

City of Fall River Massachusetts

Office of the City Clerk

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

MEETING: April 28, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, One Government Center

PRESENT: President Cliff A. Ponte, presiding;
Councilors Shawn E. Cadime, Joseph D. Camara, Michael G. Canuel,
Michelle M. Dionne, Christopher M. Peckham, Sr. and Andrew J. Raposo

ABSENT: Councilors Paul B. Hart and Linda M. Pereira

IN ATTENDANCE: None

President Ponte called the meeting to order at 7:38 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 CITATIONS – None

Councilor Cadime requested an update regarding the Fall River Police Department investigation. President Ponte stated that he, the Mayor and the Interim Police Chief had come to an agreement that the investigation documents will be submitted to the Massachusetts Peace Officer and Standards Training (POST) Commission and stated that he looks forward to moving forward collaboratively with the Administration and Police Department in relation to this matter. The Council President also stated that the City Council will not be pursuing outside legal counsel at this time and a press release regarding this matter has been placed on the desks of all City Councilors. Councilor Camara asked if this will end the City Council's pursuit of finalizing a contract with an investigator or attorney and President Ponte confirmed that this action is no longer necessary. Vice President Dionne stated that the press release should be referred to the Committee on Public Safety for discussion and President Ponte confirmed that the City Council could take that action as this document was not anticipated and was released late in the afternoon of April 28, 2026.

On a motion made by Vice President Dionne and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to refer the press release to the Committee on Public Safety, with Councilors Hart and Pereira absent and not voting.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to lift item 1 from the table, with Councilors Hart and Pereira absent and not voting.

PRIORITY MATTERS

1. Mayor and order to accept M.G.L. Ch. 90, Sec. 17C, which relates to Establishment of 25-miles-per-hour speed limit in thickly settled or business district in city or town; violation

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

Approved, April 30, 2026

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to lift item 2 from the table, with Councilors Hart and Pereira absent and not voting.

2. Mayor and gift order to accept a donation for services of a professionally trained comfort and search-and-rescue dog for use by the Emergency Medical Services Division

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

Approved, April 30, 2026

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Canuel, it was unanimously voted to lift item 3 from the table, with Councilors Hart and Pereira absent and not voting.

3. Mayor and Community Development Agency Year Two Annual Action Plan

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

On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to lift item 4 from the table, with Councilors Hart and Pereira absent and not voting.

4. Mayor and order appropriating \$4,459,575.32 from Community Preservation Act funds for Fiscal Year 2027 community projects

A motion was made by Councilor Raposo to adopt the order but received no second. A lengthy discussion was held between President Ponte, Vice President Dionne and Councilors Cadime and Camara regarding the appropriation order that was presented to the City Council for adoption, which did not include specific projects that would receive the allocated funding.

President Ponte read City code §2-367(a), which relates to Appropriations, aloud and stated that the City Council's jurisdiction is to approve or veto appropriations submitted by the Mayor on behalf of the Community Preservation Committee. Councilor Cadime suggested that the City Council vote upon each line item within the appropriation order separately and stated that it appears this order will only authorize funds to be moved into various CPA accounts and will not control the distribution of funds to various projects.

Councilor Raposo withdrew his motion to adopt the order.

On a further motion made by Councilor Camara and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to waive the rules to allow Emily Arpke, Director of Financial Services, to answer questions, with Councilors Hart and Pereira absent and not voting.

Councilor Cadime and Ms. Arpke discussed the templating of this appropriation order and that a list of CPA projects were not submitted to the City Council for approval. Ms. Arpke stated that the order presented matches the documents that were presented to the City Council over the past five years, and that she did not find any historical documents that were voted upon by the City Council in relation to specific projects during the adoption of the CPA appropriations.

A recess was held from 7:53 p.m. to 8:08 p.m.

President Ponte stated that the recess was held to obtain additional information regarding this matter and stated that the Administration will send a ledger of all CPA projects to the City Council for the next scheduled meeting.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was voted to table item 4, with Councilor Canuel opposed and Councilors Hart and Pereira absent and not voting.

On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to lift item 5a from the table, with Councilors Hart and Pereira absent and not voting.

5. Mayor and the following appropriations:

a. \$225,000 from FY25 Surplus Revenue to Facilities, Capital

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

On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to lift item 5b from the table, with Councilors Hart and Pereira absent and not voting.

b. \$250,000 from FY25 Surplus Revenue to Police, Capital

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

On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to lift item 5c from the table, with Councilors Hart and Pereira absent and not voting.

c. \$397,500 from FY25 Surplus Revenue to Fire and Emergency Services

On a motion made by Councilor Cadime and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to waive the rules to allow Emily Arpke, Director of Financial Services, to answer questions.

Councilor Cadime requested that this appropriation order be amended to increase the funding for purchasing new, non-per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), turn-out gear for all firefighters, as this financial transfer will only fund these supplies for half of the employed firefighters.

Ms. Arpke stated that the Fire Chief planned to split this purchase between two fiscal years due to financial constraints within the department's budget, but that she would discuss this matter with the Fire Chief. Ms. Arpke also explained that the process of purchasing this gear is lengthy and requires special fitting measurements for each firefighter.

Councilor Peckham asked if new firefighters receive non-PFAS turn-out gear when they are hired, as the City has discontinued the purchase of PFAS clothing over the past few years. Ms. Arpke stated that she will obtain that information from the Fire Chief. Councilor Peckham emphasized the need to obtain new turn-out gear for all firefighters as soon as possible.

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

On a further motion made by Councilor Cadime and seconded by Councilor Camara, it was unanimously voted to lift items 5d, 5e and 5f from the table, with Councilors Hart and Pereira absent and not voting.

*d. \$245,000 from FY25 Surplus Revenue to Community Maintenance, Capital
Councilor Raposo asked if the City Clerk could obtain more detailed information regarding the pole removal plans for the City parks, as there are many poles used for lights during baseball and soccer games. Councilor Canuel stated that the Director of Parks had provided detailed information regarding this matter and he would forward that information to the City Clerk to be distributed to all City Councilors. On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Canuel, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order, with Councilors Hart and Pereira absent and not voting.*

*e. \$1,600,000.00 from FY25 Surplus Revenue to Demolition Revolving Fund
On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Canuel, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order, with Councilors Hart and Pereira absent and not voting.*

*f. \$3,000,000.00 from FY 25 Surplus Revenue to Employer Health Trust Fund
On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Canuel, it was unanimously voted to refer the order to the Committee on Finance, with Councilors Hart and Pereira absent and not voting.*

On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Vice President Dionne, it was unanimously voted to lift item 6 from the table, with Councilors Hart and Pereira absent and not voting.

6. Mayor and communication to City Council regarding a resolution adopted at the Regular Meeting of the City Council held on March 24, 2026

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Vice President Dionne, it was unanimously voted that the communication be accepted and placed on file, with Councilors Hart and Pereira absent and not voting.

7. Mayor and request to initiate City Council action on a proposed expansion and amendment of the City of Fall River Waterfront/Downtown Housing Development (HD) Zone

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Canuel, it was unanimously voted that the request be referred to the Planning Board, with Councilors Hart and Pereira absent and not voting.

8. Mayor and order authorizing the award of a two (2) year contract, with a one (1) year option, for Municipal Solid Waste and Single Stream Recyclable Curbside Collection and Disposal Services to Capitol Waste Services, Inc.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to refer the item to the Committee on Finance, with Councilors Hart and Pereira absent and not voting.

9. Mayor and Fiscal Year 2025 Financial Audit prepared by Roselli, Clark & Associates
On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Canuel, it was unanimously voted to refer the item to the Committee on Finance, with Councilors Hart and Pereira absent and not voting.

10. Fiscal Year 2026 Quarterly Budget Report
On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to refer the item to the Committee on Finance, with Councilors Hart and Pereira absent and not voting.

PRIORITY COMMUNICATIONS

11. Traffic Commission recommending amendments to the traffic ordinances
On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Vice President Dionne, it was unanimously voted to refer the item to the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation, with Councilors Hart and Pereira absent and not voting.

12. Letter from City Council President re: appointment of Vice President Michelle M. Dionne as designee to serve on the Solid Waste Request for Proposal 26-10 Selection Committee
On a motion made by Councilor Camara and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted that the communication be accepted and placed on file, with Councilors Hart and Pereira absent and not voting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Ordinances and Legislation recommending:

All readings with emergency preamble:

13. Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, Handicapped parking
- Hope Street, South, 39 feet east of Grant Street
 - Park Street, South, 113 feet west of Ridge Street

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Cadime, it was voted 7 yeas to adopt the emergency preamble, with Councilors Hart and Pereira absent and not voting.
On a further motion made by Councilor Camara and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted that the proposed ordinance be passed through first and second reading, passed to be enrolled and passed to be ordained, with Councilors Hart and Pereira absent and not voting.

Approved, April 30, 2026
Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

14. First Reading

Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, Miscellaneous

Section 1

Parking prohibited during all times (inserts)

- Brightman Street, North, 30 feet of Lindsey Street
- Pine Street, South, 244 feet west of Robeson Street

Section 2

Parking prohibited during all times (strikeout)

- Brightman Street, North, 100 feet of Lindsey Street

Section 3

Handicapped parking removals

- Eddy Street, West, 152 feet south of Locust Street

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

ORDINANCES

Second reading and enrollment:

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Two-hour parking (insert)

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Handicapped parking removals

- Barnes Street, South, 322 feet west of County Street
- Hunter Street, East, 184 feet south of William Street
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- Sprague Street, North, 257 feet east of Bay Street
- Tuttle Street, East, 64 feet south of Dwelly Street

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

Approved, April 30, 2026

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

RESOLUTIONS

16. Administration include clear outline of resources dedicated to cleanliness and maintenance throughout the City in the Fiscal Year 2027 budget presentation and the Committee on Health and Environmental Affairs hold semi-annual meetings to discuss the progress of cleanliness, maintenance and enforcement efforts throughout the City of Fall River

Councilor Canuel stated that there was an online petition submitted regarding the cleanliness of the City and that this resolution will allow the Administration and the Committee on Health and Environmental Affairs to act upon this matter. On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Canuel, it was unanimously voted that the resolution be adopted, with Councilors Hart and Pereira absent and not voting.

CITATIONS

17. Commission on Disability Scholarship Recipients

Haziel Abreu	Julian Almeida	Matthew Beaudry
Gabriel Booth	Lillian DaPonte	Olivia Michelle Dos Reis
Juleigha Dos Santos	Madysen Rodrigues	Amiah Rondon

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

ORDERS – HEARINGS – None

ORDERS – MISCELLANEOUS

18. Police Chief's Report on Licenses

2026 License Renewals:

Pawnbrokers

Pawtucket Pawnbrokers Too, Inc., 302 South Main Street
Fall River Financial MA LLC d/b/a Fall River Pawnbrokers, 1435 Pleasant Street
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Bob's Place LLC d/b/a Straight Shooters Billiards (24 tables), 30 Front Street

Second Hand

Curt Barreira d/b/a Jimmy Jr's Tire Service, 729 Davol Street
William F. Leach d/b/a Marine Consignment of Fall River, 75 Ferry Street
TVI, Inc. d/b/a Savers Thrift Store, 109 Mariano Bishop Boulevard
GameStop, Inc. d/b/a GameStop 6735, 153 Mariano Bishop Boulevard
Fall River Financial MA LLC d/b/a Fall River Pawnbrokers, 1435 Pleasant Street
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Michael West d/b/a A1 Antiques & Used Furniture, 1091 Plymouth Avenue
Pawtucket Pawnbrokers Too, Inc., 302 South Main Street
Joseph Bilan, BP Auto Service Repair, Inc., 1091 South Main Street
Patenaude Jewelers, Inc., 1473 South Main Street
Alan Confoey d/b/a Alan's Jewelry, 1661 South Main Street

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

19. Auto Body Shop License Renewals

Joseph Silva d/b/a Joe's Collision Center, Inc., 170 Jefferson Street

William Sanchez d/b/a Lambert Auto Body and Auto Sales, 103 Chavenson Street

Eddie Feliciano d/b/a Eddie & Sons Auto Body and Marine Repair, 115 Maple Street

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

The City Clerk stated that the renewal for Eddie Feliciano d/b/a Eddie & Sons Auto Body and Marine Repair, 115 Maple Street, had been denied by the Police Chief.

