

Position: Historical Commission

Replacing: Jason Bouchard Nawrocki

Term Expires: June 21, 2028

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

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PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

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FALL RIVER, MA

October 8, 2025

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City of Fall River
One Government Center
Fall River, MA 02722

Dear Council President and Members of the Honorable Council:

I hereby request confirmation from the City Council of the following appointment:

Name: Ryan Andrew Klein

Address 147 Lincoln Avenue
Fall River, MA 02720

Position: Historical Commission

Term Expires: October 8, 2028

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

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PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

City of Fall River
Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor

September 23, 2025

Council President
Members of the Honorable Council
City of Fall River
One Government Center
Fall River, MA 02722

Dear Council President and Members of the Honorable Council,

I respectfully request your approval to accept a donation of a limited addition print of the Brian Fox original painting of Captain Thomas J. Hudner, Jr. that hangs in the newly dedicated Captain Thomas J. Hudner, Jr. Memorial Building at Heritage State Park. This print has been donated by Paul and Dona Burke, BayCoast Bank, St. Anne's Credit Union, Joseph and Joanne Marshall, and Riverside Art and will hang in the lobby of Government Center.

Thank you for your consideration with this request.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

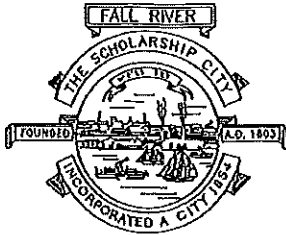
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City of Fall River, *In City Council*

ORDERED, that under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53A 1/2, the City of Fall River be, and the same is hereby authorized to accept a donation of a newly dedicated, limited edition print of the original painting of Captain Thomas J. Hudner, Jr., by Brian Fox, to be displayed within the lobby of Fall River Government Center, donated by Paul and Dona Burke, BayCoast Bank, St. Anne's Credit Union, Joseph and Joanne Marshall and Riverside Art.



PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

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October 7, 2025

The Honorable City Council
City of Fall River
One Government Center
Fall River, MA 02722

Re: Salary Schedule Updates – Sections 50-303 - 50-310.1

Dear Honorable Council Members:

Section 50-303 of the City of Fall River Ordinances includes the salary schedule for political appointments and boards/committee. Section 50-310.1 includes the salary schedule for miscellaneous personnel. The attached request updates several classifications in each section to reflect changes in duties and workload, and to allow the City to be competitive with recruitment and staffing.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this, please feel free to contact me.

Best Regards,

Paul E. Coogan,
Mayor

City of Fall River, *In City Council*

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Fall River, as follows:

That Chapter 50 of the Code of the City of Fall River, Massachusetts, 2018, which chapter relates to personnel be amended as follows:

Section 1.

By striking out in Section 50-303, which section relates to salary schedules for political appointments and boards/committees, the following:

	Grade	Effective Date	Rate
Director of Fall River Emergency Management Agency	FREM	7/1/2022	\$25,000 per annum
Veterans' Grave Officer	GRAV	7/1/2017	\$300 per annum

and inserting in place thereof the following:

	Grade	Effective Date	Rate
Director of Fall River Emergency Management Agency	FREM	11/1/2025	Not to exceed \$35,000 per annum
Veterans' Grave Officer	GRAV	11/1/2025	Not to exceed \$5,000 per annum

Section 2.

By striking out Section 50-310.1, which section relates to miscellaneous salary schedules, the following:

	Grade	Effective Date	Hourly Rate
Senior Aide	MW38	7/1/2017	\$11.00

and inserting in place thereof the following:

	Grade	Effective Date	Hourly Rate
Senior Aide	MW38	11/1/2025	Not to exceed \$20.00



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PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

October 8, 2025

The Honorable City Council
City of Fall River
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Fall River, MA 02722

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FALL RIVER, MA

Dear Honorable Council Members:

Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, § 53E½ require spending limits be established for revolving funds for use by the City, departments, boards, committees, agencies and officers in connection with the operation of programs or activities that generate fees, charges or other receipts to support all or some of the expenses of those programs or activities.

Your approval of the associated appropriation order is respectfully requested to establish authorized spending limits for the newly established Revolving Fund for FY2026:

Library	\$20,000	Library Programs
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Should you have any questions or concerns in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact Emily Arpke or me.

Best Regards,

Paul E. Coogan
Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

City of Fall River, *In City Council*

Ordered, that under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½, the City of Fall River by vote of the City Council, hereby establishes authorized spending limits for the following Revolving Fund for FY2026:

Library

\$20,000

Library Programs



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September 25, 2025

City Council President Joseph Camara
City of Fall River
One Government Center
Fall River, MA 02722

Dear Council President Camara:

Please accept this letter as notice that following the City Council meeting on September 9, 2025, I met with Veterans Benefit Agent Talos Farris regarding concerns he raised during citizens' input. Consistent with the City's investigation procedures, a full investigation will be conducted. As this matter involves allegations against an elected official(s), an independent investigator will conduct the investigation. Any City Councilor contacted by the investigator is expected to fully cooperate with all aspects of the investigation.

As a reminder, employees are prohibited from taking retaliation against any employee for reporting a possible deviation from City policy, or for cooperating in a workplace investigation. If it is determined that inappropriate conduct has been committed by one of our employees, we will take such action as is appropriate under the circumstances. This is the only update you will receive regarding this matter as it is the City of Fall River's policy not to discuss personnel issues.

Respectfully,

Nick Macolini
Director of Human Resources



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CITY OF FALL RIVER

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Joseph D. Camara, President
Honorable Members of the City Council
One Government Center
Fall River, MA. 02722

Dear Honorable City Councilors,

In accordance with the General Laws of the Commonwealth *Chapter 54, Section 64*, I respectfully request that you vote to accept and sign the attached Warrant for the Biennial Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025. The accompanying order shall state that voters will cast their ballots for the Offices of Mayor, City Council, and School Committee.

Warrants shall be posted as public notice at each of the city's twenty-seven (27) polling precincts. The polls will be open on Election Day from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Sincerely,

Ryan Lyons
Chairman & Director
Chief Elections Official
Board of Elections Dept.

City of Fall River, *In City Council*

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ORDERED, that in accordance with the provisions of law, the City Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to cause notices to be given that meetings of the voters of the city qualified to vote at a Municipal Election, to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, in the several polling places designated by this Council, to cast their votes for the nomination of candidates for:

Mayor
City Council
School Committee

and any questions that may appear on the ballot, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the Board of Election Commissioners be and the same are hereby authorized and empowered to cause all necessary rooms, fixtures, apparatus, and supplies for the holding of the municipal election to be prepared and furnished for the same, the cost of the same to be charged to the appropriation for elections.

The polls to be opened from seven o'clock A.M. to eight o'clock P.M. and all polling places to be used.



Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

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Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

October 9, 2025

The Honorable City Council
City of Fall River
One Government Center
Fall River, MA 02720

Honorable Council Members:

At a meeting of the Traffic Board Commission held on Wednesday September 17, 2025 the following request met all the guidelines, requirements and was approved by the Traffic Commission Board.

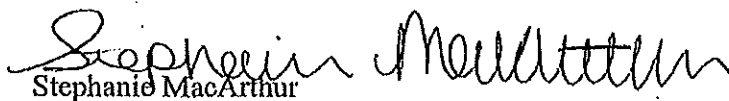
That Chapter 70 of Revised Ordinances be amended in the following Section:

Article: 70
Section: 281 One Way Street

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following:

Name of Street	Direction of Travel	Location
Lindsey Street	North	Between President Ave and Brownell Street

Very truly yours,


Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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**CITY OF FALL RIVER
MASSACHUSETTS**

Traffic & Parking Division

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic

September 22, 2025

The Honorable City Council
City of Fall River
One Government Center
Fall River, MA 02722

Honorable Council Members:

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At a meeting of the Traffic Board Commission held on Wednesday, September 17, 2025 the following request met all the guidelines, requirements and was approved by the Traffic Commission Board.

That Chapter 70 of Revised Ordinances be amended in the following Section:

Article:	70	1 Hour Parking Only
Section:	375	Monday thru Friday
		9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following.

INSERT

Name of Street	Side	Location	Hours/Days
Pleasant St	North	Starting at a point 20 feet West of Thomas Street Distance of 20 feet West.	1 Hour Parking Only Monday thru Friday 9:30a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Very truly yours,

Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic

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Traffic & Parking Division



Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

September 22, 2025

The Honorable City Council
City of Fall River
One Government Center
Fall River, MA 02720

Honorable Council Members:

At a meeting of the Traffic Board Commission held on Wednesday, September 17, 2025 the following request met all the guidelines, requirements and was approved by the Traffic Commission Board.

That Chapter 70 of Revised Ordinances be amended in the following Section:

Article: 70
Section: 387 **HANDICAP PARKING**

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following:

INSERT

Name of Street	Side	Location
Baker Street	East	Starting at a point 138 feet South of Buffinton Street. For a distance of 20 feet South.

Very truly yours,


Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

September 22, 2025

The Honorable City Council
City of Fall River
One Government Center
Fall River, MA 02720

Honorable Council Members:

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That Chapter 70 of Revised Ordinances be amended in the following Section:

Article: 70
Section: 387 **HANDICAP PARKING**

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following:

INSERT

Name of Street	Side	Location
Dover Street	West	Starting at a point 73 feet South of Tecumseh Street. For a distance of 20 feet South.

Very truly yours,


Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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One Government Center
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Honorable Council Members:

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That Chapter 70 of Revised Ordinances be amended in the following Section:

Article: 70
Section: 387 **HANDICAP PARKING**

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following:

INSERT

Name of Street	Side	Location
South Almond Street	West	Starting at a point 368 feet South of Middle Street. For a distance of 20 feet South.

Very truly yours,


Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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Honorable Council Members:

At a meeting of the Traffic Board Commission held on Wednesday, September 17, 2025 the following request was heard and approved by the Traffic Commission.

That Chapter 70 of Revised Ordinances be amended in the following Section:

Article: 70

Section: 387

Handicapped Parking

By striking out in proper alphabetical order the following.

Name of Street	Side	Location
Baylies Street	North	Starting at a point 85 feet West of North Main Street. For a distance of 20 feet West.

Very truly yours,

Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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September 18, 2025

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Honorable Council Members:

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That Chapter 70 of Revised Ordinances be amended in the following Section:

Article: 70
Section: 387 Handicapped Parking

By striking out in proper alphabetical order the following.

Name of Street	Side	Location
Downing Street	North	Starting at a point 106 feet East of Haffards Street. For a distance of 20 feet East.

Very truly yours,

Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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That Chapter 70 of Revised Ordinances be amended in the following Section:

Article: 70
Section: 387 Handicapped Parking

By striking out in proper alphabetical order the following.

Name of Street	Side	Location
Downing Street	North	Starting at a point 125 feet East of Haffards Street. For a distance of 20 feet Easterly.

Very truly yours,


Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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Honorable Council Members:

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That Chapter 70 of Revised Ordinances be amended in the following Section:

Article: 70
Section: 387 **Handicapped Parking**

By striking out in proper alphabetical order the following.

Name of Street	Side	Location
Durfee Street	West	Starting at a point 23 feet South of Locust Street. For a distance of 20 feet South.

Very truly yours,


Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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Traffic & Parking Division



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September 18, 2025

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Honorable Council Members:

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That Chapter 70 of Revised Ordinances be amended in the following Section:

Article: 70

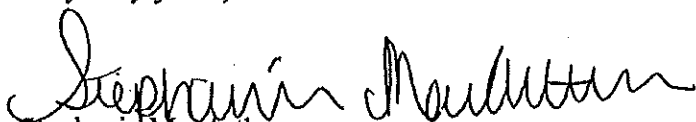
Section: 387

Handicapped Parking

By striking out in proper alphabetical order the following.

Name of Street	Side	Location
Dwelly Street	South	Starting at a point 49 feet West of South Main Street. For a distance of 20 feet West.

Very truly yours,


Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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September 18, 2025

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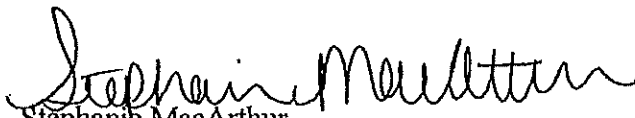
That Chapter 70 of Revised Ordinances be amended in the following Section:

Article: 70
Section: 387 **Handicapped Parking**

By striking out in proper alphabetical order the following.

Name of Street	Side	Location
Fulton Street	West	Starting at a point 575 feet South of Cove Street. For a distance of 20 feet South.

Very truly yours,


Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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Honorable Council Members:

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That Chapter 70 of Revised Ordinances be amended in the following Section:

Article: 70
Section: 387 Handicapped Parking

By striking out in proper alphabetical order the following.

Name of Street	Side	Location
Maple Street	North	Starting at a point 26 feet West of Shawmut Street. For a distance of 25 feet Westerly.

Very truly yours,

Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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That Chapter 70 of Revised Ordinances be amended in the following Section:

Article: 70

Section: 387

Handicapped Parking

By striking out in proper alphabetical order the following.

Name of Street	Side	Location
Merchant Street	West	Starting at a point 20 feet North of Seventeenth Street. For a distance of 20 feet Northerly.

Very truly yours,


Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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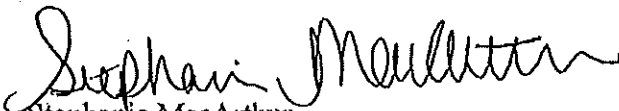
That Chapter 70 of Revised Ordinances be amended in the following Section:

Article: 70
Section: 387 Handicapped Parking

By striking out in proper alphabetical order the following.

Name of Street	Side	Location
Pine Street	North	Starting at a point 66 feet West of Davis Street. For a distance of 20 feet Westerly.

Very truly yours,


Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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Honorable Council Members:

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That Chapter 70 of Revised Ordinances be amended in the following Section:

Article: 70
Section: 387 Handicapped Parking

By striking out in proper alphabetical order the following.

Name of Street	Side	Location
Rock Street	East	Starting at a point 187 feet South of Prospect Street. For a distance of 20 feet Southerly.

Very truly yours,

Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

City of Fall River, In City Council

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Fall River, as follows:

That Chapter 70 of the Code of the City of Fall River, Massachusetts, 2018, which chapter relates to traffic be amended as follows:

By striking out in Section 70-387, which relates to Handicapped parking, the following:

Name of Street	Side	Location
County Street	West	Starting at a point 22 feet north of Barnes Street, for a distance of 20 feet northerly
Fielden Street	East	Starting at a point 44 feet south of Pleasant Street, for a distance of 20 feet southerly
Slade Street	North	Starting at a point 119 feet west of Church Street, for a distance of 20 feet westerly

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IN CITY COUNCIL

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City of Fall River, *In City Council*

(Councilor Shawn E. Cadime)

WHEREAS, the City is experiencing an ever-growing need for affordable housing units to ensure that residents of all income levels have access to safe, decent, and sustainable housing, and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that the creation of new housing developments presents an opportunity to address this need in a fair and responsible manner, and

WHEREAS, consistent with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40B and the regulations of the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), "affordable housing" shall mean dwelling units that are subject to a long-term use restriction limiting occupancy to income-eligible households earning no more than eighty percent (80%) of the Area Median Income (AMI), with sales prices or rents set so that such households pay no more than thirty percent (30%) of gross income for housing costs, and which are eligible for inclusion on the Commonwealth's Subsidized Housing Inventory (SHI), and

WHEREAS, other municipalities in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts have implemented ordinances and bylaws requiring a percentage of newly constructed housing units to be designated as affordable, consistent with the principles of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40B, and

WHEREAS, such measures provide for long-term affordability by requiring deed restrictions that maintain affordability for a period of not less than fifty (50) years, and

WHEREAS, ensuring that future development includes affordable housing is essential to promoting balanced growth, economic stability, and equitable access to housing opportunities across the community, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee on Finance convene with the Administration, City Engineer/Planner, and Corporation Counsel to discuss implementing the following restrictions for housing development within the City of Fall River:

1. Require that any new housing development project consisting of ten (10) or more units set aside between ten percent (10%) and twenty percent (20%) of such units as deed-restricted affordable housing, and
2. Ensure that these affordable housing units remain restricted as such for a minimum of fifty (50) years, and
3. Be modeled on, and consistent with, the intent and framework of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40B, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, following the discussion in the Committee on Finance, the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation convene with the Administration, City Engineer/Planner, and Corporation Counsel to discuss the creation of a proposed ordinance to implement these restrictions into the City Code.