On a motion made by Councilor Peckham and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to reconsider the previous motion to adopt, with Councilors Hart and Pereira absent and not voting.

On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Vice President Dionne, it was unanimously voted to place the license renewal for the denied application onto a separate order and to adopt the order containing the license renewals for Joseph Silva d/b/a Joe's Collision Center, Inc., 170 Jefferson Street, and William Sanchez d/b/a Lambert Auto Body and Auto Sales, 103 Chavenson Street, with Councilors Hart and Pereira absent and not voting.

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On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Camara, it was unanimously voted to refer the order containing the license renewal for Eddie Feliciano d/b/a Eddie & Sons Auto Body and Marine Repair, 115 Maple Street, to the Committee on Regulations, with Councilors Hart and Pereira absent and not voting.

20. Auto Repair Shop License Renewals

Rabih Khoury d/b/a Warren Auto Repair, 857 Warren Street

Joseph Silva d/b/a Joe's Collision Center, Inc., 170 Jefferson Street

William Sanchez d/b/a Lambert Auto Body and Auto Sales, 103 Chavenson Street

Joseph Silva d/b/a Supreme Auto, 421 Third Street

Carlos Jaquez d/b/a Jaquez Auto & Repair, 182 Stafford Road

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

Approved, April 30, 2026

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

COMMUNICATIONS – INVITATIONS – PETITIONS

21. Claims

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

22. Drainlayer Licenses

Danella Line Services of MA, Inc.
DaSilva Landscaping & Construction LLC
Geosearch, Inc.
J.H. Landscaping and Construction, Inc.
Joseph Botti Co., Inc.

Khoury Excavating, Inc.
MJD Excavating, Inc.
Raposo Company Landscape & Construction LLC
Riverside Masonry and Concrete
Sherry Construction Corporation

On a motion made by Councilor Camara and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to approve the drainlayer applications, with Councilors Hart and Pereira absent and not voting.

Approved, April 30, 2026

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

23. Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes – March 19, 2026

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

On a motion made by Councilor Camara and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to take items 24 through 27 together, with Councilors Hart and Pereira absent and not voting.

City Council Minutes

24. Joint Meeting of the City Council and School Committee – April 14, 2026

25. Public Hearings – April 14, 2026

26. Committee on Finance – April 14, 2026

27. Regular Meeting of the City Council – April 14, 2026

On a motion made by Councilor Camara and seconded by Vice President Dionne, it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes, with Councilors Hart and Pereira absent and not voting.

BULLETINS – NEWSLETTERS – NOTICES – None

ITEMS FILED AFTER THE AGENDA DEADLINE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE: APRIL 28, 2026

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Ordinances and Legislation recommending:

First reading, as amended

14a. Proposed Ordinance – Authorize City Council to hire outside legal counsel

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

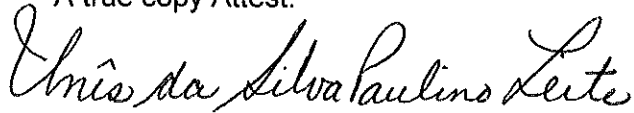
A brief recess was held from 8:36 p.m. to 8:37 p.m. for the signing of the ordinance.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Cadime, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:38 p.m., with Councilors Hart and Pereira absent and not voting.

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:

Agenda packet (attached)

A true copy Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Chris da Silva Paulino Leite".

City Clerk

In City Council, May 26, 2026

Approved.



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ORIGINAL POSTING: APRIL 24, 2026, AT 12:13 P.M.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, ONE GOVERNMENT CENTER
APRIL 28, 2026
REVISED AGENDA

5:00 P.M. CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES AND LEGISLATION

6:00 P.M. CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON FINANCE MEETING (OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES AND LEGISLATION MEETING IF IT RUNS PAST 6:00 P.M.)

Presentation of Citations – None

1. Citizen Input
2. *Resolution – Convene with Director of Engineering and Planning and Administration to develop a comprehensive funding strategy to match or supplement the City's annual Chapter 90 allocation to increase investment in roadway improvements (tabled 1-27-2026)
3. *Resolution – Committee on Finance and the Community Preservation Committee hold a joint meeting with the Administration to discuss upcoming priorities for Community Preservation Act funding categories and potential projects (adopted 3-10-2026)

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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Wayne Confoey d/b/a Cash for Gold, 1503 Pleasant Street
St. Vincent de Paul Exchange Store, Inc., 1799 Pleasant Street
Laura Pacheco Ph.D. d/b/a Laura's Vintage Attic, 1791 South Main Street
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March 30, 2026

Council President
Members of the Honorable Council
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Dear Council President and Members of the Honorable Council,

Attached please see a request from the Director of Traffic and Parking, Stephanie MacArthur, formally requesting the City Council accept the provisions outlined in MGL Chapter 90, Section 17C, that would authorize the Parking Clerk/Director of Traffic and Parking to reduce the speed limit from 30mph to 25mph in areas designated as high density residential zones, where speed is a significant public safety concern.

For any additional questions or concerns please feel free to contact me or my office.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan
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Mayor

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CITY OF FALL RIVER
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City of Fall River, *In City Council*

ORDERED, that the provisions of Section 17C, of Chapter 90 of the Massachusetts General Laws, which pertain to Establishment of 25 miles per hour speed limit in thickly settled or business district in city or town; violation, be and the same are hereby accepted.

CITY OF FALL RIVER
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**CITY OF FALL RIVER
MASSACHUSETTS**

Traffic & Parking Division

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic and Parking

March 30, 2026

Dear Mayor Coogan,

I am writing to formally request the acceptance of the provisions outlined in M.G.L. Chapter 90, Section 17C. If adopted by the City Council, this measure would authorize the Parking Clerk/Director of Traffic and Parking to reduce the speed limit from 30 MPH to 25 MPH in areas designated as high-density residential zones, where speeding is a significant public safety concern.

Please find an attached copy of Chapter 90, Section 17C for your reference.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I would be happy to address any questions or concerns you may have regarding this request.

Sincerely,


Stephanie MacArthur
Parking Clerk/Director of Traffic and Parking

Part I

ADMINISTRATION OF THE GOVERNMENT

Title XIV

PUBLIC WAYS AND WORKS

Chapter 90

MOTOR VEHICLES AND AIRCRAFT

Section 17C

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(b) Upon establishing a speed limit under this section, the city or town shall notify the department. The operation of a motor vehicle at a speed in excess of a speed limit established under this section shall be a violation of section 17.

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Dear Council President and Members of the Honorable Council,

I respectfully request your approval to accept a donation for services of a professionally trained comfort and search-and-rescue dog for use by the Emergency Medical Services Division. The donation of these services has been made possible by EMS Chief Beth Faunce who personally funded the acquisition and ongoing training of this dog at no cost to the city.

Thank you for your consideration with this request.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan
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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 Emergency Medical Services Division, and the same is hereby, authorized to accept a gift donation for services of a professionally trained comfort and search and rescue dog for use by the Emergency Medical Services Division.

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CITY CLERK _____
FALL RIVER, MA

Dear Mr. Mayor:

I respectfully submit this request for permission to formally accept the donation of services of a professionally trained comfort and search-and-rescue dog for use by our department.

As part of my commitment to enhancing both officer wellness and community support, I personally funded the acquisition and ongoing training of this dog at no cost to the city. The dog is being trained to provide critical mental health support during high-stress incidents, community engagements, and interactions with individuals affected by trauma.

In addition to these comfort services, the dog is also undergoing advanced training with the goal of achieving certification in live search and rescue operations. Upon completion, the dog will be capable of assisting in locating missing children and vulnerable elderly individuals, significantly expanding our department's response capabilities in time-sensitive situations.

Formally accepting this donation of services will allow the department to fully integrate this vulnerable resource into our operations, ensuring appropriate oversight, liability coverage, and long-term sustainability of the program.

This initiative represents a meaningful step forward in supporting both our personnel and the community we serve, combining compassion with public safety benefits.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. I am available to provide additional information the Council may require.

Respectfully,

Bethann Faunce, Chief
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Dear Council President and Members of the Honorable Council:

I am pleased to forward to you the City of Fall River Year Two Annual Action Plan which I propose to file with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for continued funding of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Programs. The Action Plan details activities to be undertaken during the July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027, program year.

Under separate cover on April 15, 2026, I shall submit a proposed resolution for your consideration at your April 28th meeting. The resolution would authorize submission of the Year Two Annual Action Plan with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Year Two Annual Action Plan is being submitted to you now in order to provide adequate review time prior to City Council consideration of the resolution at the April 28th meeting.

The proposed program of activities, which was advertised on March 11th for public comment, was developed based on testimony and proposals received at public hearings held January 7th and March 25th.

The timetable provides for submission of the Year Two Annual Action Plan no later than May 15, 2026.

Should you or any other Councilor have questions or comments prior to April 28th, I urge you to immediately contact Michael P. Dion, Executive Director/ CFO of the Fall River Community Development Agency. Mr. Dion will also be present at the City Council meeting to respond to any questions.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan
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Enclosure

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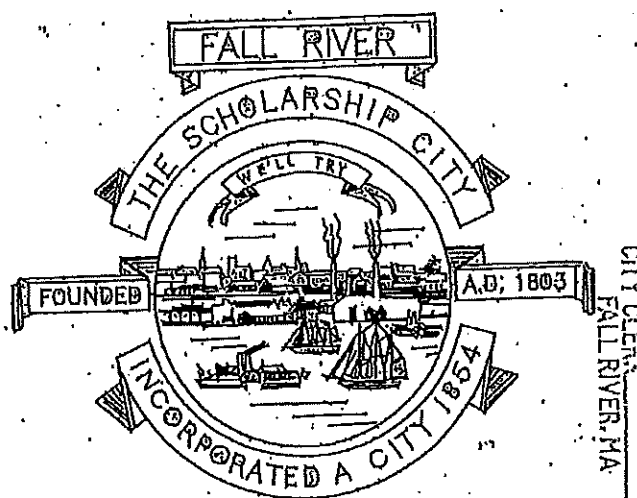
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July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027

Under 2025-2030 Consolidated Plan
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CITY CLERK
FALL RIVER, MA

April 7, 2026

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

Dear Honorable Council Members:

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) has identified community projects for the fiscal year 2027 and had made recommendations for funding in accordance with the Community Preservation Act (CPA) MGL Chapter 44B Sections 4 to 7.

The total CPA funding request for FY27 is \$4,459,575.32 from FY2027 Annual Revenues and CPA Fund Balance Reserves as outlined in the proposed Appropriation Order.

Your approval of the associated Appropriation Order is respectfully requested.

Should you have any questions or concerns in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

CITY OF FALL RIVER
IN CITY COUNCIL

APR 14 2026

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in accordance with the Charter*

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City of Fall River, In City Council

APPROPRIATION ORDER

ORDERED, that the following Fiscal Year 2027 appropriations be provided through the Community Preservation Act (CPA), revenues and reserves under the MGL Chapter 44B Sections 4 to 7 in the aggregate, amounting to \$4,459,575.32 to be appropriated as follows:

Voted: That \$1,956,253 be appropriated from the CPA Fund FY27 Annual Revenues:

For CPA Administrative Expenditures	\$ 45,000.00
For CPA Open Space/Outdoor Recreation PROJECTS	\$ 810,857.00
For CPA Historic Resources Preservation PROJECTS	\$ 904,771.00
For CPA Community Housing PROJECTS	\$ 101,300.00
For CPA Community Housing RESERVES	\$ <u>94,325.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ <u>1,956,253.00</u>

And that \$2,503,322.32 be appropriated from CPA Reserves and Fund Balance:

For CPA Open Space/Outdoor Recreation PROJECTS	
from CPA Fund Balance Reserved for Open Space/Outdoor Recreation	\$ 729,731.88
from CPA Fund Balance Unreserved/Undesignated	\$ 453,106.44
For CPA Historic Resources Preservation PROJECTS	
from CPA Fund Balance Reserved for Historic Preservation	\$ 960,821.01
from CPA Fund Balance Unreserved/Undesignated	\$ <u>359,662.99</u>
TOTAL	\$ <u>2,503,322.32</u>

Note: This is the fourteenth year of CPA implementation. The anticipated CPA Surcharge revenue is \$1,607,241. Supplemental state trust fund distributions are estimated at \$286,012. Total \$1,956,253. Minimum 10% (\$195,625) must be spent or reserved under each of the three categories and the administrative expenditure cannot exceed 5% (\$97,812.65).

CITY OF FALL RIVER
IN CITY COUNCIL

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PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

April 9, 2026

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

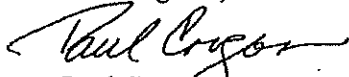
Dear Honorable Council Members:

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 32 of the Massachusetts General Laws, I recommend the following appropriations to your Honorable Body:

1. \$225,000.00 That the sum of \$225,000.00 be, and the same is hereby transferred to FACILITIES, Capital from the FY25 SURPLUS REVENUE.
2. \$250,000.00 That the sum of \$250,000.00 be, and the same is hereby transferred to POLICE, Capital from the FY25 SURPLUS REVENUE.
3. \$397,500.00 That the sum of \$397,500.00 be, and the same is hereby transferred to FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES, Capital from the FY25 SURPLUS REVENUE.
4. \$245,000.00 That the sum of \$245,000.00 be, and the same is hereby transferred to COMMUNITY MAINTENANCE, Capital from the FY25 SURPLUS REVENUE.
5. \$1,600,000.00 That the sum of \$1,600,000.00 be, and the same is hereby transferred to DEMOLITION REVOLVING FUND from the FY25 SURPLUS REVENUE.
6. \$3,000,000.00 That the sum of \$3,000,000.00 be, and the same is hereby transferred to the EMPLOYER HEALTH TRUST FUND from the FY25 SURPLUS REVENUE.

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

Best Regards,


Paul Coogan
Mayor

CITY OF FALL RIVER
IN CITY COUNCIL

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City of Fall River, In City Council

April 14, 2026

ORDERED:

That the sum of \$225,000.00 be, and the same is, hereby transferred to
Facilities, Capital from the FY25 Surplus Revenue:

FY25 Surplus Revenue

\$225,000.00

CITY OF FALL RIVER
IN CITY COUNCIL

APR 14 2026

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CITY OPERATIONS
CITY OF FALL RIVER

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April 9, 2026

The Honorable Paul E. Coogan
Mayor of the City of Fall River
One Government Center
Fall River, Massachusetts 02721

Mayor Coogan,

In accordance with the Capital Improvement Plan published on January 28, 2026, we are requesting funding for Library Repointing in the amount of \$225,000.00. This project includes design and repairs needed in the most weather deteriorated side of masonry at the Library. It has been funded by a grant from Mass Historic Preservation and ARPA Funds. We are looking to add to this funding to make additional minor repairs to the remaining three sides of the building through a change order with the existing contractor.

Sincerely,

Al Oliveira

Director of City Operations

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City of Fall River, In City Council

April 14, 2026

ORDERED:

That the sum of \$250,000.00 be, and the same is, hereby transferred to Police,
Capital from the FY25 Surplus Revenue:

FY25 Surplus Revenue

\$250,000.00

CITY OF FALL RIVER
IN CITY COUNCIL

APR 14 2026

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City of Fall River, Massachusetts Police Department

Office of the Chief of Police

Kelly A. Furtado
Chief of Police

685 Pleasant St.
Fall River, MA 02721
Tel. 508-324-2787
Fax: 508-324-2809

April 9, 2026

The Honorable Paul E. Coogan
Mayor of the City of Fall River
One Government Center
Fall River, Massachusetts 02721

Mayor Coogan,

In accordance with the Capital Improvement Plan published on January 28, 2026, we are requesting funding for our Firearm Replacement and Upgrade Project in the amount of \$250,000.00. This funding is to replace the current Fall River Police Department issued firearms from the Smith & Wesson MP series to the Glock firearm with optic sight system. This includes resale of the current issued firearms, and all accessories needed for the new equipment. Thank you for your consideration and continuous support.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly A. Furtado
Chief of Police

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City of Fall River, In City Council

April 14, 2026

ORDERED:

That the sum of \$397,500.00 be, and the same is, hereby transferred to Fire and Emergency Services, Capital from the FY25 Surplus Revenue:

FY25 Surplus Revenue

\$397,500.00

CITY OF FALL RIVER
IN CITY COUNCIL

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FIRE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF FALL RIVER

April 9, 2026

The Honorable Paul E. Coogan
Mayor of the City of Fall River
One Government Center
Fall River, Massachusetts 02721

Mayor Coogan,

In accordance with the Capital Improvement Plan published on January 28, 2026, we are requesting funding for Apparatus Lifts at Fire Headquarters (\$160,000.00) and Turnout Gear (\$237,500.00) for a total of \$397,500.00.

All eight apparatus lifts at Fire Headquarters will be replaced with this amount. These lifts are used daily to work on fire apparatus, ambulances, and council on aging vehicles.

There was a large set of gear bought in 2017, with a 10-year useful life. We now try to buy new gear in smaller bulks within the operating budget to avoid one year of a large financial burden. However, we need about 100 sets in 2027 and would like to break that up with buying half this fiscal year and half next.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey P. Bacon, Fire Chief

City of Fall River, In City Council

April 14, 2026

ORDERED:

That the sum of \$245,000.00 be, and the same is, hereby transferred to
Community Maintenance, Capital from the FY25 Surplus Revenue:

FY25 Surplus Revenue

\$245,000.00

CITY OF FALL RIVER
IN CITY COUNCIL

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CITY OF FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS

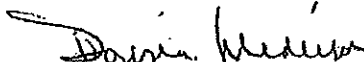
April 9, 2026

The Honorable Paul E. Coogan
Mayor of the City of Fall River
One Government Center
Fall River, Massachusetts 02721

Mayor Coogan,

In accordance with the Capital Improvement Plan published on January 28, 2026, we are requesting funding for Pole Removal within the Parks in the amount of \$80,000.00. A study was done in 2018 to remove existing light poles in various parks in critical condition, we would like to complete this work now.

Sincerely,


Darren Medeiros
Director of Parks

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**CITY OF FALL RIVER
MASSACHUSETTS**

Traffic & Parking Division

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic and Parking

April 9, 2026.

The Honorable Paul E. Coogan
Mayor of the City of Fall River
One Government Center
Fall River, Massachusetts 02721

Mayor Coogan,

In accordance with the Capital Improvement Plan published on January 28, 2026, we are requesting funding for Roadway Speed Tables in the amount of \$165,000.00. Speed tables are intended for high traffic areas within the City where speeding is a known issue. Including areas near parks, schools, business districts, and other locations where there is high pedestrian activity. With the increased vehicle speed in these zones, public safety is the top priority. This has started with some temporary style speed tables; we are exploring where permanent installations would be more beneficial. This funding amount will include both temporary and permanent speed tables.

Sincerely,

Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic and Parking

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City of Fall River, In City Council

April 14, 2026

ORDERED:

That the sum of \$1,600,000.00 be, and the same is, hereby transferred to Demolition Revolving Fund from the FY25 Surplus Revenue:

FY25 Surplus Revenue

\$1,600,000.00

CITY OF FALL RIVER
IN CITY COUNCIL

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INSPECTIONAL SERVICES
CITY OF FALL RIVER

April 9, 2026

Fall River City Council
1 Government Center
Fall River, MA 02722

Re: Former Police Station 158 Bedford Street

Honorary Members of the City Council:

The preparations to demolish the former police station at 158 Bedford Street are in the final stages. In order to schedule the actual demolition, the funds need to be secured. I respectfully ask that \$1,600,000.00 be allocated to cover all costs associated with the demolition. Some of the costs are as follows (but not limited to): water access while demolition is taking place, air quality monitoring around the building, the demolition itself, and removal of all debris. As with any demolition, there may be expenses that arise that were not planned for. I respectfully ask that the \$1,600,000.00 be allocated as soon as possible so demolition can begin.

Regards,

Glenn Hathaway
Building Commissioner
City of Fall River

City of Fall River, *In City Council*

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April 14, 2026

ORDERED:

That the sum of \$3,000,000.00 be, and the same is, hereby transferred to the Employer Health Trust Fund from the FY25 Surplus Revenue:

FY25 Surplus Revenue

\$3,000,000.00

CITY OF FALL RIVER
IN CITY COUNCIL

APR 14 2026

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**DIRECTOR OF
FINANCIAL SERVICES**
CITY OF FALL RIVER

April 9, 2026

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

Mayor Coogan,

I am submitting a request to transfer \$3,000,000 from our FY25 Free Cash Certification to the Employer Health Care Trust Fund. This is to follow the plan discussed during the FY2026 Budget Hearings to begin rebuilding the Employer Health Care Trust Fund balance that was depleted between fiscal years 2023-2025.

Sincerely,

Emily Arpke
Director of Financial Services

FY26 Appropriation/Transfer Number Analysis

Line	Original/Revised Appropriation	Amount Transferred	Adjusted Balance
General Fund Surplus Revenue	\$ 13,338,506.00	\$ (5,717,500.00)	\$ 7,621,006.00
Facilities, Capital	\$ -	\$ 225,000.00	\$ 225,000.00
Police, Capital	\$ 656,000.00	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 906,000.00
Fire & Emergency Services, Capital	\$ 1,230,000.00	\$ 397,500.00	\$ 1,627,500.00
Community Maintenance, Capital	\$ -	\$ 245,000.00	\$ 245,000.00
Community Services, Transfers to Demolition Revolving Fund	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 1,600,000.00	\$ 1,620,000.00
Employer Health Care Trust Fund	\$ 43,041,747.38	\$ 3,000,000.00	\$ 46,041,747.38

I certify that there are sufficient funds available for these transfers.

Charlotte Murphy
 City Auditor
 April 9, 2026

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PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

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CITY CLERK
FALL RIVER, MA

March 26, 2026

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 have reviewed the resolution passed by the City Council at its meeting on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, purporting to authorize the Council to retain outside legal counsel or a qualified investigative firm to assist with an investigation into the actions of the Police Department. For the reasons detailed in the letter/opinion of Corporation Counsel dated March 24, 2026, a copy of which is attached, I hereby veto each action purportedly authorized by the vote of the City Council in its Resolution.

I should note, however, that the so-called "Resolution" of the City Council is improper on its face and does not require a veto. A resolution is, by definition, a formal statement expressing the opinion, will, or intent of a body of people. A resolution does not authorize the taking of any action, which is why resolutions cannot be vetoed (see Section 3-7 of the City of Fall River Charter). Nonetheless, in an abundance of caution, I am issuing this veto to avoid any confusion regarding my complete and total disapproval of the Council's decision to authorize any action against the advice of the Corporation Counsel for the City of Fall River, and my belief that such action was invalid under Chapter 43B, of the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

CITY OF FALL RIVER
IN CITY COUNCIL

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APR 14 2026

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**OFFICE OF THE
CORPORATION COUNSEL**
CITY OF FALL RIVER

24 March 2026

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

Re: Resolution 6a – 3/24/26

Dear Councilors:

I am writing this letter to address my legal concerns with the Resolution attached as Attachment 6a to tonight's City Council agenda. In summary, it is my legal opinion that the investigatory authority of the Council is limited in scope to the informational requests detailed in Section 2-7(b) and (c). A copy of Section 2-7 of the City of Fall River Home Rule Charter is attached for your review.