City of Fall River
Notice of Claim

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FALL RIVER, MA

1. Claimant's name: CSM, LLP o/b/o USAA a/s/o Sakai M. Howard, Amber Burns
2. Claimant's complete address: c/o Clerkin, Sinclair & Mahfouz, LLP; 2929 N Central Expwy. Ste. 320, Richardson, TX 75080
3. Telephone number: Home: 469-304-9301 Work: 469-304-9301
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
Auto accident
5. Date and time of accident: 6/15/2025 at 11:11 A.M. Amount of damages claimed: \$ 14,359.90
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):
870 North Main St in Fall River, MA
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
On June 15, 2025, at approximately 11:11 a.m., USAA's insured was traveling near 870 North Main St in Fall River, MA,
when their vehicle (2020 Honda Accord; MA license plate number: VTA5G2A) was hit in the left rear by a City of Fall River
vehicle (2011 Harley Davidson; MA license plate number: M8642), driven by William A. Pavao. The City of Fall River
employee failed to keep a proper lookout and collided with USAA's insured vehicle.
8. Have you submitted a claim to any insurance company for damages arising from this incident? If so, name and address of insurance company: ☒ Yes ☐ No
USAA; c/o Clerkin, Sinclair & Mahfouz, LLP; 2929 N Central Expwy. Ste. 320, Richardson, TX 75080

Be sure to attach the original of any bills issued or any written estimates of repair or replacement costs. (Any documents that you provide will become the property of the City of Fall River; therefore, please retain copies of any such documents for your files.) Attach any other information you believe will be helpful in the processing of your claim (for example, names and addresses of any witnesses, written medical records if personal injury was sustained).

I swear that the facts stated above are true to the best of my knowledge.

Date: 9/16/2025

Claimant's signature: *Amber Burns*

Obidee Passmore o/b/o CSM,
LLP o/b/o USAA a/s/o Sakai
M. Howard, Amber Burns

WHEN TO FILE: If your claim is based on a defect in a public way, you must file within 30 days of the incident. If your claim is based on the negligence or wrongful act or omission of the City or its employees, you must file within two years of the incident. PLEASE KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS.

Return this form to : City Clerk, 2nd Fl., One Government Center, Fall River, MA 02722

You should consult with your own attorney in preparing this claim form to understand your legal rights. The Office of the Corporation Counsel is unable to provide legal assistance to private citizens.

For official use only:

Copies forwarded to: ☒ City Clerk

☒ Law

☒ City Council

☐ City Administrator

☒ Police Dept

Date: 9/22/25



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FALL RIVER, MA

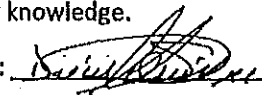
**City of Fall River
Notice of Claim**

1. Claimant's name: Delcy Quishpe Salazar
2. Claimant's complete address: 230 Ridge St Apt 3, Fall River, MA 02721
3. Telephone number: Home: 347-774-5689 Work: 929-507-6382
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
auto accident
5. Date and time of accident: 08/25/2025 at 09:51am Amount of damages claimed: \$
6. Exact location of the incident: (Include as much detail as possible):
1290 Plymouth Ave - Fall River
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
Delcy (V1) was traveling north on Plymouth Ave when she collided with a vulnerable user's weed wacker while he was working. The weed wacker hit the windshield of V1 and cracked the window. The pedestrian was not hit by the V1. The vulnerable user was working for the City of Fall River at the time of at the time of the loss. vulnerable user: Cory M Camara - address: 706 Broadway, Fall River MA 02724
8. Have you submitted a claim to any insurance company for damages arising from this incident? If so, name and address of insurance company: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Be sure to attach the original of any bills issued or any written estimates of repair or replacement costs. (Any documents that you provide will become the property of the City of Fall River; therefore, please retain copies of any such documents for your files.) Attach any other information you believe will be helpful in the processing of your claim (for example, names and addresses of any witnesses, written medical records if personal injury was sustained).

I swear that the facts stated above are true to the best of my knowledge.

Date: 09/17/2025

Claimant's signature: 

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1. Claimant's name: Diane Berard #25-67
2. Claimant's complete address: 137 Winter St Fall River, MA 02720
3. Telephone number: Home: 860-574-1479 Work: _____
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage)
5. Date and time of accident: 9/19/25 14:55 Amount of damages claimed: \$ 131.06
6. Exact location of the Incident: (Include as much detail as possible):
Sink hole right in front of my home Winter St
7. Circumstances of the Incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
I recently had 4 brand new tires put on in 11/2024. I am disabled I had a double wing transpant and I have a handicap parking spot in front of my home. there is a huge sink hole right as I →
8. Have you submitted a claim to any insurance company for damages arising from this incident? If so, name and address of Insurance company: ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Date: 9/23/25

Claimant's signature: Diane Berard

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1. Claimant's name: Ryan Decker CITY CLERK #25-108
2. Claimant's complete address: 332 Brook Ave. New Bedford, MA 02745 FALL RIVER, MA
3. Telephone number: Home: _____ Work: 508-728-2325
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
Property damage
5. Date and time of accident: 9/19/25 8AM Amount of damages claimed: \$ 500
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):
136 Brigham St. Fall River, MA
7. Circumstances of the Incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
(Attached)
8. Have you submitted a claim to any insurance company for damages arising from this incident? If so, name and address of insurance company: ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Date: 10/3/25

Claimant's signature: [Signature]

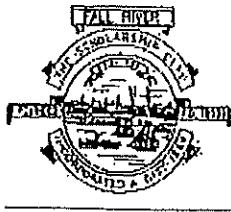
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2025 OCT -7 P 1:31

#25-69

1. Claimant's name: JOHN W. MARTINI
2. Claimant's complete address: 518 CHARLES ST. FALL RIVER, MA 02724
3. Telephone number: Home: (508) 672-7860 Work: _____
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
AUTO-CONSTRUCTION (ROAD) INCIDENT
5. Date and time of accident: 10/2/25. 4:30AM Amount of damages claimed: \$?
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):
CHARLES ST. - TRIPP ST. AREA
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
DRIVING TO GYM (PLANET FITNESS) WENT OVER MANHOLE COVER - RIGHT PASSENGER SHOTGUN SIDE DESCENDED INTO FORMIDABLE DEPRESSION (NO BUMP WARNINGS OR CONES) - SIGNIFICANT IMPACT DESTROYED TIRE - BENT FRAME TOOK BY AAA AT P.F. BAYSIDE AUTO CONFIRMED DEER DAMAGE.
8. Have you submitted a claim to any insurance company for damages arising from this incident? If so, name and address of insurance company: ☐ Yes ☒ No
INCIDENT WILL BE REPORTED TO PROGRESSIVE INS.

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Date: 10/7/2025

Claimant's signature: John W. Martini

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1. Claimant's name: Anthony Gould CITY CLERK # 25-70
2. Claimant's complete address: 1081 Brayton Point Rd FALL RIVER, MA Somerset MA 0272
3. Telephone number: Home: 508-415-2362 Work: _____
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
Flat tire due to ~~RAISED~~ Raised sewer cover
5. Date and time of accident: 9/29 8:30 PM Amount of damages claimed: \$ 150
6. Exact location of the Incident: (Include as much detail as possible):
RT 79 North just before Somerset exit
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
I was driving along and hit one of the
Raised manhole covers with my Right front tire
causing it to Rupture
8. Have you submitted a claim to any insurance company for damages arising from this incident? If so, name and address of insurance company: ☐ Yes ☒ No

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I swear that the facts stated above are true to the best of my knowledge.

Date: 10/1

Claimant's signature: A. Gould

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Fall River Public Library

DIRECTOR

Fellisha Desmarais *Jan-Jun 25'*
Liane Verville *Jul-Dec 24'*

Fall River, Massachusetts
Annual Report | Fiscal Year 2025

Approved by the Library Board of Trustees
September 11, 2025

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The Year in Review;

Director Liane Verville | July to December 24'

JULY 2024

The Library received four new bikes (2-Adult; 1-Juvenile; 1-Kids) from Mass In Motion to circulate at the Library. The Eagles concert sponsored by Richard and Debby Danner at Heritage State Park was a huge success with an estimated 1,200 people in attendance. There were food trucks on site and free giveaways such as snap bracelets, cracker jack popcorn, and mini flashlights, all sponsored by the Danners. A basket full of a wide selection of things was raffled off, and everyone received a free raffle ticket for the opportunity to win. The Library Foundation met to discuss the details of the Thank You Reception that will be held on September 29th at 1pm for the donors of their fundraising campaign.

I met with Ron Caplain and Jim Gibney to discuss my retirement and steps we will need to take in order to fill the Library Administrator's position. I will be sending my letter of retirement to the mayor and it will be effective at the end of my contract December 31, 2024.

I reached out to Sara Lapointe who is the Community Outreach Coordinator for Fall River Comprehensive Treatment Center about having toiletries to give out to those in need at the library. After talking with her I invited her and two others that work with the homeless community to attend our staff meeting and address any concerns that staff may have about what resources are available to those in need. We were given numerous resource contacts that we weren't aware of and a collaboration with Southcoast Health nurse Stephanie Perry (Addiction Nurse Specialist, Community Wellness Program) was formed. She agreed to stop in the library one to two times a week as our visiting nurse. The days and times will vary and she will walk around to talk and help those that might need help and put them in contact with the necessary resources. They invited everyone interested to attend their monthly meeting with a group from different agencies that work with the homeless at the Good Shepherd Church to discuss the needs of the homeless and resources available. The library staff that attended are: Felisha Desmarais, Kayla King, Jo Sullivan and myself. This was a very productive meeting for the library, and through the contacts given to us I connected with the United Neighbors Executive Director Wendy Garf-Lipp for feminine products to help assist with Period Poverty in the city. These products are now available in the public restrooms. This collaboration also put me in contact with Stephanie Barboza to provide Narcan training for library staff

which took place July 30. Each section of the library has Narcan now. We were also given contact information for officer Steve Burke who is on the FAST Response Team who works with people in crisis, and Barry from FAST Response Team as well who works with people under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

We had suspected a few patrons of being under the influence and behaving suspiciously on Monday, July 29th. I called officer Steve Burke and Nurse Stephanie Perry and they came with their teams. The two patrons left before they arrived but I showed them pictures of the patrons and they knew who they were and would speak to them. They were also familiar with a group of people that were out front and talked to them. The timing of them being here worked out well for one of our patrons that Kayla King in the Reference Room has been helping with putting him in contact with resources available to him. Nurse Stephanie was able to talk with him one on one.

The Teddy Bear Picnic was a huge success. There was a teddy bear contest for the most loved, prettiest, and most original bears. Since the Summer Reading Kickoff a contest to name our 9' Teddy Bear has been running. The name was revealed at the picnic and the bear's name is Barry. David Mello, Children's Supervisor spoke on the local radio station WSAR with City Councilor Linda Pereira promoting the library and the services we offer. He did an excellent job and encouraged everyone listening to visit the library not

only to use our resources but to tour the beautiful artwork hanging throughout the building.

AUGUST 2024

The Summer Reading Program "Reading Rangers" concluded August 16th with a large gathering in front of the library where participants received their awards, prizes, and were entertained by Professor Tony Baloney's World of Magic and Make-Believe! The night prior was a huge wind storm that damaged the tent and covered the front lawn with many tree branches. Thanks to the staff and volunteers they had the front lawn all picked up in time to have the end of summer celebration. The tent has since been repaired and in use once again.

Amnesty Week was August 5th-9th and it was a success with 1,980 items returned that week. The Library's State Aid Application, Annual Report Information Survey (ARIS) was completed and submitted. I am now working on the Municipal Appropriation Requirement report that is due October 4th.

On behalf of the Friends of the Library I applied for a grant in the amount of \$850 from the Fall River Women's Union to have Animal Adventures, a live animal show. On behalf of the Library Foundation I applied for a \$500 grant from 4Imprint for promotional items to give away at the Foundation's Thank You Reception in September; and I also applied for grants from Bank5 (\$1,500) and BayCoast Bank (\$2,000) to

co-sponsor the Thank You Reception. Their fundraising campaign has raised to date a total of \$8,200 and donations are still coming in.

I submitted my letter of resignation to the Mayor on July 31st with an effective date of December 31, 2024; City Council approved Mr. & Mrs. Richard Danner donation of \$1,000 to be used by the Children's Section; and the library's gift of \$25,000 from the Estate of Joseph H. Feitelberg.

SEPTEMBER 2024

Children's Supervisor David Mello received the Heroes of Peace Award on September 30th at the Fall River Police Palooza event. Also at the event was the Bookmobile staffed by Mr. Mello, Taylor Silva, and Emily Parker. They distributed free books to children and provided crafts as well. The Bookmobile will be at the Trunk or Treat event on Friday, October 4th at BMC Durfee High School.

Library Section Head of Reference Services Elizabeth Washburn has been out since August 23rd on Family Medical Leave and will be out until approximately December 11th. Kayla King, Library Assistant I in Reference, has been appointed to Service out of Rank (Interim Section Head) to fill in during Mrs. Washburn's extended leave. One of our bookmobile drivers will be out on medical leave starting October 15th and the other one has sent in their letter of resignation effective Friday, October 4th. I have been given permission to fill

these vacancies and we are in the process of interviewing candidates. The bookmobile has a full school schedule starting mid-October, we hope to fill the position soon.

The Library Administrator's position was posted internally and Fellisha Desmarais, Adult Services Section Head, was the only candidate that applied. The Library Board of Trustees meet and greet with the future Library Administrator Fellisha Desmarais was held on September 23rd. This was a great opportunity for the Board to personally meet Fellisha. On Monday, September 30th a library patron overdosed in the public restrooms. A friend of the patron administered Narcan and the EMTs were able to revive him.

The Library Foundation Board welcomed two new members Timothy Long and Catherine Dillon. Mr. Long was voted in as the new President of the Board. The Library Foundation's Thank You Reception was held on September 29th and was well attended and enjoyed by all. Party by Primo catered the event and musical entertainment was by Ryan Conneaneu. Swag from BayCoast Bank and BankFive was distributed at the reception.

The following Trustees' terms will be expiring on December 4, 2024: Kathryn Clarkin; Fran Rachlin; and Sharon Quinn. They all agreed to stay on the Board. A request was made to the Mayor that they be reappointed.

The Trustees' unanimously approved the Library's Annual Report as printed and a copy will be sent to the Mayor and city council as per ordinance.