Although Section 2-7(a) of the Charter provides the City Council with the authority to make investigations into the affairs of the city, the Charter does not grant the Council with the authority to retain an outside investigator. Section 2-7 has four subsections and, when these subsections are read together, they clarify the scope of the Council's investigatory authority. These subsections, in pertinent part, read as follows:

- Section 2-7(a) In General – Council may “make investigations into the affairs of the city and into the conduct and performance of any city agency.”
- Section 2-7(b) Information Requests – Council may require a city employee to “appear before the city council to give any information that the city council may require...”
- Section 2-7(c) Mayor – Council may “request specific information from the mayor on any municipal matter...”
- Section 2-7(d) Notice – Council “shall, by resolution, request the attendance of any officer or employee of the city to appear...” and provides details regarding the requirements of said notice.

As a caveat to this expedited opinion, I want it to be clear that I have not been provided with ample time to conduct thorough legal research on the issue. I do believe that this legal opinion is correct, however, given the lack of notice (I did not receive this Resolution until this morning), perhaps it is best to table the matter until additional research can be completed.

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As a reminder, the Corporation Counsel serves as the legal advisor to the City Council. Pursuant to 2-527 of the Code of the City of Fall River, the Corporation Counsel holds the exclusive authority to initiate any suit or legal proceeding on behalf of the City and, pursuant to 2-528, only the Corporation Counsel, with approval from the mayor, may retain outside legal counsel.

Finally, my correspondence is not intended to serve as a comprehensive response to all the issues contained in the Resolution. Additional concerns, such as potential appropriation issues and/or open meeting law issues have not been reviewed or addressed in this letter.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Very truly yours,



Alan J. Rumsey, Esq.
Corporation Counsel



PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

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CITY CLERK
FALL RIVER, MA

April 21, 2026

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

Dear Council President and Members of the Honorable Council:

Please accept this correspondence, as a request to initiate City Council referral to the City of Fall River Planning Board for review and action to expand and amend the City of Fall River Waterfront/Downtown HD Zone to include the location of the areas of Middle Street north along South Main Street to Morgan Street; Morgan Street east to Hartwell Street; Hartwell Street west to Plymouth Avenue; Plymouth Avenue south to Lyon Street, Lyon Street, west to Middle Street and Middle Street west to South Main Street. (see attached Map)

Expansion of this area as part of the Waterfront/Downtown HDIP Zone will increase diversified housing opportunities throughout the amended HDIP Zone, increase tax revenues through property rehabilitation, new development and provide housing choice for Fall River residents. Once the referral action is taken by the City Council regarding this request it can be forwarded to the City of Fall River Planning Department for the scheduling of a Public Hearing and public input on this matter.

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

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

HOUSING DISTRICTS
CITY OF FALL RIVER

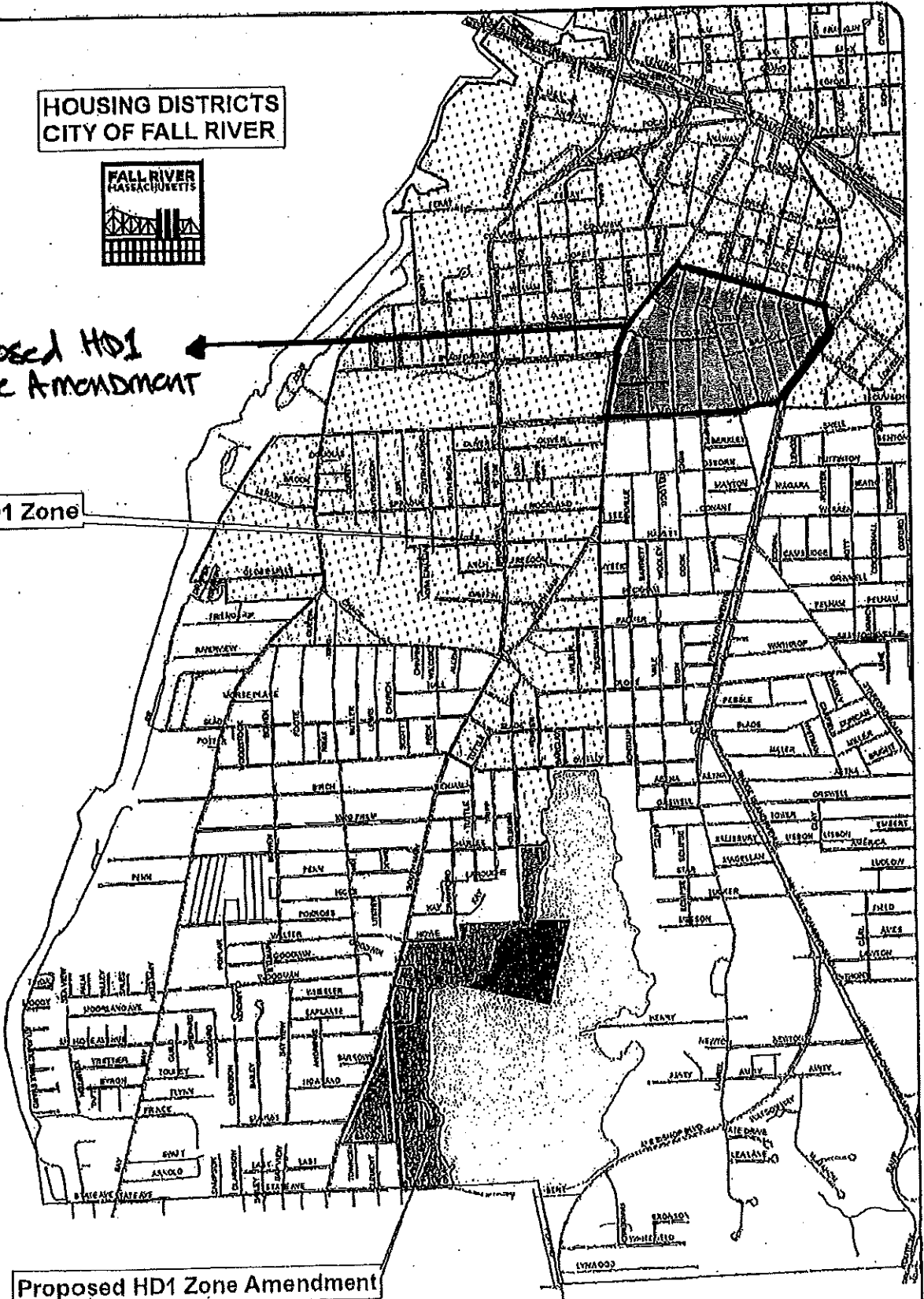


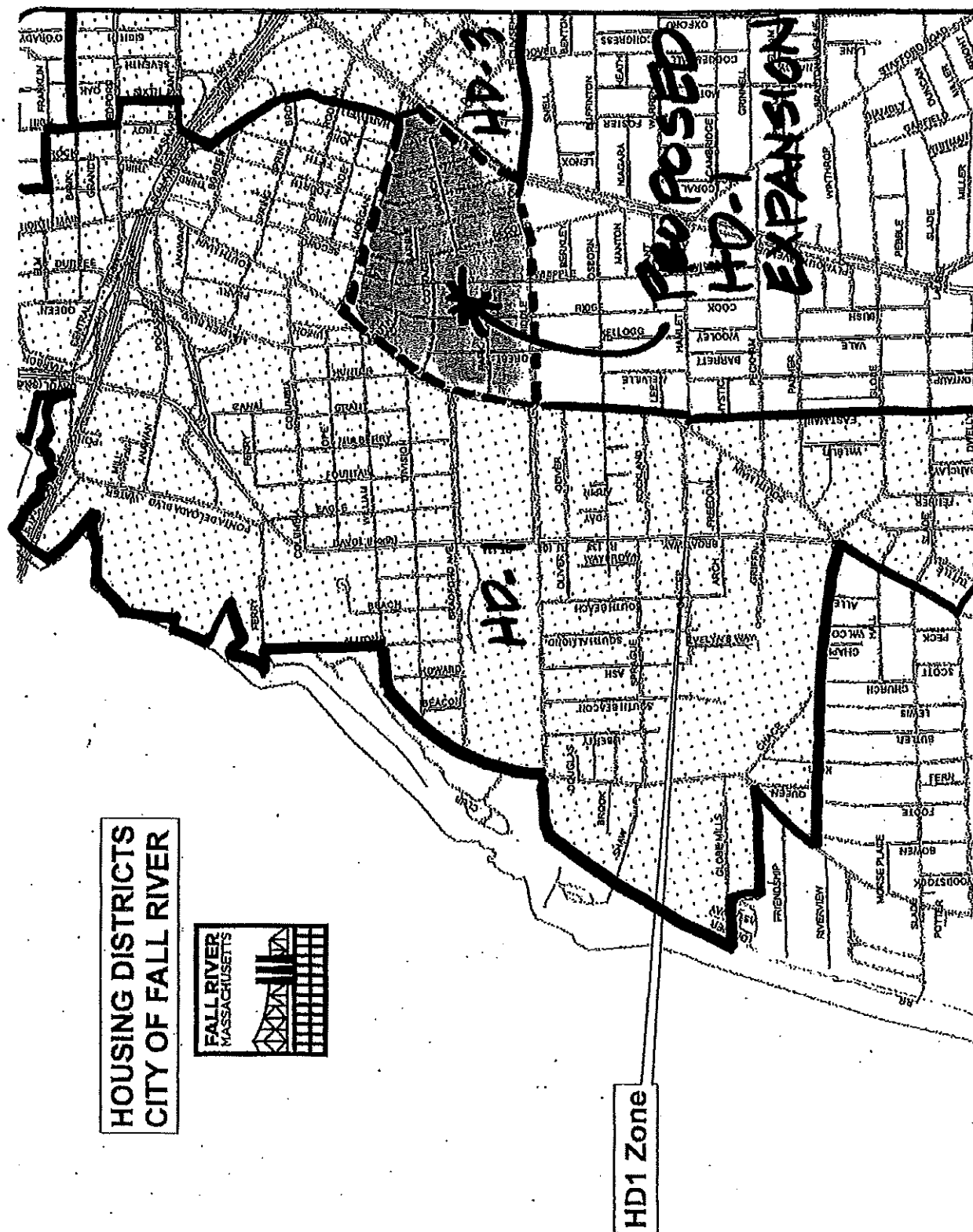
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Proposed HD1 Zone Amendment







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April 23, 2026

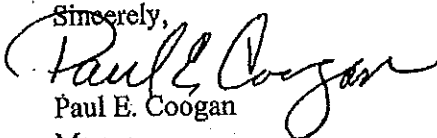
Council President
Members of the Honorable Council
City of Fall River
One Government Center
Fall River, MA 02722

Dear Council President and Members of the Honorable Council,

Please see attached a letter from Interim City Administrator, Ann O'Neil- Souza, with the results from the Selection Committee as it relates to a Solicitation for Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) & Single Stream Recyclable (SSR) Curbside Collection and Disposal (the "Solicitation"). The City received two (2) responses to the Solicitation. One response was from Capitol Waste Services, Inc. and the other response was from E.L. Harvey. WE request the action of your Honorable Body.

For any additional questions or concerns please feel free to contact me or my office.

Sincerely,


Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

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City of Fall River, In City Council

ORDERED, that the Mayor is authorized to award a two (2) year contract, with a one (1) year option, for Municipal Solid Waste and Single Stream Recyclable Curbside Collection and Disposal Services to Capitol Waste Services, Inc, 1222 Bennington Street, East Boston, MA 02128 subject to the negotiation and execution of a contract in a form acceptable to the Mayor and Corporation Counsel; and further

ORDERED that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute said contract upon the successful negotiation in a form acceptable to the Mayor and Corporation Counsel.



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

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April 23, 2026

PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor of the City of Fall River
One Government Center
Fall River, MA 02721

RE: CITY OF FALL RIVER MSW/SSR COLLECTION & DISPOSAL SOLICITATION

Dear Mr. Mayor:

As you know the City, acting through the Board of Health and the Department of Community Maintenance, issued a Solicitation for Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) & Single Stream Recyclable (SSR) Curbside Collection and Disposal (the "Solicitation"). The City received two (2) responses to the Solicitation. One response was from Capitol Waste Services, Inc and the other response was from E.L. Harvey.

A Selection Committee consisting of Dr. Stephen Gagliardi of the Board of Health, Ann O'Neil Souza, the Interim City Administrator, Michelle Dionne, the Vice-President of the City Council, Al Oliveira, the Director of City Operations, and Trevor Coelho, the City's Purchasing Agent, reviewed both Technical Proposals using the evaluation criteria set forth in the Solicitation. As result of their review, the Selection Committee deemed the proposal submitted by Capitol Waste Services, Inc as the more advantageous proposal. Copies of the Review Tally Sheet for both proposals are attached hereto.

The Selection Committee then reviewed the respective Price Proposals. The Price Proposal submitted by Capitol Waste Services, Inc, was a little higher than the Price Proposal submitted by E.L. Harvey. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 4.8 of the Solicitation, the Committee then deliberated and determined, based on the factors set forth in the Evaluation Criteria and the attached Tally Sheets, that the higher technically ranked, but higher cost proposal, represented a better value to the City than a lower cost, but lower technically ranked proposal.

The Solicitation also contained the following relevant provisions:

4.10 Contract award

The City will award all four (4) Bundled Services to the single most qualified, responsible and responsive proposer providing the most advantageous proposals, taking into consideration all the requirements and selection criteria set forth in the Solicitation, all conditions in the responses, all prices for individual Services and

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or parts thereof, or items therein, and to waive any defect or irregularities as to form, therein. Nothing in this Solicitation shall require that the City take the lowest price proposal. Instead, the City reserves the right to base its decision on the entirety of the information provided and its sole judgment as to the best service provided.

No proposal will be accepted from, or contract awarded to any person, firm, or corporation that is in arrears or is in default to any Massachusetts municipality or had failed previously to perform faithfully any previous contract with a municipality.

4.11 Contract negotiations

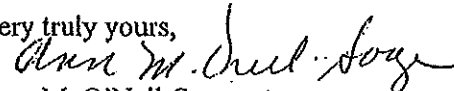
Because this service is exempt from the bidding laws, the City reserves the right to negotiate with whatever firm it chooses, in whatever manner it believes is best suited to the City's needs. The City intends to enter into negotiations with the preferred vendor(s) regarding all terms of the Agreement as attached to this Solicitation. The City in its sole discretion may, after such negotiations, determine that it is in the best interest of the City to cease negotiations with the Preferred Vendor(s) and commence negotiations with the next most advantageous Proposer. The City will give notice of this decision to the Preferred Vendor, signed by an authorized representative of the City and sent by e-mail. The City may then negotiate all terms of the Agreement with the next highest ranked Proposer. The City will not be responsible for any of the direct or indirect negotiation costs incurred by any of the selected Proposers who participate in such negotiations.

The City may condition award on successful negotiation of revisions to the Proposer's Proposal as specified by the City in its evaluation. If the City awards the Agreement to a Proposer that did not submit the lowest Cost Proposal, the City will explain the basis for the award in writing, specifying in reasonable detail the City's decision.

In light of their deliberation, and the foregoing provisions, the Selection Committee hereby requests that you submit a proposed Order to the City Council approving the Award of a two year contract, with an option for an additional year, for Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) & Single Stream Recyclable (SSR) Curbside Collection and Disposal to Capitol Waste Services, Inc, 1222 Bennington Street, East Boston, MA 02128 subject to the negotiation and execution of a contract in a form acceptable to the Mayor and Corporation Counsel.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



Ann M. O'Neil-Souza
Interim City Administrator

City of Fall River
Solicitation 26-10 MSW/SSR Curbside Collection and Disposal
Review Team Scores
April 22, 2026

Proposer:

Capitol Waste Services, Inc.

Criteria	Ann Reviewer	Al Reviewer	Trevor Reviewer	Michelle Reviewer	Dr. G Reviewer	Avg. Score
	A	B	C	D	E	
Staffing and daily operations approach	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
Management plan	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
Communications plan and program	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
Experience identifying and delivering materials to recycling and processing facilities	3.00	2.00	3.00	3.00	2.50	2.70
Collection fleet	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
Approach to correcting missed collections	2.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.80
Approach to quality assurance of Customer set-outs	1.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.60
Approach to handling Customer complaints	3.00	2.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.80
Prior Experiences of the Proposer	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
Knowledge of the City of Fall River	3.00	3.00	2.00	3.00	3.00	2.80
Composite Score						28.70

Composite Score Key

30 Total Points - Highly Advantageous
20 - 29.99 Total Points - Advantageous
10 - 19.99 Total Points - Not Advantageous
0- 9.99 Total Points - Unacceptable

City of Fall River
Solicitation 26-10 MSW/SSR Curbside Collection and Disposal
Review Team Scores
April 22, 2026

Proposer:

E.L. Harvey

<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Ann Reviewer</u> <u>A</u>	<u>Al Reviewer</u> <u>B</u>	<u>Trevor Reviewer</u> <u>C</u>	<u>Michelle Reviewer</u> <u>D</u>	<u>Dr. G. Reviewer</u> <u>E</u>	<u>Avg. Score</u>
Staffing and daily operations approach	2.00	3.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.20
Management plan	3.00	2.00	3.00	3.00	2.50	2.70
Communications plan and program	2.00	3.00	3.00	2.50	2.00	2.50
Experience identifying and delivering materials to recycling and processing facilities	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
Collection fleet	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
Approach to correcting missed collections	2.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.80
Approach to quality assurance of Customer set-outs	0.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.50	2.30
Approach to handling Customer complaints	3.00	2.00	3.00	3.00	2.50	2.70
Prior Experiences of the Proposer	3.00	3.00	3.00	0.00	2.00	2.20
Knowledge of the City of Fall River	1.00	1.00	2.00	1.00	2.50	<u>1.50</u>
Composite Score						24.90

Composite Score Key

30 Total Points - Highly Advantageous
20 - 29.99 Total Points - Advantageous
10 - 19.99 Total Points - Not Advantageous
0- 9.99 Total Points - Unacceptable



PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

April 23, 2026

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City Council President
Member of the Honorable Council
City of Fall River
One Government Center
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Dear Councilor President and Members of the Honorable Council:

Attached please find the audited financial statements of the City of Fall River for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, to be presented to the City Council.

Thank you and if additional information is needed on this or any other matter please contact my office.

Sincerely,


Paul E Coogan
Mayor



AUDITOR

CITY OF FALL RIVER

April 22, 2026

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

Mayor Coogan,

Please find the attached audited financial statements of the City of Fall River for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, as well as the related correspondence from Roselli, Clark, & Associates. We are requesting to have the audited statements presented to the City Council.

Sincerely,

Christopher Murphy
City Auditor



ROSELLI, CLARK & ASSOCIATES
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

500 West Cummings Park
Suite 4900
Woburn, MA 01801

Telephone: (781) 933-0073

www.roselliclark.com

March 13, 2026

The Honorable Mayor and City Council
City of Fall River, Massachusetts

We have audited the financial statements of the City of Fall River (the "City") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards* and the Uniform Guidance, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated July 31, 2025. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Matters

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the City are described in the notes to the basic annual financial statements. The significant accounting policies used by the City are described in Note II to the basic financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2025. We noted no transactions entered into by the City during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimates affecting the City's financial statements were:

- Net pension liability, which is actuarially-determined. We audited the fiscal year 2025 Fall River Contributory Retirement System financial statements (as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024) and issued an unmodified report on those financial statements dated December 8, 2025. In connection with that audit, we evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the net pension liability in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.
- Net OPEB liability, which is actuarially determined. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used by the City to develop the net OPEB liability in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

- Management's estimate of the allowance for doubtful accounts is based on historical revenues, historical loss levels, and an analysis of the collectibility of individual accounts. The most significant allowances pertain to the allowance reported in the City's enterprise funds as well as the allowance for uncollectible parking tickets and CDA mortgages receivables. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the allowance in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.
- The financial position and results of operations of the Fall River Redevelopment Authority, a legally separate entity, were audited by others. We did not audit these balances or amounts; we relied on the audit of the other auditors. Due to its nature and significance of its relationship to the City, the Fall River Redevelopment Authority is presented as a discretely-presented component unit in the City's government-wide financial statements. Additionally, significant disclosures related to the Fall River Redevelopment Authority are included in the notes to the basic financial statements.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosures affecting the financial statements pertained to the estimates described above and can be found in the notes to the financial statements.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. A schedule summarizing uncorrected misstatements of the financial statements has been previously provided to management. Management has determined that their effects are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated February 19, 2026.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the City's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditors' opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the City's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

In addition to our more detailed discussions with management, we bring the following matters to your attention:

- 1) **Cash Variance** – The City's reported cash and investment balance is approximately \$218,000 greater than the reconciled cash and investment balance. The City's finance and treasury personnel were unable to determine the cause of this variance.
- 2) **Excessive School Lunch Balance** – As previously reported to management of the School district, federal school lunch regulations require that "net cash resources to an amount that does not exceed 3 months average expenditures." The fund balance in the City's school lunch revolving fund exceeded \$9.6 million, which represents a net cash reserve of more than eight (8) months. Note that the City is not alone in this matter as many Massachusetts cities and towns have seen significant growth in this fund balance due to a variety of factors including the Commonwealth's decision to fully fund school lunch. The School district must develop a written plan to address this surplus and operate to this plan to reduce this excessive balance.
- 3) **Employee Turnover** – As noted in the prior year, turnover in key financial and accounting positions over the past several years presents a greater opportunity for incidents of theft and fraud to go undetected by the City. We discussed these risks with the City's new financial leadership.
- 4) **MCWT ILN Accounting** – Interim loan note ("ILN") accounting for MCWT transactions in sewer and water require a significant degree of communication between the City Auditor and sewer and water operations. Audit adjustments are required each year due to break downs in this communication.

Other Matters

We applied certain limited procedures to the budgetary comparison, pension and OPEB schedules, which are required supplementary information ("RSI") that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

Restriction on Use

This information is intended solely for the information and use of the City Council and management of the City and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roselli, Clark & Associates".

Roselli, Clark & Associates
Certified Public Accountants
Woburn, Massachusetts

ROSELLI, CLARK & ASSOCIATES
Certified Public Accountants



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Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

April 21, 2026

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

Honorable Council Members:

At a meeting of the Traffic Board Commission held on Wednesday, April 15, 2026 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: 375

1 Hour Parking Only
Monday thru Friday
7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following.

INSERT

Name of Street
Pleasant St

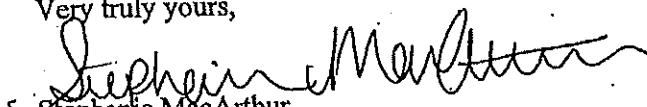
Side
North

Location
Starting at a point 75 feet
West of Ninth Street
Distance of 20 feet West.

Hours/Days
1 Hour Parking Only

Monday thru Friday
7:00a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Very truly yours,


Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic

One Government Center – Room 234 - Fall River, MA 02722
Tel: (508) 324-2123 Fax: (508) 324-2578 E-mail: Smacarthur@fallriverma.gov

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April 21, 2026

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
Barnes Street	North	Starting at a point 395 feet East of County Street. For a distance of 20 feet East.

Very truly yours,


Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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Article: 70
Section: 387

HANDICAP PARKING

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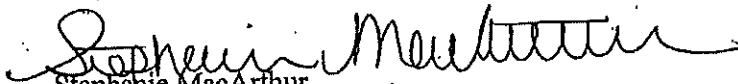
INSERT

Name of Street
Dwelly Street

Side
North

Location
Starting at a point 38 feet West of Montaup Street.
For a distance of 20 feet West.

Very truly yours,


Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

April 21, 2026

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Fall River, MA 02720

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Section: 387

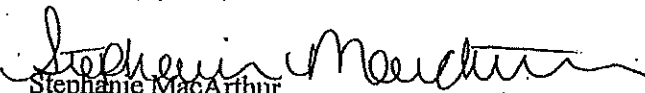
HANDICAP PARKING

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following:

INSERT

Name of Street	Side	Location
Fifth Street	West	Starting at a point 65 feet North of Rodman Street. For a distance of 20 feet North.