OCTOBER 2024

At last month's meeting the Library Board gave their approval to appoint two part-time bookmobile drivers. Unfortunately one of them didn't work out for us. I received a call from a patron that complained about the LGBTQ material on the bookmobile. He is an uncle of a child at St. Michael's School. I reiterated to him that we do not censor what our patrons can or cannot borrow and that we try to have material that represents all of our community. He was going to contact another Catholic school, Espíritu Santo, that we visit to inform them that we have this type of material on the bookmobile. So far, Emily reports that she has not had complaints from parents or from Espíritu Santo or St. Stanislaus Catholic schools. Mayor and City Council as per City Ordinance.

Library Assistant Kayla King volunteered to take over the responsibilities of Section Head in the Reference Department during Betsy's absence. I was able to get approval for her to be appointed the interim head at service out of rank, so she will receive the salary of a section head while serving in this capacity. Betsy informed me that she plans to return on December 11th.

The knitting for a cause group led by Library Assistant Gayle Orlando has been busy all summer long making mittens, hats, scarfs and neck warmers. All of these items were donated to the Street Homeless Coalition group. Children's Section Head David Mello

read Halloween stories on the trolley, followed by a ride to the library and a craft which was enjoyed by all in attendance. The Haunted Happening in the Children's section was a huge success with more than 200 patrons that did the walk through in the one hour event. The Halloween Magic Show with Tommy James was held at the Police Athletic League and it was well attended.

The library's parking lot is having the potholes filled in; and a foyer will be built for the Elm Street entrance. This will greatly cur down on the cold air coming directly into the library in the winter months. All 72 of the library's HVAC units are being serviced and cleaned. Al Oliveira, Director of City Operations, oversees the library building and he is in the process of working with an architect to remedy the Reference Room's wall issues. Also in the works is puring glass doors on the two study rooms on the main level. These will be used as small meeting rooms and a place where patrons can use our record player and listen to music.

One of our bicycles was long overdue and Library Assistant Jo Sullivan was able to find its location by using the air tag. He discovered that it was at Stepping Stone. He contacted Stepping Stone and retrieved the bicycle.

There were two overdoses in the public restrooms within one week of each other, and a number of squatters were sleeping outside of our staff entrance after we closed. The Mayor, police, and homeless coordinator was notified of this. St. Michael's Catholic school no longer wants the bookmobile to visit their school

because of the LGBTQ material that is on it. As librarians we do not censor what patrons can borrow. I circulated an email from a patron at the Library Board meeting praising Reference Library Assistant Diana Faulkner for the services she has provided to.

The Trustees unanimously approved to ratify the appointment of Fellisha Desmarais to the position of Library Administrator effective January 1, 2025 with a three-year contract at a starting salary of \$88,000, second year \$95,000, and third year \$100,000. The Trustees unanimously approved tuition reimbursement to Kayla King in the amount of \$2,721.

The library's vendor that supports the software for booking museum passes and our meeting room is no longer in business and has filed bankruptcy. This service ended October 31st, but prior to that we started having issues with the software in September.

NOVEMBER 2024

The Trustees unanimously approved the appointment of Amy Cousins, effective October 16th, to the position of Part-time Bookmobile Driver. One of the new bookmobile drivers resigned at the end of November after having a few incidents with the bookmobile. Wayne Delise was our bookmobile driver that had to take a leave of absence due to a surgery, and has agreed to come back mid-December as the other part-time bookmobile driver again.

As mentioned in the prior month, the library's

vendor that supports the software for booking museum passes and our meeting room is no longer in business. In the meantime our current vendor WhoFi that provides us statistics on the number of users that connect to the library's internet has allowed us to migrate our meeting room bookings to their software.

The Library Board of Trustees talked about the Library's State Aid and how the Library Board would like to allocate that money. Since 2003 the money had been used to pay back the Library Construction Bond and prior to that the money was saved for approximately 10 years so that a portion of the major renovation would be paid with that money and the balance with the construction bond. Since March 2022 the construction bond has been paid off and the money has been accumulating. It is up to the Board as to how they would like to use this fund.

A library patron overdosed in the public restroom on November 27th and when they lost consciousness then fell on the toilet tank and shattered it. The patron was taken out by EMT's and was conscious when they removed her.

The Library Foundation Board agreed to find once again the Library Staff Christmas party. This year the event was held at Scottie's Pub in Fall River. The Friends of the Library Board agreed to purchase \$25 gift cards for the library staff as a thank you for their service to the community.

In-coming Library Administrator Fellisha Desmarais has been shadowing me to learn how to do the various

tasks of the position. Making her transition from Adult Services Section Head into Administrator as smoothly as possible.

DECEMBER 2024

The library network SAILS has given us a list of possible vendors that could be selected to do the museum and meeting room bookings. Fellisha Desmarais has researched them more thoroughly and has selected SpringShare. She has negotiated with them on a better price than their original offer. We currently use SpringShare for our LibAnswers and LibGuides. We are hoping to have the migration of information happen in January.

The Library Foundation sponsored the staff Christmas Party at Scottie's Pub on December 13th. It was enjoyed by all who attended. The Library had a number of new leaks during the last rain/wind storm. Leaks were in the Reference Office; above the front doors; the skylight in the main entrance; and the staff entrance foyer. These issues have been reported to Al Oliveira, Director of City Operations.

A number of positions have been posted internally: Section Head in Circulation; Section Head in Reference Services and a Library Assistant position. I received notification that Kare Kulpa, Assistant Library Administrator will be retiring January 24, 2025. A request was made to fill her position. She has worked at the library for over 18 years and will be missed by all.

I am extremely honored to have been given the opportunity as Library Administrator to oversee such a wonderful institution that will continue to flourish for many years. This is bittersweet for me as my library career comes to an end after 40 years. It has been an honor and pleasure to have worked with so many wonderful people. I want to thank you all (staff; Library Board of Trustees; Library Foundation; and Library Friends) for the support you have given me and the library over the years. I know that with their continued attentiveness and the library's outstanding staff, the best is yet to come.

Liane Verville

To Liane Verville, thank you for the public service you have provided to the Patrons of the Fall River Public Library in your tenure, in the employ of the City of Fall River.
-Fall River Public Library

Chapter 2;

DIRECTOR Fellisha Desmarais | January to June 25'

*They say in every library there is a single book that can answer the question that burns like a fire in the mind.
-Lemony Snicket, Who Could That Be at This Hour?*

JANUARY 2025

In January, the Fall River Library entered operations under new directorship after the retirement of Library Administrator, *Liane Verville*. Movement of personnel meant promptly addressing vacancies as a priority, assuring positions could be met with qualified candidates who could grow with the Fall River Public Library in its diverse needs. Appointments were as follows; internal candidate *Keyla King* to Assistant Administrator, internal candidate *Diana Faulkner* to Head Reference Services, internal candidate *Kyla Cabral* to Head Adult Services. This led to further vacancies, which set in motion a period over weeks of interviews resulting in the recommendation of external candidate *Madison Sirois* to Children's Library Assistant, and external candidate *Serena Dupuis* to Library Assistant Reference Floarer. All individuals will make invaluable additions to our collaborative team.

A focus of January was making financial practices more conducive with professional organizational standards and municipal policies. Among alterations, the library instilled in-house security measures for departmental handling of monies. We have assured all library nonprofit partner funds are now accounted for solely by respective group treasurers, necessitating an official Treasurer to be acquired for the Library Foundation nonprofit. Foundation Treasury and fiscal responsibilities are mandated to be resolved prior to continued library partnership, so the group can maintain proper financial practice, nonprofit status, and tax filing compliance.

The Friends of the Library Treasurer is now the holder of their nonprofit's debit cards, bookstore cash profits, and will be the sole custodian of all handling of their nonprofit cash funds from the bookstore and check donations. Additionally, Library Passport Services have paused as library assessed passport fees, historically collected by the Friends of the Library nonprofit organization, are pending approval in a new library revolving fund request. In the respective request submitted to the City's Financial team, we wish to establish a library revolving-fund, to assure passport funds collected and assessed by our library staff as a part of library offerings can be utilized by our department directly for the intended purpose of funding library programming. This would provide greater transparency of passport service revenue and library programming costs to Council, the Library Trustees, and city residents.

It will also permit the library to be able to select and host public access programming that more directly focuses on our community needs - through the informed data analysis collected by field professionals on staff.

Regarding the state of the Library building in regards to leaks and the outstanding library repairs project, I met with City Operations Head, *Mr. Al Oliveira* who by ordinance, oversees the care of the library building. *Mr. Oliveira* stated repairs are set for spring with the library repairs approved for \$800,000 of ARPA funding. The project is intended to repoint one side of the building and spot treat high priority areas. I suggested an inspection prior to re-assess the cause of leaks, and asked to be informed as projects unfold to assure open communication and avoid effects to library operation.

Following inquiry of the Library's State Aid stipulations after years of non-utilization, I confirmed directly with our MBLC library state aid specialist that our library state aid funds are limited in use at the Library Director's discretion, the category of library state aid funds can not be appropriated by the City, can not be transferred to the general fund, or to other city departments, including City Operations. She secondarily specified library state aid funds are not a reimbursement to our city budget, or to other departments and that using the monies as such would be improper use of state aid funds, would risk future library state aid receipt, and risk library decertification for not meeting our MAR requirements. Supporting documentation of stipulations were provided to city administration and finance team.

FEBRUARY 2025

David Mello reported the Children room's Snowman Scavenger hunt a success with participation of 100 children over the two days it took place, and Storybook Bingo had 42 attendees. In Reference, *David Raymond* set up a Superbowl Display, *Conor Murray* transcribed a special collections item, the Statue of Liberty Document (Invitation of the laying of the stone addressed to Robert T. Davis). The transcription aids the Display case in the Reference Room that features a statue of Liberty bust crafted by *David Mello*. In preservation work, *Conor Murray* repaired damaged microfilm. Two of our staff were re-certified as passport agents, *Betsy Washburn* and *David Raymond*, staff created displays on Ukraine's history and Black History month, and our new Department Head *Diana Faulkner* has been busy modifying and streamlining Interlibrary Loan practices.

In business of administration, myself and the assistant administrator have been in deep review of outdated library policies, addressing needs for revisions with a strategy to visit each policy individually, asking our full library staff for feedback on each so we may address united concerns on existing policies; this will result in more functional policies that will be more sustainable over time, before putting forward final drafts.

MARCH 2025

The library experienced a high number of incidents

through March that became increasingly frequent, making it imperative to address lack of physical security. In considering positions, concerns arose regarding cost effectiveness, lack of safety education, de-escalation techniques, and professionalism. Other concerns include costs of benefits for 2 positions, holidays and overtime. While we've long attempted, private security companies and part time security positions over the last decade - these temporary solutions backfired, creating concerns by staff in level of professionalism, behavior, and efficacy of security, as well as library liability. After years of witnessing patterns of safety concerns, I gathered the means of providing the level of safety necessary, can be met through police presence. In response, I have begun offering FRPD Details during open library hours with state aid to have our local Officers on library grounds. This permits us the ability to have FRPD officers with up to date training, and experience in local crime deterrence onsite, without influencing manpower in regular FRPD city coverage - library details are available but not required to be filled daily, or for all consecutive hours. Lack of predictability in timing of library police presence deters local petty crime from becoming a regular occurrence on our property. In 8 days, we've seen incredible improvement in patron behavior, far less incidents, and had an onsite detail officer intervene to avoid an elevator emergency, notifying the fire department of the odorous burning rubber in the elevator shaft. If not witnessed or responded to by the officer, the hazard could have resulted in larger building

safety concerns. My staff have reported experiencing less incident related stress and distraction from work duties, and patrons are reporting feeling safer onsite and verbally affirming an appreciation for police presence.

All library departments remained busy in March; staff completed an "Empowered by Libraries" advocacy display where our residents shared appreciation for our library, aimed at supporting MA state funding in response to federal cuts to libraries, risking funding for library offerings. *Conor Murray* and *Olivia Raposo* curated a Retro VHS display to promote library VHS video transfer services. A number of staff have voluntarily added this to their skills to offer this service to patrons. Displays included; Jaws anniversary by *Jeff Grandmason*, a rotating Author of the Week by *Olivia Raposo*, Women's History and St. Patrick's Day displays by *Nabsthan Paul*, "The Fall River Public Library From Concept to Completion" by *Conor Murray* and *Betsy Washburn*. *Kyla Cabral* developed a manual museum pass process and guides were created to help residents learn to navigate our Library and their online accounts. *Jo Sullivan* compiled an emergency response guide as our Fall River Street Outreach Coalition library representative, concerning the library patron base we serve daily who may experience struggles related to homelessness.

APRIL 2025

Adult Services has worked toward bringing awareness to the works of various authors, in a rotating book display

to get more eyes on lesser known areas of our collection, *Olivia Raposo* compiled a curated list of fiction titles in Portuguese for portuguese audiences reader advisory, other staff have been working toward enhancing our informational resources availability such as food pantry and housing resources, MBTA maps and schedules for commuters, and *Kyla Cabral* has been working on a pamphlet for upcoming student field trips, designed to introduce young patrons to library research tools.

Reference completed displays including exhibits on the Textile Industry in Fall River and have worked on updating staff resource LibGuides. *Diana Faulkner* and *Conor Murray* acquired materials onsite for the Local History Collection from temple Beth-el on the history of the Jewish community in Fall River and the origins of the temple, and the Children's Department saw a heavy use of their department due to "Under the Sea" week children's activities during school vacation, highlights included a Mermaid and Pirate who sang sea shanties and performed on the concertina. Traffic in the library was greater this week due to the sea themed festivities.

A meeting was held between myself, architect *Andrew Barkley* of RGB architects, and *Al Oliveira* to discuss the state of the building repairs. *Mr. Oliveira* stated we are waiting for the bidding process to be completed. To timeline inquiries, both *Mr. Oliveira* and architect *Barkley* reported they are actively in discussion with our purchasing department to begin the bidding process of legal notice to which sub bidders will bid on aspects of painting and plastering, followed by bids for a general

contractor skilled in masonry work to oversee the project. This process is reported to take 3-4 weeks with construction expected to begin this summer. The project scope will treat the side of the building parallel to the parking lot and some additional problem areas.

The project will re mortar (*with reliably sustainable methods of stone and concrete*) in between spaces of the building's large concrete blocks. *Mr. Oliveira* and *Mr. Barkley* stated the brick was previously sealed incorrectly in the past with a temporary foam and caulking like agent which degrades over time during weathering and allows water into the walls especially with the wind. After discussions regarding increased problem areas on other sides of the building, and viewing those in person, the architect stated he can include limited additional square footage treatment within the project scope prior to it going out to bid to address immediate concerns at the same time. I asked architect *Barkley* about leaks occurring in the skylight, and he stated we would need a glass worker who specializes in glazing work to assess the floating glass and potential causes of leaks in this area. I am awaiting further news, so I can have discussions with the general masonry contractor to provide me with details on the building's preparation needs influencing our library operations.

MAY 2025

Adult Services have started circulating our seasonal Bikes, *Jo Sullivan* has assisted reference in receiving Braille

items to make our collection more accessible to all reading capabilities, adult services has built an impressive Hallmark DVD Collection curated by *Olivia Raposo* and catalogued by *Jeff Grandmaison* which is highly requested by local library patrons from the network bringing up overall statistics of circulation, and new adult services section head, *Kyla Cabral* has expanded our True Crime Audio books as another popular circ collection.