Very truly yours,


Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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Article: 70
Section: 387

HANDICAP PARKING

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following:

INSERT

Name of Street
French Street

Side
North

Location
Starting at a point 241 feet East of Barnaby Street.
For a distance of 20 feet East.

Very truly yours,


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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
Griffin Street	South	Starting at a point 94 feet East of Broadway. For a distance of 20 feet East.

Very truly yours,


Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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Article: 70
Section: 387

HANDICAP PARKING

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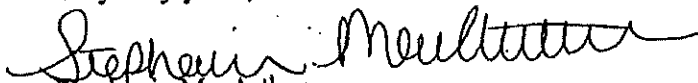
INSERT

Name of Street
Middle Street

Side
South

Location
Starting at a point 481 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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The Honorable City Council
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Fall River, MA 02720

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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
Palmer Street

Side
North

Location
Starting at a point 40 feet West of Plymouth Avenue.
For a distance of 20 feet West.

Very truly yours,

Stephanie MacArthur
Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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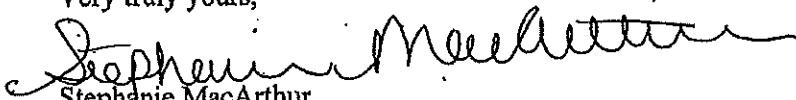
Article: 70
Section: 387 HANDICAP PARKING

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following:

INSERT

Name of Street	Side	Location
Union Street	West	Starting at a point 18 feet South of Hope Street. For a distance of 20 feet South.

Very truly yours,


Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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April 21, 2026

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

Honorable Council Members:

At a meeting of the Traffic Board Commission held on Wednesday, April 15, 2026 the following request was heard and approved by the Traffic Commission.

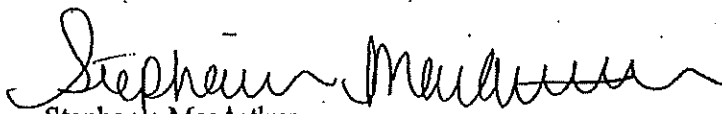
That Chapter 70 of Revised Ordinances be amended in the following Section:

Article: 70
Section: 387 Handicapped Parking

By striking out in proper alphabetical order the following.

Name of Street	Side	Location
Chavenson Street	West	Starting at a point 25 feet North of Bedford Street. For a distance of 20 feet Northerly.

Very truly yours,


Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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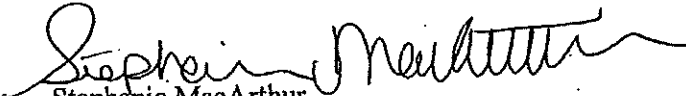
Article: 70
Section: 387

Handicapped Parking

By striking out in proper alphabetical order the following.

Name of Street	Side	Location
Forest Street	East	Starting at a point 198 feet South of Park Street. For a distance of 20 feet South.

Very truly yours,


Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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

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Article: 70
Section: 387 Handicapped Parking

By striking out in proper alphabetical order the following.

Name of Street	Side	Location
Plymouth Avenue	West	Starting at a point 20 feet South of 5 th Street. For a distance of 20 feet Southerly.

Very truly yours,


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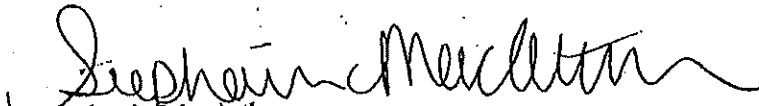
That Chapter 70 of Revised Ordinances be amended in the following Section:

Article: 70
Section: 387 Handicapped Parking

By striking out in proper alphabetical order the following.

Name of Street	Side	Location
Walnut Street	North	Starting at a point 124 feet East of Hanover Street. For a distance of 20 feet Easterly.

Very truly yours,


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FALL RIVER, MA

CLIFF A. PONTE
*President
City Council*

April 16, 2026

To whom it may concern:

I have recently been notified that the Solid Waste Request for Proposals 26-10 Selection Committee has been organized, which will comprise of the City Administrator, the City Council President or their designee, the Chairman of the Board of Health, the Director of City Operations, and the Purchasing Agent. I hereby appoint Council Vice President Michelle Dionne as my designee to serve on this committee.

Please include Council Vice President Dionne on all related correspondence and communications moving forward.

Sincerely,

Cliff A. Ponte
City Council President

CITY OF FALL RIVER

To the City Council

Councillors:

The Committee on Ordinances and Legislation, at a meeting held on April 21, 2026, voted unanimously to recommend the accompanying proposed ordinance, accompanied by an emergency preamble, be passed through first reading, second reading, passed to be enrolled and passed to be ordained, with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.


Assistant Clerk of Committees

EMERGENCY PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, the immediate passage of the accompanying proposed ordinance is deemed necessary inasmuch as it vitally affects the health and safety of the public, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that said ordinance is hereby deemed an emergency measure in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 43, Section 20 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

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 inserting in Section 70-387, which section relates to handicapped parking generally, the following:

Name of Street	Side	Location
Hope Street	South	Starting at a point 39 feet east of Grant Street, for a distance of 20 feet east
Park Street	South	Starting at a point 113 feet west of Ridge Street, for a distance of 20 feet west

Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, Miscellaneous
CITY OF FALL RIVER

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To the City Council

Councillors:

The Committee on Ordinances and Legislation, at a meeting held on April 21, 2026, voted unanimously to recommend that the accompanying proposed ordinance be passed through first reading, with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.



Assistant Clerk of Committees

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:

Section 1

By inserting in Section 70-371, which relates to parking prohibited at all times, the following:

Name of Street	Side	Location
Brightman Street	North	For a distance of 30 feet of Lindsey Street
Pine Street	South	Starting at a point 244 feet west of Robeson Street, for a distance of 422 feet west.

Section 2

By striking out in Section 70-371, which relates to parking prohibited at all times, the following:

Name of Street	Side	Location
Brightman Street	North	For a distance of 100 feet of Lindsey Street

Section 3

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

Name of Street	Side	Location
Eddy Street	West	Starting at a point 152 feet south of Locust Street, for a distance of 20 feet south

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:

Section 1

By inserting in Section 70-372, which relates to parking prohibited during certain hours, the following:

Name of Street	Side	Location	Hours/Days
Progress Street	North	Starting at Stafford Road for a distance of 282 feet westerly	Monday through Friday 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Progress Street	South	Starting at Stafford Road for a distance of 275 feet westerly	Monday through Friday 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Section 2

By inserting in Section 70-376, which section relates to Two-hour parking, the following:

Name of Street	Side	Location	Hours/Days
Pleasant Street	South	Starting at a point east of Cash Street for a distance of 40 feet easterly	Monday through Saturday 10:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Section 3

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

Name of Street	Side	Location
Barnes Street	South	Starting at a point 322 feet west of County Street, for a distance of 20 feet westerly
Hunter Street	East	Starting at a point 184 feet south of William Street, for a distance of 20 feet southerly
Seabury Street	West	Starting at a point 104 feet north of Bank Street, for a distance of 20 feet northerly
Sprague Street	North	Starting at a point 257 feet east of Bay Street, for a distance of 20 feet easterly
Tuttle Street	East	Starting at a point 64 feet south of Dwelly Street, for a distance of 20 feet southerly

CITY OF FALL RIVER
IN CITY COUNCIL

APR 14 2026

Passed through first reading

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City of Fall River, *In City Council*

(Councilor Michael G. Canuel)

WHEREAS, residents have expressed growing concern regarding litter, illegal dumping, and the condition of streets, parks, and public spaces, including an active petition effort reflecting broad community interest, and

WHEREAS, clean and well-maintained public spaces contribute to neighborhood pride, public health, and overall quality of life, and

WHEREAS, the City Council and Administration share a mutual interest in ensuring resources are aligned with community priorities, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council requests the Administration include, as part of the Fiscal Year 2027 budget presentation, a clear outline of resources dedicated to cleanliness and maintenance, including:

- Staffing assigned to street, park, and neighborhood maintenance
- Enforcement resources related to littering and illegal dumping
- Any operational adjustments intended to improve service delivery, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Committee on Health and Environmental Affairs convene semi-annually with the Administration to discuss updates regarding progress on cleanliness, maintenance, and enforcement efforts throughout the City of Fall River.

(Filed 4-23-2026)

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CITY CLERK #26-88
FALL RIVER, MA

1. Claimant's name: Caden Pettiford
2. Claimant's complete address: 150 N Main St Apt 302 Fall River 02720
3. Telephone number: Home: 508 933 7216 Work: _____
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: 2/26 Amount of damages claimed: \$ _____
6. Exact location of the incident: (Include as much detail as possible):
150 N Main St Fall River
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
Car was parked, Fire truck engine 1 hit it
Accident # 26-540-ac
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: 4/10/26 Claimant's signature: Caden Pettiford

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Notice of Claim

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2026 APR 14 A 9:11

1. Claimant's name: Steven Moore CITY CLERK #26-89
FALL RIVER, MA
2. Claimant's complete address: 168 Brownell Street
3. Telephone number: Home: 7743799363 Work: _____
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
Pothole Damage to Car
5. Date and time of accident: March 17 Amount of damages claimed: \$ 1001.29
6. Exact location of the incident: (Include as much detail as possible):
across the Street from Advanced Alarm Systems on Lindsey Street
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
Driving my Vehicle towards the intersection Between Lindsey and Brownell Street and hit a pothole
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: April 14 2026

Claimant's signature: [Signature]

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Date: 04/14/2026

SHANE TRIPP
1094 Main St.
Acushnet, MA
Phone: (774) 628-6783

Date: March 21, 2026

RE: Vehicle Damage Claim – March 21, 2026

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in regard to my vehicle damage claim stemming from an incident that occurred on March 21, 2026. Please accept this letter as a formal submission to accompany the enclosed documentation related to the damages sustained.

As a result of the incident, my vehicle required inspection and mechanical repair, including suspension and steering components. Enclosed with this letter you will find the associated repair invoice and supporting material detailing the work performed, costs incurred, and verification of service.

All repairs were completed to restore the vehicle to safe operating condition and to prevent any additional damage. I am submitting this information for your review and consideration as part of the claim process.

Should you require any additional documentation, clarification, or follow-up information, please do not hesitate to contact me at the phone number listed above. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Shane Tripp

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CITY CLERK #26-90
FALL RIVER, MA

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Notice of Claim

2026 APR 14 P 1:36

1. Claimant's name: Hasan Abdul-Hasib CITY CLERK: #26-91
2. Claimant's complete address: 255 Juniper St, East Providence, RI 02914 FALL RIVER, MA
3. Telephone number: Home: 401-617-8755 Work: _____
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
vehicle damage
5. Date and time of accident: 02/25/2026 approx 4:30pm Amount of damages claimed: \$ 450.00
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):
From the Highland Ave overpass
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
Attached are the police report, work order for replacement, and receipt paid in full for repair.
Although my vehicle was traveling southbound on route 24, the plow truck that caused the damage to my vehicle
was traveling on the Highland Ave overpass in Fall River. The plow pushed snow and ice onto my vehicle
causing major damage to the windshield and needing replacement. Again, it was the vehicle on Highland Ave in Fall River that caused the incident.
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: 03/30/2026

Claimant's signature: [Signature]

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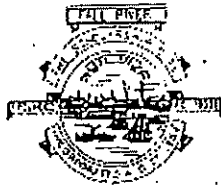
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Date: 4/18/2026

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1. Claimant's name: Olivia Brown & Gina Brown (Mother)
2. Claimant's complete address: 7 William Reynolds Farm Rd. Richmond, RI 02892
3. Telephone number: Home: (401) 500-0604 Work: CITY CLERK #26-92
FALL RIVER, MA
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
property damage - flat tire from pothole
5. Date and time of accident: 3/13/26 0800 Amount of damages claimed: \$ ~~250~~ 226.00
6. Exact location of the Incident: (Include as much detail as possible):
High Street
7. Circumstances of the Incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
Traveling to Charleton Memorial Hospital → flat tire
from pothole on high street. Tire damage not
reparable, needed entire new tire
(High Street, Fall River MA 02720)
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: 4/9/26