Reference received 6 new laptops for in-house circulation, which will allow the reference department to offer in-house tech workshops by turning the meeting room into a computer lab for technology instruction in buildable sessions, the laptops will also help us transition the department to provide public internet access during building construction. *David Raymond* will present his fantasy football program at the SAILS library showcase for the network, and *Diana Faulkner* is implementing an English Conversation group for ESL learners. Children's supervisor *David Mello* built a Minecraft sculpture (Enderman) which has been loved by all and the department had a great turn out for the Comicon of 230 attending individuals.

I had my City Council budget review in late May and no concerns were raised regarding any of the budgetary needs for the operation of my department. Capital building improvements were of course noted as necessary for City Operations but falling outside of my library operational budget and expenses. Influencing operations, our HVAC units are being assessed, I've been told by *Mr. Oliveira* that we are

receiving new electronic controls for our HVAC system, however, multiple City Operations vendor technicians (Airmaster's) have reported mechanical concerns in most units. These issues will be presented in a report to *Al Oliveira* Head of City Operations. At that point, *Mr. Oliveira* will make a decision of what he can appropriate for the project to resolve HVAC concerns. Currently, we have had large leaks in the AV room that have travelled downstairs, penetrating ceilings in multiple areas of the Children's room, the Men's staff bathroom, and in the basement; from leaks in units potentially coils or valves. Many valves are shut off to avoid continuation of leaks, but there is a great need to have the carpets removed in many library areas as the water heavily soiled nearly all carpets; and to have the mechanical components of the units fixed at the earliest convenience to City Operations. We reiterated to *Mr. Oliveira* at each stage of the project, the specific requirements of our special collections rooms; care of environmental controls necessary to be alterable by library staff as the rare collections are mandated to be kept at specific relative humidity for preservation.

JUNE 2025

In June we held our Film Society Night Gallery Exhibit showcasing analog photography works by FRPL Film Society workshop participants and a live therein demo.

The Trustees met for a Special Emergency Meeting in which they requested City Operations Head *Al Oliveira*, to be present to provide updates on building repairs

anticipated by City Operations regarding the Library Repointing Project; timeline, communications, and sample testing on hazardous materials.

A. Oliveira provided an overview, starting in 2023. *Mr. Oliveira* summarized entering the project when RGB associates, a Rhode Island firm, was working on the architectural designs for resolving the water infiltration, and subsequent damage to the library building. The specifications document, *Al Oliveira* reported, is being reviewed and that once a contractor has been selected, he will work with the Library Director to solidify all dates to get library staff prepared for the project. *Mr. Oliveira* stated he is not concerned about ARPA deadlines, expecting to have a contract in motion within 30 days and repairs beginning within a couple of weeks following this. We discussed leaks observed through skylight and ceiling areas. *Al Oliveira* reported we can put in change orders to assess the most problematic areas for leaks on the opposite side of the building then the side to be treated, reporting that if we need to use temporary materials, he may do this for cost savings with the understanding he must return to utilize the correct materials in a few years' time. Following requests to *Mr. Oliveira* for prior asbestos sample hazard testing for the Reference Department areas to assure the staff and public would not be exposed to hazardous materials before, during or after repairs. *Mr. Oliveira* stated that the age of the building should not contain asbestos but that flooring or gaskets may contain asbestos. After reports by the previous administrator of flooring in the

main Ryan room containing potential asbestos material, concerns were noted about mixed materials from numerous library renovation projects that create difficulty in ensuring all materials are hazard free without sample testing.

Related to this concern, library carpeting, as a public health issue, has been requested for removal following up a previous request by prior Library Administration. My thoughts are with moving furniture and blocking off areas to accommodate upcoming construction, it would be resourceful, less disruptive to operations, and more cost effective to accomplish flooring updates simultaneously.

The library has experienced unstable functionality of HVAC systems influencing normal operation, non-functional air conditioning during the heatwave, and HVAC has created drastic leaks that soaked a number of carpets with foul smelling liquid, water damaging carpeting, and leaking into the ceiling through lower levels. Leaks are still active, Airmasters made reports that almost all units have mechanical issues needing to be resolved, also there are uninsulated pipes causing leaks throughout the walls and traveling especially into the Children's Department ceiling.

After a Fire alarm was triggered in our attic, the Fire Department noted Fire Safety hazards; a request has been made to *Mr. Oliveira* for new locks and Knox box keys so the Fire department can have access to vital areas including the attic which is currently a fire hazard to only be accessible by elevator.

JULY 2025

Asbestos sample testing has been completed for Reference Department plaster and ceilings, however, the asbestos technician onsite on July 15, 2025 stated the floor tiles below the Ryan Room carpet require much more in depth asbestos testing, and *should not* be removed without further asbestos testing across multiple areas of the space, as there are mixed compositions showing the potential of black mastic materials and asbestos flooring in some areas of this space. I have submitted a request with all inclusive specifications for the previously mentioned carpet removal project to Mr. *Oliveira*, inclusive of asbestos sample testing and potential asbestos monitoring during carpet removal if deemed necessary by the appropriate sample hazard testing results. The specifications of this project include restoration of original handlaid mosaic marble tiles that are covered by respective carpeting needing removal. As this is a historical restoration project, my request included all expenses within the bid process to assess available funding sources that can help us to unveil and restore the library's historic floors while maintaining a safe environment for staff and the public during all stages of the process. This will unveil yet another aspect of the Fall River Public Library's Gallery that showcases the historic gilded ages of Fall River's local history.

I am grateful to have also received notice of our library receiving an award in the amount of \$80,000 that has just been awarded to the library by the

Massachusetts Historical Commission toward the Fall River Public Library Repairs project, which can alleviate further anticipated costs and increases in labor, better allowing original funding to cover these unexpected expenses. Grant writer *Jasmine Pereira* has been incredibly helpful in securing this grant funding, after I'd sat down to discuss our outstanding project with her at the start of the year. As the Mass Historical Commission requires the work to be completed on deadlines, Interim Chief Financial Officer *Emily Arpke* and Mayor *Coogan* assigned me as Library Director, to serve as Local Project Coordinator to the State with this project. This should assist in easing administrative burden on *Al Oliveira* so he may focus on the actual project management needed to complete the project by respective deadlines. This will require me to be included on all steps taking place with this project so I can coordinate schedules and meetings as needed between parties, and be cognizant of state deadlines for our Mass Commission Preservation Grant.

To end the Fiscal year, we are excited to announce new offerings to the Library of Things collection that will improve our service in the coming Fiscal Year. These items include STEAM robotics kits for all ages, portable projectors, handheld cd players, headphones, digital cameras, button making machines, DVD players, Nintendo Switches, portable chargers, a circuit cutter, and more. We are excited to showcase new collections that allow patrons of all ages to explore their creativity and personal interests, to expand their understanding of new technology by providing access to all users.

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As I complete my library reporting to the state, I can share an exciting fiscal year ahead of us. This in depth review helps me to see where we are surpassing goals, and where growth opportunities exist.

Our Traveling Library has been an incredible service to the community in 25', and we are expanding how it benefits all groups and ages of Fall River. Headed by *Emily Parker*, this outreach service has increased the number of users given access to library cards, books, and community programs. We visit schools, assisted living facilities, family wellness organizations, and city housing areas distant from our main library. *Emily* will be learning *Spanish* to better serve the high number of spanish language residents of Fall River during outreach.

As Library Director, I'll be expanding my skillset of information technology to address internal networking concerns and advancements to recent technology. Additionally, I will be expanding my education and training in media communications to further expand the potential of our library's public access reach.

After an analysis of library use, one area with growth potential falls within teen services, in reaching residents between the ages of 13 to 18yrs. I am working with the Assistant Administrator and Young Adult head *Taylor Silva* in a collaborative effort toward a new direction informed by trend analysis to reach this audience.

Library Programming

Adopt a Bookmark
A Mermaid's Tale
Anime Club
Anti-Bullying Presentation
BEAM
Books & Tea
Birds of Prey
Build a Snowman
Cactus Head Puppets
Carp Streamer Craft
Chess Club
Circus
Coffee Filter Flower DIY Craft
Collectable Appraisals
ComicCon
Comic and Manga Magnet Craft
Crystal Terrarium Workshop
Dinosaur Day
Dr. Seuss Birthday Meet Cat in the Hat
Drums Alive for adults
Drums Alive for kids
Durfee's Interact Club Storytime
Dungeons & Dragons
Eagles Tribute Concert at Heritage Park

Edible Spring Bunny Craft
 Elijah Grasshopper
 End of Summer Party
 Estuary on Wheels
 Fall Craft with Wine Glasses
 Family Lego Night
 Family Night
 Fantasy Football League
 Film Society; Workshop Series
 Film Society; Night Gallery
 Glow in the Dark Bracelet Workshop
 Great Leprechaun Hunt
 Grinch Night
 Guest Reader Day
 Halloween Trolley Ride
 Halloween Sensory Workshop
 Headstart
 Hip Hop Playtime
 Historical Women
 I'm a Superkid Coloring Contest
 Indigo Dye tote bag workshop
 It's Mardi Gras!
 Life on an Unpredictable Planet
 Mad Science
 Magic of Lon Cerel; Summer Kickoff
 Magic the Gathering
 Make a Bonsai

Make a Personalized Bookmark
 Meet Bumble
 Meet the Alpacas
 Meet the Author; Carla Marrero
 Meet the Author; Ricardo Rebello
 Meet Clifford Valentines Day Activity
 Middle Grade book club
 Mobile Adventures; Camping
 Mobile Adventures; Life Below Zero
 Mobile Adventures; Exploring Geology
 Mobile Adventures; Fossils
 Mobile Adventures; the World of Whales
 Mo Willem Film Festival
 Music in Dementia
 National Surprise Day
 Newspaper Poetry
 Peppermint Playdo Craft
 Plant Swap
 Planter Craft
 Play & Learn Group
 Pour Paint Party
 Pop-Up Bunny Craft
 Preschool Storytime
 Rainforest Reptiles
 Safe Spaces Dungeons & Dragons
 SciFi and Fantasy Bookclub
 Shipwreck Talk

Under the Sea Storytime
 Under the Sea; Scavenger Hunt
 Unicorn Day
 Watercolor Workshop; Bookmarks
 Watercolor Workshop; Greeting Cards
 Will Lady Bug Hug?
 Writing Group
 Yarn Crafting for a Cause

Traveling Library

Atlantis Charter School
 Argosy Collegiate Middle School
 Back to School Block Party
 Bennie Costa Family Day
 Camp Tansey
 Children's Advocacy Center
 Chor Bishop Eid Housing Apartments
 Church of the Holy Spirit
 City Tree Lighting
 Doran Community School
 Doran Community School Literacy Program
 Espirito Santo School
 Farmer's Market at Cardinal Medeiros Towers
 Farmer's Market at Health First
 Father Diaferio Resource Fair
 Father Travassos Park

Father Travassos Park Family Festival
 Griffin Park
 Henry Lord Middle School
 Kennedy Park
 Kennedy Park Storytimes
 Kimwell Nursing Home
 Kite Night Senator Thomas Norton City Pier
 Letourneau Elementary School
 Maple Gardens Family Day
 Maple Garden Pop-up
 Maplewood Park
 Mitchell Heights Apartments
 Niagara Senior Center
 O'Brien Apartments Housing
 Oliveira Apartments Housing
 Prosper Assisted Living Care
 River Falls Senior Living
 Ruggles Park
 Ruggles Park Summer Kickoff
 Sarah Brayton Nursing Home
 Silvia Conference
 Silvia Elementary School
 South Main Senior Center
 Spencer Borden Elementary School
 Stone School
 Summer Evening at Lafayette
 Summer Evening North Park

Community Support and Sponsorships

Friends of the Library

Monthly Books & Tea
 Monthly Sci-Fi Fantasy Book Club
 Fantasy Football
 Beer Can Museum
 Pompeii's Final Day talk
 Monsters in the Mills
 Wine Glass Craft
 Historical Women
 Life on an Unpredictable Planet
 T-Shirt Tote Bags
 A Mermaid's Tale
 Watercolor Workshop Bookmarks
 Watercolor Workshop Greeting Cards
 Make a Bonsai
 Music in Dementia
 Comic Con Facepainting and Balloon Sculpting
 Eco Art Mandala Workshop
 Summer Yoga Series
 Drums Alive

Library Foundation

Bookcase in the Children's Room
 1 desk and chair in the Young Adult Room
 6 Computers and Monitors
 Christmas Party for Library Staff

Deborah and Richard Danner

Weekly Take Home Crafts 96 weekly, 132 weekly in Summer
 Book giveaways Thanksgiving Snowball Follies Children's Book Week Head Start
 Eagles Tribute Concert at Heritage State Park

Sunset Hill Community Resource Fair
 Talbot Middle School 6th Grade Orientation
 Tansey Elementary School
 Viva Fall River
 Viveiros Elementary School
 Viveiros Multicultural Night
 Watson Elementary School
 Watson School Summer Kickoff
 We Heart Fall River Community Event
 Westall Elementary School
 Westall Conferences

Monica Creador
1325 Locust St.
Fall River, MA 02723

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CITY CLERK _____
FALL RIVER, MA

September 30, 2025
Fall River City Council
Fall River Government Center
One Government Center
Fall River, MA 02722

Dear Members of the Fall River City Council,

I am writing to formally raise a serious public safety concern and to express my deep disappointment regarding the handling of a situation that occurred in front of my home. As a resident and mother, I believe in the importance of proactive communication and community protection, and I feel compelled to share this experience with you.

On September 11th, a large trailer truck with dual wheels parked directly in front of my home. My husband observed approximately four men in the back of the truck behaving oddly, including making unsolicited comments such as "we have a lot of stuff," despite no interaction being initiated. The truck's location severely obstructed visibility for vehicles turning onto our street, creating a clear hazard.

On September 13th, I contacted the Fall River Police Department to report on the situation and requested that an officer inspect the vehicle. Dispatch later informed me that an officer had visited the location, but I was not home at the time. I asked to be contacted directly but received no follow-up. When I called back, I was told the officer found no legal issue with the trailer's parking.

This response was troubling, as Fall River city ordinance clearly states:

"No person shall park a commercial vehicle or trailer having a capacity of two tons or more on any street where parking is permitted for a period of time longer than one hour between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. of any day, or at any time on Sunday, except that such vehicle or trailer may be parked for periods in excess of this restriction while actually being loaded or unloaded."

The trailer in question was not being loaded or unloaded and remained parked for extended periods in violation of this ordinance. I followed up again the next day, requesting another inspection and a direct conversation with the officer. Unfortunately, I received no call and was again told the parking was deemed legal.

On September 29th at approximately 5:30 p.m., while my husband, my five-year-old son, and I were setting up Halloween decorations in our yard, a U-Haul truck collided with the parked trailer. The impact pushed the trailer onto the sidewalk, narrowly missing our fence. My husband had been walking on that very sidewalk just minutes earlier. Thankfully, no one was injured, but the outcome could have been catastrophic.

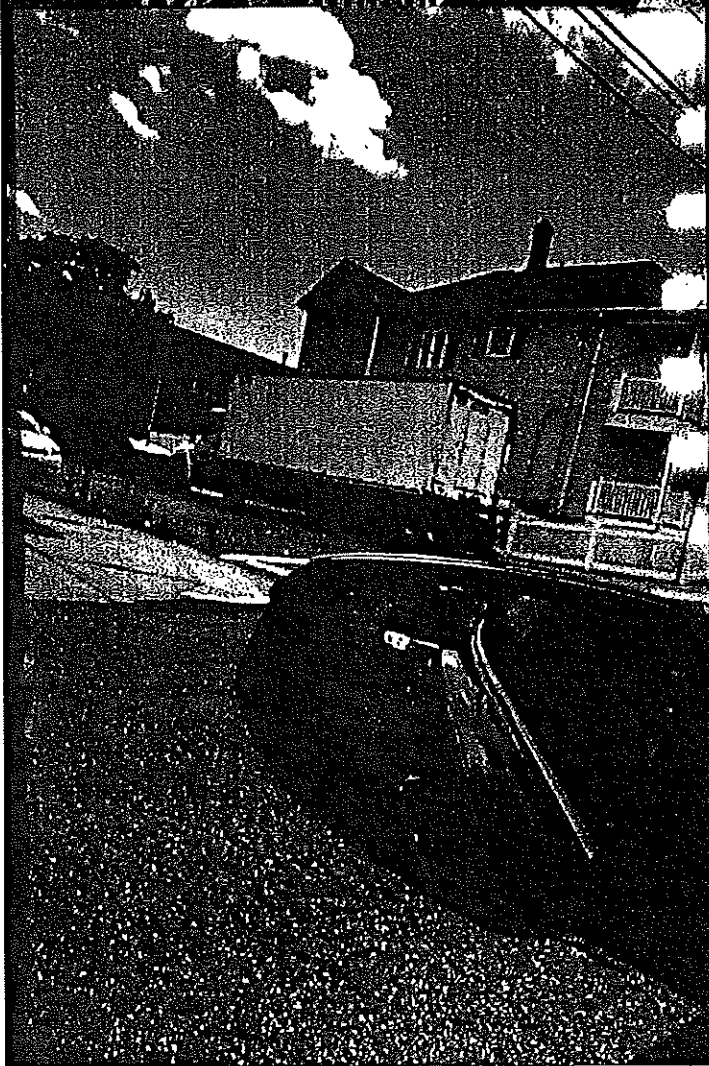
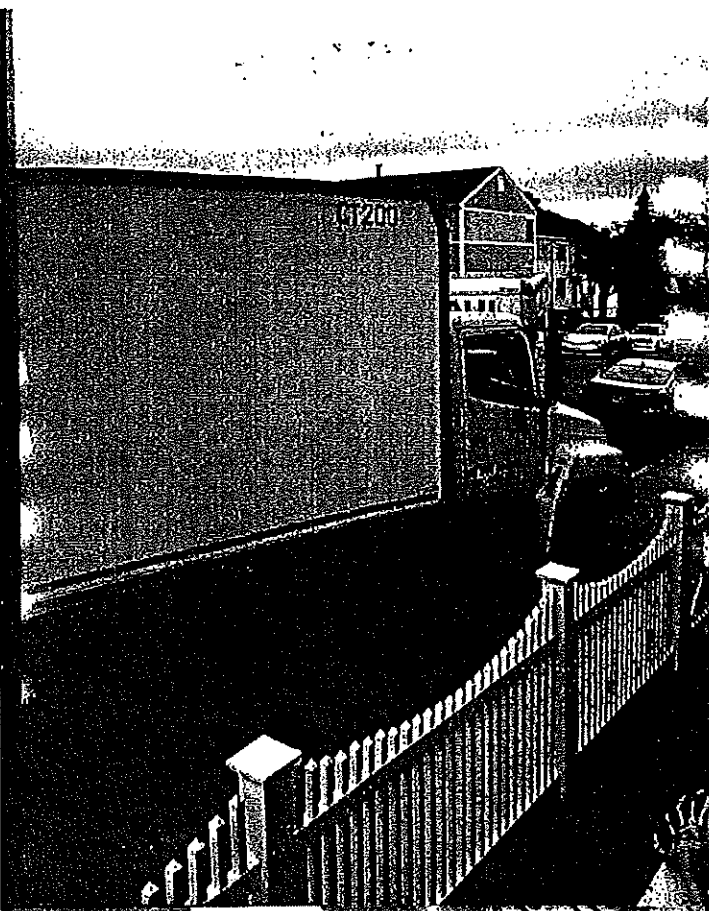
I am grateful that my family was unharmed, but I am deeply disappointed that my repeated concerns were dismissed. As a citizen, I took proactive steps to prevent a foreseeable danger, and yet the response failed to uphold the safety standards our community deserves.

I respectfully request that the City Council review this matter and consider how enforcement of city ordinances and citizen safety concerns are being handled. I have attached several photos documenting the trailer's location, the visibility concerns, and the aftermath of the collision. I hope these images help illustrate the seriousness of the situation and the urgency of enforcing the city ordinance.

Thank you for your time and attention. I trust that the Fall River City Council will take this matter seriously and work to ensure that similar safety concerns are addressed promptly and effectively in the future.

Sincerely,

Monica Creador



CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARINGS

MEETING: September 9, 2025 at 5:55 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: Rebecca Custadio, Designer, National Grid,
245 South Main Street, Hopedale, MA 01747

The President called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m. and announced that the meeting may be recorded with audio or video and transmitted through any medium and that the purpose of the hearing was to hear all persons interested and wishing to be heard on the following:

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to open the hearings.

Underground Conduit

1. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid for an underground conduit location as follows:

Innovation Way

Beginning at a point approximately 3689 feet northeast of the centerline of the intersection of Innovation Way and Airport Road and continuing approximately 36 feet easterly, install conduit on Innovation Way from Manhole 5 to the VMD Property located at 875 Innovation Way.

In accordance with Plan No. 31103963 (Petition A)

Restriction:

Curb to curb roadway restoration required.

The President asked if any proponents were present and Rebecca Custadio, Designer, National Grid, 245 South Main Street, Hopedale, MA, 01747, came forward. Ms. Custadio explained that there is a new structure being developed within this neighborhood and that this petition will assist with providing electricity services to the property. The President then asked if any opponents were present, and no one came forward.

2. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid for an underground conduit location as follows:

Innovation Way

Beginning at a point approximately 3106 feet southeast of the centerline of the intersection of Innovation Way and the Route 24 overpass and continuing approximately 101 feet northeasterly, install conduit on Innovation Way from Manhole 9 to the VMD Property located at 1025 Innovation Way.

In accordance with Plan No. 31103963 (Petition B)

Restriction:

Curb to curb roadway restoration required.

The President asked if any proponents were present and Rebecca Custadio, Designer, National Grid, 245 South Main Street, Hopedale, MA, 01747, came forward. Ms. Custadio explained this petition will also assist with providing electricity to the new structure in the neighborhood. The President then asked if any opponents were present, and no one came forward.

3. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid for an underground conduit location as follows:

Currant Road

Beginning at a point approximately 237 feet southeast of the centerline of the intersection of Sykes Road and Currant Road and continuing approximately 796 feet southeasterly, install Manhole 13 400 feet southeasterly from the existing Manhole 187 on Currant Road. In addition, install Manhole 13-1, 318 feet southeasterly from the newly installed Manhole 13 on Currant Road, install a riser on the existing Pole #10-50 on Currant Road, approximately 50 feet south southeasterly from the newly installed Manhole 13-1, and install conduit between the new equipment.

In accordance with Plan No. 31103963 (Petition C)

Restriction:

Curb to centerline roadway restoration shall be required.

The President asked if any proponents were present and Rebecca Custadio, Designer, National Grid, 245 South Main Street, Hopedale, MA, 01747, came forward. Ms. Custadio explained that this petition will allow necessary services to be delivered to the new construction project in the area. The President then asked if any opponents were present, and no one came forward.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Vice President Pereira, it was unanimously voted to close the hearings at 6:18 p.m.

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:

Agenda (attached)

A true copy. Attest:

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City Clerk

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MEETING: September 9, 2025, at 6:00 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: Michael P. Dion, Interim City Administrator/Executive Director,
Community Development Agency
Paul Ferland, Administrator of Community Utilities
Emily Arpke, Finance Analysis and Compliance Manager
Chief Beth Faunce, Department of Emergency Medical Services

The chair called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m. and announced that the meeting may be recorded with audio or video and transmitted through any medium.

In accordance with a resolution adopted, as amended May 8, 2012, persons are allowed to address the Council for a period of three minutes prior to the beginning or at the conclusion of business in the Committee on Finance.

1. Citizen Input

Talos Farris, 602 Dwelly Street – Veterans

Mr. Farris addressed the Committee for three minutes. On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to waive the rules to allow Mr. Farris to speak for an additional three minutes. On a motion made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by Councilor Kilby, it was unanimously voted that the Committee on Finance send a letter to the Mayor, Interim City Administrator/ Executive Director of the Community Development Agency and the Director of Human Resources requesting an investigation into the matter discussed during Mr. Farris' Citizen Input Time, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Collin Dias, 560 Ray Street – PACE Center

Stacy Silvia, 181 South Main Street – Origen Restaurant

Kelly Buchanon, 16 Bradford Avenue – Illegal Encampments

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Kilby, it was unanimously voted to waive the rules to allow a non-Fall River resident to speak.

Steven Nassif, 11 Osprey Drive, Berkley, MA 02779 – Community Utilities

2. Resolution – Convene with the Administrator of Community Utilities to discuss the potential environmental, public safety and financial benefits that could be generated by providing community utility services to nearby municipalities

Paul Ferland, Administrator of Community Utilities, provided a detailed summary of the potential benefits of intermunicipal water and sewer agreements, ongoing discussions he has participated in with neighboring communities to share these resources, and the various ways that these coordination efforts can be executed. Mr. Ferland stated that sharing water and sewer processing costs with other communities, such as Somerset, MA, would lessen the cost burden on rate payers in Fall River and stated that there is already necessary infrastructure for this service installed within the Taunton River, formerly used to supply cooling water to power plants, that were recently tested and found to be in good working condition. The Administrator of Community Utilities also explained that he has met with representatives from Somerset, MA, as that town will need to renovate their water and sewage treatment methods following a recent analysis of their existing infrastructure. Mr. Ferland clarified that there are various methods of working with nearby communities, such as the sale of services or, instead, working to manage water and sewer treatment plants together, which would result in intermunicipal programs. The Administrator of Community Utilities stated that many other cities and towns work together to provide these vital services as they assist in lowering rate payer expenditures, but that he's still waiting for representatives from Somerset, MA, to decide if they'd like to pursue this opportunity.

Councilor Cadime expressed his support for this initiative and agreed that regionalization of the water and sewer utility services would be beneficial. Councilor Cadime and Mr. Ferland discussed various portions of existing infrastructure connecting the City of Fall River to the Town of Somerset, MA, within the Taunton River, how this program would address staffing shortages and the shared jurisdiction of the communities, if a regionalization agreement is reached. Mr. Ferland explained that Fall River discontinued water services to Somerset, MA, in the 1980s and that the existing, functioning pipes run from the former Coca-Cola Distribution Plant, which was located at 1244 Davol Street, to the section of Riverside Avenue in Somerset, MA, near the former Brightman Street Bridge entrance. The Administrator of Community Utilities also explained that, by working together, fewer employees will be needed for both municipalities, which will remedy the current shortage of staff. Councilor Cadime and Mr. Ferland held a brief discussion regarding the need for representatives from Somerset, MA, to serve on various water and sewer boards with representatives from Fall River, if a regional agreement is carried out, to allow proper representation of both municipalities. Mr. Ferland clarified that, while this would be the ideal agreement for both parties, Somerset, MA, could also just purchase services from the City of Fall River, instead of regionalizing.

Councilor Hart and Mr. Ferland discussed the changes within Fall River over the past century, as many mill businesses closed, resulting in a significant drop in the demand for water services throughout the community. Mr. Ferland explained that this lower demand from the commercial mill businesses increased the water rate cost for all residential customers, and that a regionalized program would assist to remedy that financial increase. The Administrator of Community Utilities clarified that he could not provide specific amounts of rate savings that would occur, as a program has not yet been developed, but that the proposed intermunicipal agreement would assist with cost sharing ventures for both infrastructure and services.

Vice President Pereira and Mr. Ferland discussed the fluid capacities of the existing water and sewer treatment plants, and how those would be affected by intermunicipal partnerships with other towns. Mr. Ferland explained that the treatment facilities are operating far below their limitations, and that the Town of Somerset, MA, would only increase the fluid amounts by 18-

20%, which would be well within the capacity of the infrastructure. Vice President Pereira stated that, while she supported the potential cost savings for the residents, the Administration should consider the risk of more odor during the summer near the sewer treatment facility if its workload is increased, as that affects the quality of life of Fall River residents who live nearby.

Councilor Kilby and Mr. Ferland discussed the various communities that could partake in intermunicipal agreements or simply purchase services from the City of Fall River. Mr. Ferland stated that, currently, Fall River provides services to Freetown and Westport, MA and Tiverton, RI, and that these towns may be interested in adjusting their agreements to become intermunicipal partners, along with Somerset, MA. Mr. Ferland also explained that the costs of septic systems have risen drastically, and municipal sewer services are becoming more cost-effective, which may affect the decisions of more rural communities.

President Camara and Mr. Ferland discussed the anticipated timeline for this project, if the representatives of Somerset, MA, decide to pursue the intermunicipal agreement, or the purchase of services. The Administrator of Community Utilities stated that the project would take roughly five to six years to be completed.

3: Transfer and appropriation

Councilor Ponte made brief remarks regarding past bargaining agreements related to the Department of Emergency Medical Services (EMS), the steady increase in compensation rates over the years and the changes to the Department of EMS staffing structure. Councilor Ponte expressed concern that the current proposed bargaining agreement shows various percentage increases for different types of paramedics and requested further clarification.

Beth Faunce, Chief of EMS, explained that there are different categories of first responders, depending on training and certification, and that some rescue vehicles and apparatus require very specific education, which is why the pay rates are different between various employees. Councilor Ponte and Chief Faunce discussed the services provided by the Department of EMS, including responses to 911 emergency calls, as well as transport between various medical facilities. Chief Faunce clarified that the emergency response units are never put out of service to provide patient transport for hospitals, except for very rare circumstances, as that would be a violation of state regulations. Chief Faunce also explained that the compensation rates for transport paramedics are higher, as those positions often serve the most vulnerable patients, including those who may need infusion services, suffering from a stroke or severe medical trauma. Chief Faunce also explained that new employees are being trained on both the transport service and the 911 emergency response service calls.

Councilor Ponte, Chief Faunce, Emily Arpke, Finance Analysis and Compliance Manager, and Nicholas Macolini, Director of Human Resources, held a detailed discussion regarding the proposed bargaining agreement, including the 9% increase in salary expenses over the next three years, the City's proposed rates compare with surrounding municipalities, and the financial effect of potentially revoking the Enterprise Fund status for the Department of EMS. Ms. Arpke explained that, with the revenue from the hospital transport service, the City can financially balance the new compensation agreement within the bargaining agreement. Mr. Macolini explained that the pay scale within the proposed agreement was analyzed in comparison to private transport ambulance company compensation, not neighboring municipalities, as not many cities or towns in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts provide the additional services that are available in Fall River. Chief Faunce explained that she had been developing a financial forecast for the EMS Enterprise Fund, and that the department expenses would continue to be sustainable, especially with transport contract revenue that is generated from various hospitals.

Ms. Arpke stated that, even if the department was no longer an Enterprise Fund, the amount of revenue generated into the General Fund from the new transport services would still balance the expenditure necessary for additional staff and compensation rates. Councilor Ponte expressed concern that this proposed agreement's significant compensation increase will have a financial effect on other bargaining negotiations that are scheduled for this year.