Claimant's signature: [Signature]

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Notice of Claim

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#26-93

1. Claimant's name: Christine Howard, Albert Howard
2. Claimant's complete address: 86 Farnham ST FALL RIVER, MA 02726
3. Telephone number: Home: 7744880232 Work: _____
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
pot Hole
5. Date and time of accident: April 8 2026 Amount of damages claimed: \$ 508.48
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):
ON LOCUST ST and corner of Orange ST
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
I'm going ^{down} Locust ST to East river I hit a pot hole
I damage tire cause bubble in the side wall
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: April 16-2026 Claimant's signature: Christine Howard

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2026 APR 23 A 8:12

1. Claimant's name: Rand A Wells CITY CLERK # 26-94
FALL RIVER, MA
2. Claimant's complete address: 444 Oliver Rd, Lebanon, CT 06249
3. Telephone number: Home: 860 642 7410 Work: 860 213 1992
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: 11/07/2025 Amount of damages claimed: \$ 366.23
6. Exact location of the Incident: (include as much detail as possible):
631 Middle Street
7. Circumstances of the Incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
My vehicle was parked on the side of Middle street in Fall River
Was struck by Fall River vehicle driven by Michael Rodriques.
Police report case Number 25-2436-AC
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: 4/10/2026

Claimant's signature: Rand A Wells

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Notice of Claim

2026 APR 23 A 8:20

1. Claimant's name: Diane Ferreira Salah CITY CLERK: #26-95
FALL RIVER, MA
2. Claimant's complete address: 564 N. Underwood Street, Apt 1N
3. Telephone number: Home: (774) 955-6205 Work: _____

Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):

property damage (automobile) from pot hole.Date and time of accident: 3/16/26 7:55a.m. Amount of damages claimed: \$ \$89.95

6. Exact location of the incident: (Include as much detail as possible):
Near 1279 North Main Street
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
on the morning of 03/16/26 at 7:55a.m. on my way to work, I was driving south on North Main Street passing 1279 N. MAIN ST. and hit a pot hole. There are 2 potholes near each other and I could not avoid. My car became stuck
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: 4/8/26Claimant's signature: Diane J. Salah

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1. Claimant's name: RANDALL BERRYMAN #26-96
2. Claimant's complete address: 266 EAST MAIN ST, F. FALL RIVER, MA
3. Telephone number: Home: 508 8406867 Work: _____
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
POT Hole near or off Braton Ave. Going to Walmart
5. Date and time of accident: 6 PM Amount of damages claimed: \$ 620.00
6. Exact location of the Incident: (include as much detail as possible):
OFF Braton Ave near McD - Going to Walmart
7. Circumstances of the Incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
Driving to Walmart and Hit POT Hole
Pictures of Hole and 2 TIRES
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: 4/22/26

Claimant's signature: Randall Berryman

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1. Claimant's name: Steve Solvestor 2026 APR 23 A 9: 56
2. Claimant's complete address: 328 Maple St #26-07
3. Telephone number: Home: 508 441 8544 Work: CITY CLERK FALL RIVER, MA
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
Damage to car from pot hole
5. Date and time of accident: 4/10/26 Amount of damages claimed: \$ 345.92
6. Exact location of the incident: (Include as much detail as possible):
Maple St
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
Hit pot hole Broken axle Ball joint
passenger side
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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Claimant's signature: [Signature]

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JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

MEETING: April 14, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, One Government Center

PRESENT: President Cliff A. Ponte, presiding;
Councilors Shawn E. Cadime, Joseph D. Camara, Michael G. Canuel,
Michelle M. Dionne, Paul B. Hart, Christopher M. Peckham, Sr.,
Linda M. Pereira and Andrew J. Raposo

ABSENT: None

IN ATTENDANCE: Elizabeth Legault, Interim Deputy Superintendent,
Fall River Public Schools
Kevin Almeida, Chief Financial Officer, Fall River Public Schools
Kenneth C. Pacheco, Chief Operating Officer, Fall River Public Schools
Ann O'Neil-Souza, Interim City Administrator/Chief of Staff
Emily Arpke, Director of Financial Services

President Ponte called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. and announced that the meeting may be recorded with audio or video and transmitted through any medium.

The following School Committee Members were present at the meeting:

PRESENT: Mayor Paul E. Coogan, Kevin Aguiar, Collin Dias, Thomas Khoury,
Emanuel Moniz, Ana Riley, Shanell Stewart

ABSENT: None

1. Citizen's Input Time

On a motion made by Councilor Peckham and seconded by Councilor Canuel, it was unanimously voted to waive the rules to allow a non-Fall River resident to speak. Keith Michon, Jr., 77 Tryon Avenue, East Providence, RI – Fall River Public Schools Budget Councilor Camara and Mr. Michon held a brief discussion regarding ideal budgeting totals for the Fall River Public Schools.

Tracy Silva Barboza, FRACC, 200 Pocasset Street – Arts and Culture Budget

2. Review of the fiscal and financial condition of the city, revenue and expense forecasts, and other relevant information in preparation for the Fiscal Year 2027 budget. School Committee Member Kevin Aguiar expressed concern that the Municipal Budget Presentation had not been forwarded to the School Committee Members prior to the beginning of the meeting. President Ponte agreed and stated that the City Councilors had also not received this presentation in a timely manner.

Elizabeth Legault, Interim Deputy Superintendent, Fall River Public Schools, made brief remarks regarding her recent appointment to the position of Interim Deputy Superintendent and her goal to work collaboratively with the School Committee and City Council. Kevin Almeida, Chief Financial Officer, Fall River Public Schools, provided information regarding student enrollment increases, funding obtained with the Student Opportunity Act, which will be ending in Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27), the increase of 8.6% within Chapter 70 funding for FY27, Indirect Cost Agreements and expenses that are, and are not, eligible for Net School Spending (NSS) reimbursements.

Councilor Raposo, Mr. Almeida and Kenneth Pacheco, Chief Operating Officer, Fall River Public Schools, held a detailed discussion regarding the costs of bussing students, as well as new bus stop boundary changes. Mr. Pacheco explained that funding for bus services has decreased by \$300,000 per year, which creates additional challenges, but that the City would begin using electric bus vehicles within the next month which will assist with lowering costs. Councilor Raposo and the Chief Financial Officer of Fall River Public Schools also discussed the staffing of paraprofessionals, and the multiple related vacancies within the FY27 School Department Budget. Mr. Almeida explained that these vacancies were a result of a combination of retirements, program changes and a shift toward hiring more specialized educators. Mr. Almeida also clarified that most position vacancies for the schools are for special education classrooms, as those positions are challenging to fill.

A lengthy discussion was held by President Ponte, Mayor Coogan and School Committee Members Collin Dias and Kevin Aguiar regarding the City's consideration of purchasing the former Bishop Connolly High School. School Committee Members Collin Dias and Kevin Aguiar expressed concern that the Administration had advised the School Department to delay the presentation of this matter, but the Interim Deputy Superintendent Legault clarified that the School Department was prepared to provide a presentation. President Ponte suggested that the FY27 School Department Budget be reviewed first followed by the presentation related to the potential purchase of the former Bishop Connolly High School.

Councilor Peckham and Mr. Almeida discussed student enrollment data and the Commonwealth Special Education Reimbursement Program, known as the "Circuit Breaker Program," which provides additional funding for services to assist students with special needs.

A lengthy discussion was held by Councilor Cadime, Mr. Almeida and Emily Arpke, Director of Financial Services, in relation to indirect cost agreements, which have increased significantly due to health insurance expenditures, prescription medication reimbursements and the stop-loss insurance structure utilized by the City. Councilor Cadime expressed concern that these indirect cost agreements may negatively affect NSS reimbursements. Ms. Arpke provided information regarding the mixed use of rate-based and enrollment-based costs for the City's health insurance funding. Councilor Cadime requested that the City Council and School Committee hold another Joint Meeting in the future to specifically discuss health insurance costs and policies. Councilor Cadime and Mr. Almeida discussed new positions within the School Department's FY27 budget and how these line-item costs may increase after Collective Bargaining Agreements are finalized.

Vice President Dionne and the Chief Financial Officer of Fall River Public Schools discussed the current programs of pre-kindergarten at the former Bishop Connolly High School and the number of paraprofessional employees who work in all City schools. Mr. Almeida stated that there are over 600 paraprofessionals and stated that the City faces financial challenges for reimbursement in relation to pre-kindergarten programs, as this grade of education only generates a 50% reimbursement rate from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Mr. Almeida also clarified that the City plans to open eighteen more classrooms within the former Bishop Connolly High School if a purchase of the property occurs.

A detailed discussion was held between Councilor Cadime, Councilor Camara and School Committee Member Collin Dias in relation to indirect cost agreements, expenditures related to the School Department and the approval process for the School Department's FY27 Budget. Councilor Cadime clarified that the City Council must approve all requested appropriations of funds for the School Department and Councilor Camara explained that the City Council may only approve, reduce or reject the appropriation lines items that are presented.

Councilor Pereira and Mr. Pacheco discussed school bus service costs and Councilor Pereira suggested that the City consider purchasing buses instead of using a third-party company. The Chief Operation Officer of Fall River Public Schools explained that this would be a very costly endeavor, requiring additional training and insurance and that the City is unable to fund that type of project. A lengthy discussion was held between Councilor Pereira and the Director of Financial Services regarding utilizing insurance claims for funding allocations versus insurance rates. Ms. Arpke clarified that the City of Fall River currently sets the insurance rates to a level that will cover the anticipated claims entirely. Councilor Pereira and Interim Deputy Superintendent Legault held a brief discussion regarding the Resiliency Preparatory Academy (RPA) and the progress of providing additional opportunities for the students at the school. Interim Deputy Superintendent Legault also stated that a recent meeting of the School Committee included students from RPA who provided positive statements regarding the programs.

Councilor Canuel and Mr. Almeida held a lengthy discussion regarding vacancies within the schools for over 100 positions. The Chief Financial Officer of Fall River Public Schools explained that many school districts are facing similar challenges with the hiring of teachers and staff as fewer individuals are pursuing careers in education. Mr. Almeida also explained that most of the vacancies were related positions for students requiring special education. Councilor Canuel suggested offering sign-on bonus compensation to candidates. Mr. Almeida stated that the priority is to hire additional paraprofessionals and teachers for the special education programs.

A detailed discussion was held between School Committee Member Kevin Aguiar, the Interim Deputy Superintendent, and the Chief Financial Officer of Fall River Public Schools regarding the current funding for employee health insurance and the current stop-loss insurance total of \$2,000,000 to reduce the risk of very large medical claims. School Committee Member Kevin Aguiar expressed concern regarding how this insurance affects the NSS of the School Department. Mayor Coogan explained that a meeting had been held regarding the use of reimbursements for this matter in relation to the City's NSS, and it was determined to be legally sound. School Committee Member Kevin Aguiar stated that a member of the School Committee should have participated in this discussion.

Councilor Cadime and Mr. Almeida discussed the ongoing challenges related to the indirect cost agreement increases and Mr. Almeida clarified that this matter was identified during Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26). Councilor Camara asked if the meeting regarding the NSS was recorded with video or audio and President Ponte clarified that this was a meeting in the Mayor's office with various individuals, not a meeting of a public body. School Committee Member Kevin Aguiar and Mr. Almeida discussed the total amount of funding that currently exceeds the NSS limit, which is roughly \$8,000,000.

A detailed discussion was held between School Committee Member Kevin Aguiar and Ms. Arpke regarding the excessive costs for snow removal during FY26. The Director of Financial Services explained that the volume of snow during the Blizzard of 2026 was not anticipated and that the City is still working to pay remaining invoices for various services. Ms. Arpke stated that she will notify the School Committee if these expenditures affect NSS reimbursements. School Committee Member Kevin Aguiar also made remarks regarding the universal pre-kindergarten program offered by the City, the limited 50% reimbursement rate for this program and the resulting NSS reimbursement loss. School Committee Member Kevin Aguiar and the Director of Financial Services discussed the methods used by the City of New Bedford, MA, in relation to stop-loss reimbursement programs. Ms. Arpke stated that she would obtain more information regarding New Bedford, MA, and their stop-loss policy to share with the City Council and School Committee.