Councilor Cadime, Chief Faunce and Mr. Macolini held a detailed discussion regarding the Interfacility Transport (IFT) services provided by the City of Fall River, the staff assignments to various divisions within the Department of EMS and shift differentials, which result in increased overtime payments. Chief Faunce explained that the paramedics who work for the City of Fall River are assigned to either 911 emergency response teams, or to an IFT team, and that new employees are always assigned to the IFT teams first for training. Chief Faunce explained that IFT paramedics require additional training, but that they can be moved to a 911 emergency response team if assistance is needed. Councilor Cadime stated that all paramedics should receive the same training and the same rates of compensation and emphasized that the division of various first responders will have a negative impact on the City. Mr. Macolini explained that paramedics are scheduled for 24-hour shifts, which allow them to pick up overtime shifts or work per diem with other employers, which incentivizes employees to remain in Fall River. Councilor Cadime and Chief Faunce discussed a recent issue over the summer with a rescue truck being shut down, and Chief Faunce clarified that this has not occurred again since July 1, 2025, and that the matter was due to staffing issues, and that the vehicle was not being used for IFT services instead. Councilor Cadime emphasized his concern regarding the division of various types of paramedics within Fall River.

Vice President Pereira emphasized that, while she supports the IFT services, it was important for the City to prioritize 911 emergency call responses. Chief Faunce agreed, but stated that, while the IFT services generate revenue, they were implemented to serve the community in a positive way. Chief Faunce explained that private service providers to hospitals did not provide excellent patient care and often caused delays within emergency rooms, creating more challenges for the Department of EMS, who often had to transport patients to trauma centers themselves, delaying their response to other emergencies. The Chief of EMS emphasized that this program benefits all in the local medical community.

Councilor Dionne and Chief Faunce discussed Squad 12 within the Department of EMS, which consists of paramedics trained for 911 responses, home visits and IFT services. Chief Faunce explained that the squad was made up of one supervisor squad and ten ambulances, and that this group was created when the IFT service program first started, as they did not want to add additional officers if the program was not successful. Councilor Dionne asked if the payrate changes for these paramedics if they are transferred from IFT services to a 911 response team for a shift. Chief Faunce stated that their pay rate would decrease to reflect the language within the proposed bargaining agreement.

Councilor Ponte expressed concern regarding this division between paramedics and stated that other collective bargaining agreements will come forward with drastic rate increases if this one is approved. Ms. Arpke and Mr. Macolini stated that there are many other concessions within this bargaining agreement that assist with balancing the pay raises, and that the language used in other agreements will be important to ensure financial stability. Michael P. Dion, Interim City Administrator/Executive Director of the Community Development Agency (CDA), stated that, while there are some financial changes within the agreement, it would not have been presented to the City Council if the City did not have the necessary capital to carry out the agreement.

Councilor Ponte emphasized that these rate increases have happened in the past and that the financial forecasts were incorrect, resulting in significant funding challenges.

Councilor Cadime expressed concern that there was no comparison study with other municipalities, such as Taunton, MA, and Brockton, MA. Councilor Cadime also stated that various pay rate increases, and overtime allowances within this agreement will have a negative impact on future negotiations. Ms. Arpke clarified that the overtime allowances were not amended and remain the same as the agreement voted upon in 2022. Councilor Cadime also expressed concern regarding new positions and assignments for employees, such as processing payroll.

Councilor Kilby exited the Council Chamber at 8:24 p.m.

Councilor Dionne, Chief Faunce, Ms. Arpke and Mr. Macolini discussed the Department of EMS's reliance on the IFT services program. Councilor Dionne asked about the ramifications if a hospital decided to end their contract with the City and use a private company instead. Chief Faunce stated that the hospitals are satisfied with the services being provided by the City and that she does not anticipate cancellation of contracts would occur. Mr. Macolini stated that staffing levels and operational plans would require review if this were to occur, and Ms. Arpke stated that the EMS Enterprise Fund would still be able to maintain staff for 911 emergency services. Vice President Perera stated that reductions of state funding, such as those related to M.G.L. Chapter 29, §9C, Deficiency of Revenue, have happened in the past and affected various departments, including the Department of EMS.

On a motion made by Vice President Pereira and seconded by Councilor Dionne, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:28 p.m., with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:
Agenda packet (attached)



James J. Macolini
Clerk of Committees

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MEETING: September 23, 2025, at 6:00 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, Cliff Ponte, Andrew J. Raposo and Ricky T. Tith

ABSENT: Vice President Linda M. Pereira

IN ATTENDANCE: Michael P. Dion, Interim City Administrator/Executive Director,
Community Development Agency
Emily Arpke, Finance Analysis and Compliance Manager
Chief Beth Faunce, Department of Emergency Medical Services

The chair called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and announced that the meeting may be recorded with audio or video and transmitted through any medium.

In accordance with a resolution adopted, as amended May 8, 2012, persons are allowed to address the Council for a period of three minutes prior to the beginning or at the conclusion of business in the Committee on Finance.

1. Citizen Input

Rene Brown, 105 Bank Street – VSO (Veterans' Services Officer)

On a motion made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by President Camara, it was unanimously voted to waive the rules to allow Ms. Brown to speak for an additional three minutes, with Vice President Pereira absent and not voting.

Jordan Silvia, No address provided – City of Fall River

On a motion made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by President Camara, it was unanimously voted to waive the rules to allow Mr. Silvia to speak for an additional three minutes, with Vice President Pereira absent and not voting. On a further motion made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by President Camara, it was unanimously voted to waive the rules to allow Mr. Silvia to speak for an additional minute, with Vice President Pereira absent and not voting.

Councilor Ponte asked if a response was provided following the correspondence sent to Administrative offices regarding the statements made by the Veterans' Benefit Agent and Director of Veterans' Services/Director of Veterans' Benefits during the September 9, 2025, meeting of the Committee on Finance, and the City Clerk stated that no response was received as of yet.

On a further motion made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by Councilor Cadime, it was unanimously voted that the Committee on Finance send a follow-up correspondence to the Mayor, the Interim City Administrator and the Director of Human Resources regarding remarks made by the Veterans' Benefit Agent and Director of Veterans' Services/Director of Veterans' Benefits during the September 9, 2025, meeting of the Committee on Finance, with Vice President Pereira absent and not voting, a copy of which is attached and hereto made a part of these minutes.

2. Resolution – Mayor submit a request ceasing the operation of the enterprise fund for the Department of Emergency Medical Services and establishing a special revenue account for the deposit of all ambulance receipts

Councilor Ponte and Michael P. Dion, Interim City Administrator/Executive Director of the Community Development Agency (CDA), held a brief discussion regarding researching the effects of the proposed discontinuation of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Enterprise Fund. Mr. Dion stated that this Enterprise Fund has existed for about seventeen years, so it will take time to determine the advantages and disadvantages of changing Department of EMS' current financial organization.

Beth Faunce, Chief of EMS, explained that there are not many other municipalities that utilize Enterprise Funds for their EMS first responders, but that there are many ways this financial structure can be adjusted, including allowing the Department of EMS to provide capital to the Fall River Fire Department (FRFD). Chief Faunce explained that the EMS Enterprise Fund provides funding to the FRFD for services provided to non-fire related calls totaling between \$300,000 and \$400,000 annually. Emily Arpke, Finance Analysis and Compliance Manager, clarified that these funds are sourced from the Enterprise Funds' Public Consulting Group grant reimbursements from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Ms. Arpke stated that this capital is then placed in the General Fund for necessary allocation to the Fire Department.

Councilor Ponte and Chief Faunce held a detailed discussion regarding additional reimbursement that could be issued to the Fall River Police Department for assistance with medical emergency calls, indirect funding supplied by the EMS Enterprise Fund, which is about 38% of the annual budget or roughly \$4,000,000, and changes within the department's budgetary line items for the Fiscal Year 2027 budget, including reorganization of salary line items for five Fall River Firefighters listed within the EMS Enterprise Fund. Councilor Ponte, Mr. Dion, Ms. Arpke and Chief Faunce discussed various grants that could be utilized to assist with the funding of the five firefighters' compensation and the need for collaboration between the City Councilors and the Chief of EMS, the Police Chief and the Fire Chief. Councilor Ponte emphasized that he supports the Department of EMS and their programs that generate revenue, so long as the emergency calls take priority over the other non-emergency services provided. Councilor Ponte inquired as to when the Administration would have more insight into this matter. The Interim City Administrator/Executive Director of the CDA and the Finance Analysis and Compliance Manager stated that this would be addressed prior to the presentation of the Fiscal Year 2027 EMS Enterprise Fund and Municipal Budgets.

Councilor Kilby stated that he is intrigued by this discussion and that the City of Fall River should research the current financial structures in other municipalities. He also emphasized that this discussion provides transparency to the public regarding how the funds of the EMS Enterprise Fund are currently used.

Councilor Cadime provided a detailed summary of the function of an Enterprise Fund, including how the financial accounts are separated from the municipal general funds, restricting the use of surplus revenue to that individual department. Councilor Cadime stated that, by eliminating the EMS Enterprise Fund, the excess capital could be moved into the General Fund to financially assist other departments, including those that provide essential services but do not generate revenue, such as the Auditor's Office. Mr. Dion and Ms. Arpke clarified that the EMS Enterprise Fund has generated \$17,100,000 in total gross revenue over the past year, and roughly \$1,300,000 remained after the necessary budgetary expenditures were completed. Councilor Cadime clarified that he does not want to remove revenue that is needed for the Department of EMS, but to allow excess revenue to be shared with other City departments, which will assist in reducing the financial burden of the taxpayers of Fall River.

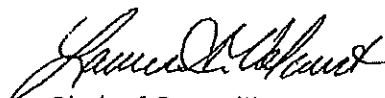
Councilor Dionne and Chief Faunce discussed the various expenses of the Department of EMS, including truck maintenance and employee compensation, as well as services provided to the public that generate revenue, such as pediatric vaccine and senior wellness programs. Councilor Dionne stated that, as the Department of EMS recently began working with Brown University Health, the department's revenue for Fiscal Year 2026 may be even higher than anticipated, subject to state insurance rate decisions. Chief Faunce stated that her priority for the department is steady revenue growth, excellent emergency and non-emergency services and financial stability. Councilor Dionne explained that most residents place public safety as their priority when it comes to governmental spending and this potential termination of the EMS Enterprise Fund could increase public safety funding while providing financial relief for taxpayers.

Councilor Hart asked if the Fire Department would be included in conversations regarding the potential termination of the EMS Enterprise Fund. Mr. Dion explained that he has not yet approached the Fire Chief regarding this matter and Chief Faunce stated that she has discussed various financial changes that could be made with the Fire Chief in the past.

On a motion made by Councilor Kilby and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to table the resolution, with Vice President Pereira absent and not voting.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Dionne, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 6:55 p.m., with Vice President Pereira absent and not voting.

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City of Fall River Massachusetts
Office of the City Clerk

INÊS DA SILVA PAULINO LEITE
CITY CLERK

CHELSEA PACHECO
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

September 25, 2025

Paul E. Googan, Mayor
City of Fall River
One Government Center
Fall River, MA 02722

Dear Mayor Googan,

At the City Council Committee on Finance meeting held on September 23, 2025, a discussion was held regarding the allegations made by the Director of Veterans' Services/Veterans' Services Officer, during the Citizens' Input Time held at the September 9, 2025 meeting of the Committee on Finance.

On a motion made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by Councilor Cadime, it was unanimously voted that a follow-up letter be sent requesting an update on the status of the previous request for an internal investigation and that an update be provided to the City Council when this process has been completed as soon as possible, with Vice President Pereira absent and not voting.

A copy of the first letter dated September 11, 2025 is attached hereto for reference.

Very truly yours,

Inês da Silva Paulino Leite

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City Clerk

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cc: Michael P. Dion, Interim City Administrator
Nicholas A. Macolini, Director of Human Resources

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City of Fall River Massachusetts
Office of the City Clerk

ALISON M. BOUCHARD
City Clerk

INÉS LERTE
Assistant City Clerk

September 11, 2025

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor
City of Fall River
One Government Center
Fall River, MA 02722

Dear Mayor Coogan,

At the City Council Committee on Finance meeting held on September 9, 2025, allegations were made by Talos Farris, Director of Veterans' Services/Veterans' Services Officer, during Citizens Input Time, regarding a City Councilor's use of political interference, intentional delays in contract negotiations and political pressure placed on the Administration to relieve Mr. Farris of his duties. On a motion made by Councilor Cliff Ponte and seconded by Councilor Bradford L. Kilby, it was unanimously voted that the City Council Committee on Finance send a letter to the Mayor, the Interim City Administrator and the Director of Human Resources, requesting that an internal investigation be carried out to examine these statements.

An allegation of malicious political acts upon any City employee is a matter that the City Council takes very seriously, as they strive to maintain decorum, ethics and duties of their elected positions. An internal investigation into these allegations is imperative to the integrity of those elected to serve the City of Fall River.

Please provide formal correspondence to confirm that this internal investigation will be conducted and please provide a formal update to the City Council when this process has been completed. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact this office. Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

Alison M. Bouchard

Alison M. Bouchard
City Clerk

cc: Michael P. Dion, Interim City Administrator
Nicholas A. Macollini, Director of Human Resources

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

MEETING: September 9, 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,
Linda M. Pereira, Cliff Ponte, Andrew J. Raposo
and Ricky T. Tith

ABSENT: Councilor Bradford L. Kilby

IN ATTENDANCE: Michael P. Dion, Interim City Administrator/Executive Director of the
Community Development Agency
Emily Arpke, Financial Analyst and Compliance Manager
Nicholas A. Macolini, Director of Human Resources
Beth Faunce, Chief of Emergency Medical Services

President Camara called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by a salute to the flag and announced that the meeting may be recorded with audio or video and transmitted through any medium.

PRESENTATION OF CITATION

Alison M. Bouchard, City Clerk – 38 years of dedicated service to the City of Fall River
(adopted 8-12-2025)

President Camara made brief remarks regarding the honorable services that Mrs. Bouchard has provided to the City of Fall River over the past 38 years and presented her with the citation and a plaque. Vice President Pereira presented the City Clerk with flowers and commended her decades of hard work. Councilors Dionne and Ponte also made brief remarks regarding Ms. Bouchard's outstanding career in public service.

On a motion made by Councilor Dionne and seconded by President Camara, it was unanimously voted to take items 10 and 11 out of order, with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

RESOLUTIONS

10. Request that the Mayor submit a proposal, to be effective in Fiscal Year 2027, revoking the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53F½, ceasing the operation of the enterprise fund for the Department of Emergency Medical Services, and establishing a special revenue account for the deposit of all ambulance receipts.

On a motion made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by Councilor Dionne, it was unanimously voted to adopt the resolution and refer it to the Committee on Finance, with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

11. The Committee on Ordinances and Legislation convene to draft a proposed ordinance to require City Council approval and authorization for all real estate leases, licenses, or occupancy agreements entered into by the City of Fall River, or any of its departments, exceeding fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000).

Councilor Ponte provided a brief summary of a potential license agreement between the Department of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and a property owner that occurred after the Regular Meeting of the City Council on August 12, 2025, after the City Council had voted against a financial transfer for funding the proposed agreement. Councilor Ponte stated that this resolution was created to assist the City Council with properly reviewing these types of contracts before they are executed.

Councilor Dionne stated that the City Council supports the Department of EMS finding a new building for their headquarters, but that the financial decision should be focused on a rent-to-buy agreement to benefit the long-term effect on the taxpayers. On a motion made by Councilor Dionne and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to waive the rules to allow the Administration to answer questions regarding the funding sources of the license agreement, with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

Emily Arpke, Financial Analyst and Compliance Manager, provided a summary of financial sources for the license agreement, including various sections of pension and health insurance funding for vacant positions. A lengthy discussion was held between Councilor Dionne and Ms. Arpke regarding line items within the EMS Enterprise Fund Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) budget appropriation order, adopted during the Regular Meeting of the City Council held on May 27, 2025, and the expense detail sheet that was provided with that order. Ms. Arpke explained that the line item for the EMS Shared Squad was erroneously listed under the salary line items, when it was intended to be listed as an expense, and therefore an appropriation of funds from the City Council was not necessary to utilize that capital for the property license agreement.

A brief recess was held from 8:53 p.m. to 8:57 p.m. to provide the City Councilors with copies of the EMS Enterprise Fund FY26 budget appropriation order.

Councilor Cadime and Ms. Arpke discussed the financial expense line item, listed as EMS Shared Squad, that was utilized for provide funding for the license agreement during FY26. The Financial Analyst and Compliance Manager stated that the license agreement required a total payment of \$202,500, and that this line item had been allocated more than enough funding to cover the cost of the license agreement. Councilor Cadime expressed concern that the Administration will request transfers and appropriations from the City Council, but if the request is denied other financial exercises are utilized to avoid the need for the reallocation of funding, overriding the powers of the legislative body related to expenditure of capital. Councilor Cadime stated that this method of funding will affect the City Council's financial decisions going forward.

Michael P. Dion, Interim City Administrator/Executive Director of the Community Development Agency (CDA), explained that this license agreement was considered a temporary solution for the Department of EMS while the Administration negotiated terms with the property owner for the creation of a lease-to-buy agreement. Mr. Dion stated that he is working closely with the Administration and the City Council to follow best practices but clarified that the City does not have available funds to build a brand-new building for the Department of EMS.

Councilor Ponte asked if a lease agreement was ever signed by the Administration, or if the license agreement was the only contract executed. Ms. Arpke stated that a lease agreement had been drafted and signed by the property owner who had drafted it, but that the agreement was never signed or finalized by the Administration following the City Council's denial of the requested financial appropriation. Vice President Pereira stated that she spoke with a representative from the Mayor's office, and they confirmed that a lease agreement was not signed.

Councilor Dionne requested a timeline for the anticipated new Request for Proposals (RFP) that will be issued for the Department of EMS headquarters and stated that she would support the initiative if the agreement resulted in the purchase of the property following the lease contract. Mr. Dion stated that the RFP should be anticipated within one to two months.

On a motion made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by Vice President Pereira, it was unanimously voted to adopt the resolution, with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

PRIORITY MATTERS

1. Mayor and the following orders:

- a. Appropriation of \$271,667.53 from EMS Enterprise Fund Receipts to EMS, Salaries

On a motion made by Vice President Pereira and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was voted 4 yeas, 4 nays to adopt the order, with President Camara, Vice President Pereira and Councilors Hart and Raposo voting in the affirmative, and Councilor Kilby absent and not voting, and the motion failed to carry.

- b. Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Fall River and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Council 93, Local 1202

On a motion made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by Councilor Dionne, it was voted 2 yeas, 6 nays to table the order, with Councilors Dionne and Ponte voting in the affirmative, and Councilor Kilby absent and not voting, and the motion failed to carry. A further motion was made by Vice President Pereira and seconded by Councilor Hart to adopt the order.

Councilor Cadime clarified that without the appropriation order being adopted, the Memorandum of Agreement cannot be executed as the necessary funding is not available. Councilor Ponte stated that he had suggested tabling the item, as the Administration may present an amended document to the City Council for further review, and requested that the Administration provide additional information regarding the recent bargaining agreement discussions. Councilor Raposo stated that referring the item to the Committee on Finance would allow for additional discussion of the matter.

On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was voted to refer the order to the Committee on Finance, with Councilor Cadime opposed and Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

PRIORITY COMMUNICATIONS

2. Traffic Commission recommending amendments to the traffic ordinances

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to refer the recommendations to the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation, with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

3. Communication from City Treasurer/Collector to City Clerk re OPEB Declaration of Trust

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted that the communication be accepted and placed on file, with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Ordinances and Legislation recommending:

All readings with emergency preamble:

4. Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, Handicapped parking
- Foote Street, West, 467 feet south of Globe Street
 - Healy Street, North, 98 feet east of Quarry Street
 - Kellogg Street, West, 392 feet north of Hamlet Street
 - Park Street, South, 157 feet east of Forest Street

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was voted 8 yeas to adopt the emergency preamble, with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting. On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted that the proposed ordinance be passed through first reading, second reading, passed to be enrolled and passed to be ordained, with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

Approved, September 10, 2025

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

5. Proposed Ordinance – Creation of a new position of Supervisor of School Crossing Guards and adjustments to the current salary of Crossing Guards

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was voted 8 yeas to adopt the emergency preamble, with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting. A further motion was made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte that the proposed ordinance be passed through first reading, second reading, passed to be enrolled and passed to be ordained. Vice President Perelra suggested that the proposed ordinance be amended to allow for retroactive salary increases that would be effective starting on the first day of school, which was August 27, 2025.

On a motion made by Councilor Cadime and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to amend the proposed ordinance by striking out the effective date of "9-10-2025" in both Sections 1 2, and inserting in its place the following: "8-27-2025," with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting. On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted that the proposed ordinance be passed through first reading, second reading, passed to be enrolled and passed to be ordained, as amended, with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

Approved, September 10, 2025

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

First reading

6. Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, Miscellaneous

Section 1

One-way streets (strike out)

- Niagara Street, West, from Foster Street for a distance of 498 feet

Section 2

One-way streets (insert)

- Niagara Street, West, from Foster Street to Plymouth Avenue

Section 3

Handicapped parking removals

- Barnes Street, North, 448 feet west of County Street
- Bates Street, West, 202 feet south of Orswell Street
- Bay Street, East, 113 feet north of Swift Street
- East Main Street, East, 173 feet north of Dwelly Street

Section 4

Insert new section to read as follows:

Section 70-392 - Three-hour parking

No person shall park a vehicle for longer than three hours upon the following streets or parts thereof during the hours specified:

- Brayton Avenue, North, 89 feet east of Ryan Street

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted that the proposed ordinance be passed through first reading, with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

First reading, as amended

7. Proposed Ordinance – Establishment of a Library Programs Revolving Fund

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Vice President Pereira, it was unanimously voted that the proposed ordinance be passed through first reading, as amended, with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

8. Proposed Ordinance – Designation of Veterans' Benefit Agent and Director of Veterans' Services/Director of Veterans' Benefits as a contract position

Councilor Raposo made brief remarks commending the Veterans' Benefit Agent and Director of Veterans' Services/Director of Veterans' Benefits and the hard work he has done for the veterans of Fall River.

A motion was made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by Vice President Pereira that the proposed ordinance be passed through first reading, as amended. On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Cadime, it was unanimously voted to amend the proposed ordinance by striking out the effective date of "7-1-2024," and inserting in its place "7-1-2025," and also by inserting, at the end of the ordinance, the following: "This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.," with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting. On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Dionne, it was unanimously voted that the proposed ordinance be passed through first reading, as amended, with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

ORDINANCES**Second reading and enrollment:**

9. Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, Miscellaneous
Handicapped Parking (strike outs)
- Baird Street, North, 188 feet east of Jefferson Street
 - Barnaby Street, West, 315 feet north of Lincoln Avenue
 - Cambridge Street, South, 135 feet west of Jefferson Street
 - Cottage Street, North, 61 feet east of Whipple Street
 - Fountain Street, West, 227 feet north of Division Street
 - Milk Street, West, 56 feet south of Charles Street
 - Mott Street, West, 185 feet north of Warren Street
 - Summerfield Street, North, 283 feet east of Robeson Street

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted that the proposed ordinance be passed through second reading and enrollment, with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting. On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by President Camara, it was unanimously voted that the proposed ordinance be passed to be ordained, with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

Approved, September 10, 2025

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

CITATIONS

12. Liz Jansen – 60th Birthday

On a motion made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to adopt the citation, with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

13. Serena Dupuis – Grand opening of Once Upon a Bookstore

On a motion made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to adopt the citation, with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

ORDERS – HEARINGS**Underground Conduit**

14. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid – 36 feet of underground conduit on Innovation Way
15. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid – 101 feet of underground conduit on Innovation Way
16. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid – 796 feet of underground conduit, 2 manholes and 1 riser on Currant Road

On a motion made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to take items 14 through 16 together, with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting. On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to adopt the orders, with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

Approved, September 10, 2025

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

ORDERS – MISCELLANEOUS

17. **Auto Body Shop License Renewals**

Manuel Felix d/b/a Felix Auto Collision Center – 1201 Slade Street

Paulo A. Carvalho d/b/a Carvalho's Tire & Auto Center, Inc. – 410 Second Street

Souhad Saliba d/b/a JZ Express, Inc. – 969 South Main Street

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order, with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

Approved, September 10, 2025

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

18. Auto Repair Shop License Renewals

Daniel J. Mello d/b/a Mello's Diesel Service, Inc. – 185 Williston Street
 Paulo A. Carvalho d/b/a Carvalho's Tire & Auto Center, Inc. – 410 Second Street
 Roy Oliveira d/b/a Auto Boutique – 101 Price Place
 Souhad Saliba d/b/a JZ Express, Inc. – 969 South Main Street

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order, with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

Approved, September 10, 2025

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

19. Police Chief's report on licenses

Taxicab Drivers

Joseph D. Beauregard Ronell Clark Freddy Estrella Ronald A. Piccone

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Dionne, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order, with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

COMMUNICATIONS – INVITATIONS – PETITIONS

20. Claims

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to refer the claims to Corporation Counsel, with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

21. Assistant Corporation Counsel Response to Open Meeting Law complaint filed by Collin Dias re: July 10, 2025, alleged violation by the City Council

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted that the response be accepted and placed on file, with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

22. Assistant Corporation Counsel Response to Open Meeting Law complaint filed by Collin Dias re: July 15, 2025, alleged violations by Committee on Real Estate

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted that the response be accepted and placed on file, with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

23. Drainlayer License

Danella Line Services of MA, Inc.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to approve the drainlayer license, with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

Approved, September 10, 2025

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

24. Planning Board Minutes

a. May 14, 2025

b. June 11, 2025

c. July 9, 2025

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted that the minutes be accepted and placed on file, with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to take items 25 through 27 together, with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

City Council Minutes

- 25. Public Hearing – August 12, 2025
- 26. Committee on Finance – August 12, 2025
- 27. Regular Meeting of the City Council – August 12, 2025

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes, with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

BULLETINS – NEWSLETTERS – NOTICES – None

A brief recess was held from 9:32 p.m. to 9:34 p.m. for signing of ordinances.

On a motion made by Councilor Dionne and seconded by Vice President Pereira, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:35 p.m., with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:

Agenda packet (attached)

Emergency Medical Services Enterprise Fund Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Appropriation Order, provided by Emily Arpke, Financial Analyst and Compliance Manager

A true copy. Attest:

Unia da Silva Paulino Leite

City Clerk

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

MEETING: September 23, 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, Cliff Ponte, Andrew J. Raposo and Ricky T. Tith

ABSENT: Vice President Linda M. Pereira

IN ATTENDANCE: Sara Riley, 1679 Copicut Road
James Riley, 1679 Copicut Road
Katie Wyant, 342 Bullock Street

President Camara called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by a salute to the flag and announced that the meeting may be recorded with audio or video and transmitted through any medium.

On a motion made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to waive the rules to allow individuals to address the City Council for three minutes, with Vice President Pereira absent and not voting.

Sara Riley and James Riley, 1679 Copicut Road, and Katie Wyant, 342 Bullock Street, provided information regarding illegal dumping occurring in the Copicut Reservoir neighborhood and provided photographs taken throughout the year of items that were left near their homes. Ms. Riley stated that she supported Councilor Hart's resolution on the agenda related to litter enforcement and fines. Councilors Dionne and Hart made brief remarks regarding the fines issued to those who are illegally dumping trash and construction items and that often, the fines are lower than the cost of proper disposal. Councilor Hart emphasized that these individuals would be invited to discuss this matter when the resolution is placed on a future agenda of the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation.

PRIORITY MATTERS

1. Mayor and request for confirmation of the appointment of Trevor Coelho to the position of Purchasing Agent

Councilor Ponte commended the appointment of Mr. Coelho and thanked the Assistant Treasurer for also providing services as an Interim Purchasing Agent over the past few months. Councilor Ponte suggested that the Administration consider dividing the funding costs for this position between the Municipal Budget and the School Department Budget for Fiscal Year 2027, as the Purchasing Agent works with both entities and the salary expenses should be shared. On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to confirm the appointment, with Vice President Pereira absent and not voting.

2. Mayor and request for confirmation of the appointment of Kaylyn Furtado to the Cultural Council

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to confirm the appointment, with Vice President Pereira absent and not voting.

On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Kilby, it was unanimously voted to take item 9 out of order, with Vice President Pereira absent and not voting.

ORDINANCES

Second reading and enrollment, as amended

9. Proposed Ordinance – Veterans' Benefit Agent and Director of Veterans' Services/Director of Veterans' Benefits salary schedule amendment

Councilor Raposo made brief remarks commending the services that the current Veterans' Benefit Agent and Director of Veterans' Services/Director of Veterans' Benefits provides to the veterans of the City of Fall River. Councilor Ponte agreed with Councilor Raposo and expressed concern regarding the length of time that this matter was tabled within the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation. On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted that the proposed ordinance be passed through second reading and enrollment, as amended, with Vice President Pereira absent and not voting. On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted that the proposed ordinance be passed to be ordained, as amended, with Vice President Pereira absent and not voting.

Approved, September 24, 2025

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

PRIORITY COMMUNICATIONS

3. Traffic Commission recommending amendments to the traffic ordinances

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to refer the recommendations to the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation, with Vice President Pereira absent and not voting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Ordinances and Legislation recommending

All readings with emergency preamble

4. Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, Handicapped parking
- Diman Street, East, 28 feet south of William Street
 - John Street, East, 60 feet south of Wade Street
 - William Street, South, 106 feet west of Washington Street

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was voted 8 yeas to adopt the emergency preamble, with Vice President Pereira absent and not voting. On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted that the proposed ordinance be passed through first reading, second reading, passed to be enrolled and passed to be ordained, with Vice President Pereira absent and not voting.

Approved, September 24, 2025

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

First Reading

5. 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

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted that the proposed ordinance be passed through first reading, with Vice President Pereira absent and not voting.

Grant Leave to Withdraw

6. Proposed Ordinance – Director of Emergency Management Agency salary amendment
- On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Cadime, it was unanimously voted that the proposed ordinance be granted leave to withdraw, with Vice President Pereira absent and not voting.*

ORDINANCESSecond reading and enrollment

7. Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, Miscellaneous

Section 1

One-way streets (strike out)

- Niagara Street, West, from Foster Street for a distance of 498 feet

Section 2

One-way streets (insert)

- Niagara Street, West, from Foster Street to Plymouth Avenue

Section 3

Handicapped parking removals

- Barnes Street, North, 448 feet west of County Street
- Bates Street, West, 202 feet south of Orswell Street
- Bay Street, East, 113 feet north of Swift Street
- East Main Street, East, 173 feet north of Dwelly Street

Section 4

Insert new section to read as follows:

Section 70-392 - Three-hour parking

No person shall park a vehicle for longer than three hours upon the following streets or parts thereof during the hours specified:

- Brayton Avenue, North, 89 feet east of Ryan Street

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted that the proposed ordinance be passed through second reading and enrollment, with Vice President Pereira absent and not voting. On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted that the proposed ordinance be passed to be ordained, with Vice President Pereira absent and not voting.

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Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

Second reading and enrollment, as amended

8. Proposed Ordinance – Establishment of a Library Programs Revolving Fund
On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Cadime, it was unanimously voted that the proposed ordinance be passed through second reading and enrollment, as amended, with Vice President Pereira absent and not voting. On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted that the proposed ordinance be passed to be ordained, as amended, with Vice President Pereira absent and not voting.

Approved, September 24, 2025

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

RESOLUTIONS

10. Committee on Ordinances and Legislation convene with the Chief of Police, the Director of City Operations, and Corporation Counsel to discuss current enforcement methods to prevent and penalize the act of illegal dumping and littering and potential amendments to existing fines

On a motion made by Councilor Hart and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to adopt the resolution, with Vice President Pereira absent and not voting.

CITATIONS

11. Saint Anthony of the Desert Maronite Catholic Church – 50th Anniversary of the 300 North Eastern Avenue location (1975–2025)

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by President Camara, it was unanimously voted to adopt the citation, with Vice President Pereira absent and not voting.

12. Greater Fall River Art Association – Dedication and launch of Mobile Art Studio
Councilor Raposo made brief remarks regarding the Greater Fall River Art Association's Mobile Art Studio, which was a program developed with American Rescue Plan Act funding, and provided information regarding the dedication event, scheduled for September 27, 2025, at Heritage State Park. On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to adopt the citation, with Vice President Pereira absent and not voting.

ORDERS – HEARINGS – None

ORDERS – MISCELLANEOUS

13. Auto Body Shop License Renewals

John V. Pacheco and Michael V. Pacheco d/b/a Celebrity Auto, 2220 Pleasant Street

Richard Duclos d/b/a Richard's Autobody & Paint, 44 Sixth Street

On a motion made by Councilor Cadime and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order, with Vice President Pereira absent and not voting.

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Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

14. Auto Repair Shop License Renewals

Roger W. Piva d/b/a Piva's Garage, 252 Crescent Street

Robert W. Saraiva d/b/a Peckham Street Garage, 213 Peckham Street

Jewel Saeed d/b/a Henry's Tire Enterprises, Inc., 714 Globe Street

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order, with Vice President Pereira absent and not voting.

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Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

15. Light order – 855 Weetamoe Street, 881 Weetamoe Street and 894 Weetamoe Street
The City Clerk stated that the installation and repair of streetlights is now being performed by the Fall River Police Department and requested that the order be amended to reflect that change. On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to amend the order by striking out "Director of City Operations" and inserting, in its place, "Fall River Police Department," with Vice President Pereira absent and not voting. On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order, as amended, with Vice President Pereira absent and not voting.

COMMUNICATIONS – INVITATIONS – PETITIONS

16. Claims

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to refer the claims to Corporation Counsel, with Vice President Pereira absent and not voting.

BULLETINS – NEWSLETTERS – NOTICES – None

A brief recess was held from 7:22 p.m. to 7:24 p.m. for signing of proposed ordinances.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:25 p.m., with Vice President Pereira absent and not voting.

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:

Agenda packet (attached)

Photographs of littering within the Copicut Reservoir neighborhood,
 provided by Sara Riley, 1679 Copicut Road

A true copy. Attest:

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NOTICE OF FILING, PUBLIC HEARING, AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 25-100

September 23, 2025

Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid for: (1) authorization pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 14, to issue long-term debt securities in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1.4 billion; (2) an exemption from advertising requirements of G.L. c. 164, § 15; and (3) an exemption from the par value requirements of G.L. c. 164, § 15A.

On July 31, 2025, Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid ("Company") filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department"), pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 14, requesting authorization: (1) to issue long-term debt in the principal amount of up to \$1.4 billion, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 14; (2) for an exemption from the competitive solicitation and advertising requirements of G.L. c. 164, § 15; and (3) for an exemption from the par value requirements of G.L. c. 164, § 15A. The Department docketed this matter as D.P.U. 25-100.

The Company proposes to issue long-term debt securities for a three-year period following issuance of the Department's final Order in this proceeding. The Company further proposes that the debt securities will have maturity dates not to exceed 30 years from the date of issuance, and an interest rate not to exceed eight percent. The Company states that the long-term debt will be used: (1) to refinance short-term debt with long-term debt; (2) to finance the Company's capital needs; (3) for construction of utility plant and properties; (4) for reimbursement of the treasury; and (5) for other general corporate purposes.

The Department will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, beginning at 2:00 p.m. to receive comments on the Company's filing. Attendees can join by entering the link, <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87282347003> from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. No prior software download is required. For audio-only access to the hearings, attendees can dial in at 646-931-3860 (not toll free) and then enter the Meeting ID# 872 8234 7003. If you anticipate providing comments via Zoom during the public hearing, please send an email by Friday, January 2, 2026, to jennifer.cargill@mass.gov with your name, email address, and mailing address. If you anticipate commenting by telephone, please leave a voicemail message by Friday, January 2, 2026, at 617-305-3732 with your name, telephone number, and mailing address.

Alternatively, any person interested in commenting on this matter also may submit written comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Wednesday, January 7, 2026. The Department strongly encourages public comments to be submitted by email as specified below. If, however, a member of the public is unable to send written comments by

email, a paper copy may be sent to Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02110.

Any person who desires to participate otherwise in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding shall file a petition for leave to intervene no later than 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 14, 2025. A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 CMR 1.03. Receipt by the Department constitutes filing and determines whether a petition has been timely filed. A petition filed late may be disallowed as untimely, unless good cause is shown for waiver under 220 CMR 1.01(4). To be allowed, a petition under 220 CMR 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A § 10. All responses to petitions to intervene must be filed by the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on the second business day after the petition to intervene was filed.

All comments and petitions to intervene should be submitted to the Department in .pdf format by email attachment to dpufiling@mass.gov and jennifer.cargill@mass.gov. The text of the email must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 25-100); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. In addition, one copy of all written comments and petitions to intervene should be emailed to the Company's attorney, Joseph Dorfner, Esq. at jdorfner@richmaylaw.com and Assistant Attorney General Terrence Vales at terrence.vales@mass.gov.

All comments submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website through our online File Room as soon as practicable (enter "25-100") at: <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/FileRoom/dockets/bynumber>. Please note that in the interest of transparency any comments will be posted to our website as received and without redacting personal information such as addresses, telephone numbers, or email addresses. As such, consider the extent of information you wish to share when submitting comments.

To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), contact the Department's ADA coordinator at eeadiversity@mass.gov, 617-626-1282. For further information regarding the Company's filing, please contact the Company's attorney, Joseph Dorfner, Esq. at jdorfner@richmaylaw.com. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Jennifer Cargill, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at jennifer.cargill@mass.gov.

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Português (Portuguese)

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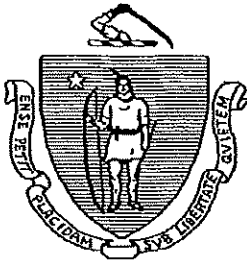
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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND RESCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING (FALL RIVER)

D.P.U. 25-85

September 26, 2025

Petition of Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp. d/b/a Liberty, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR 5.00 for Approval of a General Increase in Base Distribution Rates for Gas Service and a Performance-Based Ratemaking Plan.

On June 13, 2025, Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp. d/b/a Liberty ("Company" or "Liberty") filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") for an increase in gas base distribution rates. The Department has docketed this matter as D.P.U. 25-85 and has suspended the effective date of the proposed rate increase until May 1, 2026, to investigate the propriety of the Company's request. Liberty was last granted an increase in base distribution rates through an approved settlement in Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp., D.P.U. 15-75 (2016).

Liberty seeks to increase its gas base distribution rates to generate approximately \$55.8 million in additional revenues. Liberty states that the proposed requested increase includes the transfer of capital investments made from 2015 through 2024 as part of the Company's gas system enhancement program to base distribution rates. According to the Company, the net effect of the request is expected to be a 55.5 percent rate increase, on average, across all customers on a total bill basis, and an increase of approximately 45.0 percent in total operating revenues. The proposed base distribution rate increase is in addition to changes in other rates, such as reconciling mechanism rates, that occur during the year. Liberty states that its cost of service and revenue deficiency reflects the Company's acquisition of Blackstone Gas Company in 2020, and the Company's filing addresses the recovery of integration costs and other issues related to that acquisition. Liberty also seeks to recover, through an existing reconciling mechanism and over a five-year period, approximately \$50 million (inclusive of interest), representing the balance of deferred, unrecovered, previously authorized gas system enhancement program-related revenue requirements. The Company proposes to begin recovering the interest associated with the deferral balance on June 1, 2026, but to delay beginning recovery of the deferral balance until July 1, 2027.

As part of its filing, Liberty proposes to implement a performance-based ratemaking ("PBR") plan, which would allow the Company to adjust its base distribution rates on an annual basis through a mathematical formula using a revenue cap benchmark. The Company proposes to implement the PBR plan for a term of five years. During the PBR term, the formula increases base distribution revenues by the rate of inflation up to a five percent cap and includes components to account for the typical increase in customer base, recover or return exogenous

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costs outside of the Company's control, and share excessive earnings. Further, Liberty proposes several individual performance metrics to gauge the Company's progress on its PBR commitments.

The Company's filing also includes depreciation-related proposals and proposed adjustments to certain revenue and expense categories, as well as the recovery of capital investments made in 2025 and certain information technology costs. Further, the Company proposes a one-time adjustment to revenue, to be made in the 2028 annual PBR adjustment filing, to account for the revenue requirement associated with investments the Company will make in 2026 and 2027 to implement pipeline safety regulations. The Company also proposes to retain certain reconciling mechanisms, establish new reconciling mechanisms, and to modify its policy for contributions in aid of construction. Liberty's filing also addresses the Company's relocation of its headquarters and the associated purchase and sale of land.

Further, Liberty's filing includes various rate design proposals, including equalizing the base distribution rates for the Blackstone Gas Company service area with the Fall River and North Attleboro service areas, increasing certain customer charges, maintaining the current low-income total bill discount of 25 percent, and revising tariffs to implement the proposals in this proceeding.

The foregoing is not intended to be an exhaustive list of issues set forth in the Company's filing. Additional information regarding the foregoing proposals, and all other proposals set forth by Liberty, can be found in the Company's filing, which is located on the Department's website as noted below.

Liberty customers in the Fall River/North Attleboro and Blackstone service areas who are in the same rate class currently pay the same base rate for that class for gas distribution service. Other reconciling charges for each rate class may differ by service area. Liberty provides that if its petition is approved as requested customers can expect the following bill impacts, effective May 1, 2026:

For Fall River/Attleboro area residential customers:

- A residential heating customer in the Fall River/North Attleboro service area, receiving service under Rate R-3, that uses on average 100 therms of gas per month during the winter season will experience a monthly bill increase of approximately \$78.86 (an approximate 37.0 percent increase in current rates);
- A residential non-heating customer in the Fall River/North Attleboro service area, receiving service under Rate R-1, that uses on average 21 therms of gas per month during the winter season will experience a monthly bill increase of approximately \$44.50 (an approximate 80.9 percent increase in current rates);
- A residential low-income heating customer in the Fall River/North Attleboro service area, receiving service under Rate R-4, that uses on average 100 therms of gas per month during the winter season will experience a monthly bill increase of approximately \$59.15 (an approximate 37.0 percent increase in current rates); and

- A residential low-income non-heating customer in the Fall River/North Attleboro service area, receiving service under Rate R-2, that uses on average 21 therms of gas per month during the winter season will experience a monthly bill increase of approximately \$33.38 (an approximate 80.9 percent increase in current rates).

For Commercial and Industrial ("C&I") customers:

Commercial and industrial ("C&I") customers can expect bill impacts to vary depending on usage and rate class. The Company provides that:

- The average monthly bill impact for small C&I customers in the Fall River/North Attleboro service, at each class's average use, will range from an approximate increase of between 43.0 percent and 49.7 percent;
- The average monthly bill impact for medium C&I customers in the Fall River/North Attleboro service area, at each class's average use, will range from an approximate increase of between 23.6 percent and 34.4 percent; and
- The average monthly bill impacts for large C&I customers in the Fall River/North Attleboro service area will range from an approximate increase of between 1.1 percent and 19.2 percent.

C&I customers should contact the Company, as indicated below, for specific bill impacts.

Liberty states that additional, less significant bill increases are expected in May 2027 to account for changes in the Company's gas adjustment factor and local distribution adjustment factor. Additional bill impact information and additional detail about the filing can be found at: <https://mass.gov/info-details/liberty-utilities-2025-gas-base-distribution-rate-case>.

The Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts ("Attorney General") has filed a notice of intervention in this matter pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E(a). Further, pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E(b), the Attorney General has filed a notice of retention of experts and consultants to assist in her investigation of the Company's filing and has requested Department approval to spend up to \$300,000.00 in this regard. Pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E(b), the costs incurred by the Attorney General relative to her retention of experts and consultants may be recovered in the Company's rates.

On July 9, 2025, the Department issued a Notice of Filing and Public Hearings and scheduled three in-person public hearings across Massachusetts and one public hearing over Zoom. One of the in-person public hearings was scheduled for October 3, 2025, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at B.M.C. Durfee High School, Nagle Auditorium, 460 Elsbree Street, Fall River, Massachusetts 02720. The hearing was postponed due to scheduling conflicts.

For purposes of rescheduling the Fall River hearing, the Department will conduct an in-person public hearing on October 14, 2025, beginning at 7:00 p.m., in room 101, Building L, Bristol Community College, 777 Elsbree Street, Fall River, MA 02720. Interpretation services (Spanish, Portuguese, Khmer) will be available at the in-person public hearing.

Any person interested in commenting on this matter may submit written comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on October 15, 2025. Written comments from the public may be sent by email to dpu.efiling@mass.gov and DPU2585.LibertyRateCase@mass.gov, and the Company's attorneys: Kevin Penders, Esq.; Molly Karg Agostinelli, Esq.; Joseph Kelly, Esq.; and Ronald J. Ritchie, Esq.; at kpenders@keeganwerlin.com, MAgostinelli@keeganwerlin.com, jkelley@keeganwerlin.com, and r.j.ritchie@libertyutilities.com, respectively. The text of the email should specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 25-85); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the comments; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. Please note that, in the interest of transparency, any comments will be posted to our website as received and without redacting personal information, such as addresses, telephone numbers, or email addresses. As such, consider the extent of information you wish to share when submitting comments. The Department strongly encourages public comments to be submitted by email. If, however, a member of the public is unable to send written comments by email, a paper copy may be sent to Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110.

The Company's filing and all subsequent related documents submitted to the Department or issued by the Department will be posted on the Department's website through our online File Room as soon as practicable (enter "25-85") at <https://eeaaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber>. To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), contact the Department's ADA coordinator at eeadiversity@mass.gov or (617) 626-1282. For further information regarding the Company's filing, please contact the Company's attorneys, identified above. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact DPU2585.LibertyRateCase@mass.gov.

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English

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Português (Portuguese)

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繁體中文 (Traditional Chinese)

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Español (Spanish)

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简体中文 (Simplified Chinese)

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Kreyòl Ayisyen (Haitian Creole)

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Русский (Russian)

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한국어 (Korean)

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