Councilor Raposo and the Chief Financial Officer of Fall River Public Schools discussed paraprofessionals, certification requirements and the level of fatigue and burn-out observed by the School Department in relation to these staff members. Mr. Almeida clarified that no additional certification is necessary for paraprofessionals, but that student, teacher and classroom relocation can increase stress for those who work in these positions. Councilor Raposo asked that the School Department provide additional data on the NSS totals from 2018 to present as well as a list of priorities for all public schools within the next few years. The Interim Deputy Superintendent stated that she would share that information promptly following the meeting.

School Committee Member Collin Dias and Mr. Almeida also discussed the School Department's NSS totals as well as the current transportation contract utilized for students. School Committee Member Collin Dias stated that he had submitted a suggestion to the City Council regarding necessary changes to this transportation contract in 2025, and it was referred to Corporation Counsel for further review. Councilor Cadime and Ms. Arpke also discussed the NSS reports for the School Department and Councilor Cadime requested that this data be included in upcoming quarterly budget reports presented to the City Council.

Vice President Dionne requested clarification regarding the NSS loss for pre-kindergarten students. School Committee Member Kevin Aguiar and Mr. Almeida provided additional information regarding the 50% reimbursement rate for pre-kindergarten students; which results in a higher cost per student than all other grades. Councilor Camara requested additional information regarding the final NSS totals and how that data is presented to the School Committee. Mr. Almeida stated that those totals are not typically presented to the School Committee after the budget is approved. Ms. Arpke also stated that a portion of these totals are affected by the health insurance reimbursement costs. Councilor Cadime expressed support for the School Department receiving rebates in relation to prescriptions for school employees.

Councillor Raposo stated that he would recuse himself from the discussion regarding the former Bishop Connolly High School as he is employed by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Fall River. Councillor Raposo exited the Chamber at 6:52 p.m.

The Interim Deputy Superintended provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the potential purchase of the former Bishop Connolly High School building, located at 373 Elsbree Street, which included information regarding site information, district costs, funding sources and land conservation of portions of the property.

The Chief Operating Officer of Fall River Public Schools stated that the City has been reviewing the potential purchase of this property since the summer of 2025 and has been discussing this matter with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Fall River. Mr. Pacheco stated that the structure is ready to be used immediately, and that the City could construct additional classrooms very quickly. Mr. Pacheco also provided information regarding the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) and the anticipated reimbursements the City would receive for portions of these renovations. The Chief Operating Officer of Fall River Public Schools also confirmed that the Catholic Youth Organization would still be permitted to use the recreational areas of the school.

Councillor Camara and Mr. Pacheco discussed upgrades that may occur if the City purchases the school, including roof and window repairs, as well as the re-use of current residential structures. Mr. Pacheco stated that these buildings could be repurposed for international teachers as temporary housing. Councillor Camara asked about the multiple lots surrounding the school that could be sold for residential development. Mr. Pacheco stated that the lots located on Langley Street could be sold and provided information regarding existing utility structures in that area.

Councillor Cadime expressed support for this endeavor and emphasized that the Roman Catholic Diocese of Fall River is looking to sell this property as soon as possible. Councillor Cadime asked if there were any other structures the City could sell to obtain additional funding to purchase the former Bishop Connolly High School. Mr. Pacheco explained that the City is currently planning to sell the former William J. Wiley Elementary School and the former Stone Day School to obtain additional funding for this purchase. The Chief Operating Officer of Fall River Public Schools also stated that the goal is to continue community development by including walking trails and recreational spaces on the property. Councillor Cadime and Mr. Pacheco discussed the inspections that are ongoing and the need to purchase the structure soon as the City currently utilizes some sections of it for pre-kindergarten classrooms, which would be lost if sold to another developer. Mr. Pacheco stated that the City is working to develop an offer for the school and it will be presented within the next month. The Interim Deputy Superintendent clarified that the process of obtaining MSBA reimbursement is lengthy, but submitting an offer will allow them the City to enter the queue for consideration. Mr. Pacheco also clarified that, currently, the City pays rent to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Fall River for use of the pre-kindergarten classrooms.

Councillor Hart and Mr. Pacheco discussed the buildable lots on Langley Street and areas surrounding the school that would be challenging to develop, such as the large hill near the gymnasium. Councillor Hart and Mr. Pacheco also discussed the residential structures on the property and the Chief Operating Officer of Fall River Public Schools explained that those structures would provide 21 apartments that could be used for international or out-of-district teachers.

Councilor Pereira expressed support for this endeavor and suggested that the property is large enough to also host events, such as festivals and carnivals. Councilor Pereira requested that this matter be submitted to the City Council as soon as possible.

Councilor Raposo returned to the Chamber at 7:32 p.m.

Ms. Arpke provided a brief PowerPoint presentation for the FY27 Municipal Budget, which included a timeline for the creation of the budget, information regarding revenue and expense forecasts, and different funds that receive capital from the General Fund.

Ms. Arpke explained that health insurance and dental insurance costs will be increasing by 8% and 4.1% respectively for FY27. The Director of Financial Services also provided information regarding the Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School Debt Assessment, which was issued with a slight modification in September of 2025, totaling roughly \$115,000,000 and explained that the Stabilization Fund should reach \$224,000,000 by the end of FY26. Ms. Arpke also explained various types of funding that are fixed versus those that may change over time depending on costs, salaries and hiring, as well as pension funds and solid waste expenses, which have been increasing yearly. The Director of Financial Services clarified that the debt services listed on the chart have already been spent and must be paid in full.

School Committee Member Collin Dias and Ms. Arpke discussed the School Department Budget, whether the public schools pay property taxes to the City and how the B.M.C. Durfee High School Debt Exclusion is included in property taxes. Ms. Arpke clarified that public schools do not pay property taxes to the City and explained that property tax bills are not itemized to show all allocations of the payment. School Committee Member Collin Dias stated that Corporation Counsel has attended School Committee meetings and asked if the School Department was being billed for his services. Ms. Arpke stated that no invoice is issued for Corporation Counsel to attend these meetings. School Committee Member Collin Dias suggested that the City Council should utilize third-party legal services. Councilor Pereira and School Committee Member Collin Dias held a brief discussion regarding Corporation Counsel attending School Committee meetings. School Committee Member Collin Dias stated that Corporation Counsel has attended various executive session meetings over the past six months and that the School Committee does not invite him to the meetings.

Vice President Dionne and Ms. Arpke held a lengthy discussion regarding the calculation method to determining how much each property owner must pay toward debt exclusion with their tax payments, the two different tax rates that are applied depending on the property being classified as residential or commercial and how all debt tax data must be submitted to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for validation and oversight. Ms. Arpke also clarified that the total charge does not reflect what the City owes for the debt, but how it must be billed to match the required tax levy. Vice President Dionne and Ms. Arpke also discussed the Community Preservation Act (CPA) fees that are included in these tax bills, and the Director of Financial Services explained that the CPA charge was due to state legislation and was different from the tax levy charges. A brief discussion was held between Vice President Dionne and Ms. Arpke regarding debt payments that are due to end, pension liability and the cardboard recycling program. Vice President Dionne and Ms. Arpke discussed health insurance coverage of various types of medications, including Glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1) pharmaceuticals. The Director of Financial Services explained that, going forward, this medication will be covered for one year, so no offset is anticipated during FY27. Vice President Dionne inquired as to how long the upcoming trash collection contract will be in effect and Ms. Arpke stated that it will be a three-year contract with an option to be extended to five years.

Councillor Canuel and Ms. Arpke discussed the calculation of B.M.C. Durfee High School debt that is added to property tax bills, which totals roughly \$115 per property per year, the debt exclusion timeline which the City is working to decrease through 2035, and the length of time that was proposed to voters, which was roughly eight years. Councillor Canuel expressed concern that the debt service would exceed the anticipated timeline by roughly three years and Ms. Arpke clarified that she was not employed by the City when this timeline was presented.

School Committee Member Kevin Aguiar and Ms. Arpke discussed the creation of the School Department budget and how that document is included in the total Municipal Budget for each fiscal year. School Committee Member Kevin Aguiar asked for additional information regarding debt services for solid waste, the bidding process for the new contract and budgeting information regarding the purchase of the former Bishop Connolly High School. Ms. Arpke explained that this information was presented to the City Council during the Capital Improvement Plan public hearing, and that she can share that information following the meeting. School Committee Member Kevin Aguiar made remarks regarding the changes in the debt timeline related to the B.M.C. Durfee High School Debt Exclusion and stated that a debt fee calculator should be available online to the public. Ms. Arpke reiterated that she would provide additional information to the School Committee regarding these matters.

Councillor Cadime expressed concern regarding the lack of information in the presentation of the FY27 Municipal Budget and stated that almost 80% of other municipalities in Massachusetts have their budget ready for presentation. Councillor Cadime stated that he understands the budget deadlines provided by the City Charter, but more information should be collected earlier in the calendar year.

Councillor Pereira agreed and expressed concern regarding the solid waste bids that will be reviewed very soon, as this should have been shared with the City Council. Councillor Pereira also agreed that the meetings with Department Heads regarding necessary budgeting should occur much earlier in the calendar year. Ms. Arpke explained that, for quite a few months, she was working without a City Auditor, which created challenges in the creation of the proposed budget.

School Committee Member Collin Dias and Ms. Arpke discussed the data related to the funding for the Southcoast Regional Transit Authority, which is utilized for some middle and high school students. Ms. Arpke clarified that these financial totals are provided by the Cherry Sheet Assessments sent by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. A brief discussion was held between Councillor Peckham, Mayor Coogan and School Committee Members Collin Dias and Kevin Aguiar regarding safety on the buses and around the bus stops. Mayor Coogan stated that not all students using the buses are going to public schools, some utilize the buses for private or regional school drop offs and explained that the City is working with the Fall River Police Department to increase safety patrols at bus stops. School Committee Member Kevin Aguiar clarified that the Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School students have their own buses that are funded by the regional school.

A brief discussion was held between Vice President Dionne and School Committee Member Kevin Aguiar regarding a former contract agreement for solid waste disposal that was completed incorrectly in the past. Vice President Dionne clarified that the funding was not spend, but the contract was negotiated prior to being presented to the City Council for approval. Councillor Camara clarified that the City Council does not negotiate these contracts, they only provide approval or rejection.

On a motion made by School Committee Member Collin Dias and seconded by School Committee Member Kevin Aguilar, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the School Committee meeting at 8:25 p.m.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the City Council meeting at 8:25 p.m.

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:

Agenda packet (attached)

PowerPoint Presentation re: the FY26 School Department Budget,
presented by Kevin Almeida, Chief Financial Officer, Fall River Public Schools

PowerPoint Presentation re: the former Bishop Connelly High School,
presented by Interim Deputy Superintendent Elizabeth Legault and
Kenneth Pacheco, Chief Operating Officer, Fall River Public Schools

PowerPoint Presentation re: the FY26 Municipal Budget, presented by
Emily Arpke, Director of Financial Services

A true copy. Attest

Chubca Pacheco
Assistant City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARINGS

MEETING: April 14, 2026 at 5:55 p.m.
Council Chamber, One Government Center

PRESENT: President Cliff A. Ponte, presiding;
Councilors Shawn E. Cadime, Joseph D. Camara, Michael G. Canuel,
Michelle M. Dionne, Paul B. Hart, Christopher M. Peckham, Sr.,
Linda M. Pereira and Andrew J. Raposo

ABSENT: None

IN ATTENDANCE: Aaron Roy, National Grid Engineer
1250 Brayton Point Road, Somerset, MA, 02725

The President called the meeting to order at 8:29 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 hearings was to hear all persons interested and wishing to be heard on the following:

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

Jointly Owned Pole Location

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

Arizona Street

One (1) new jointly owned pole location

This petition is proposing to install one new, jointly owned midspan pole (P1-50), between Pole 1 and Pole 2, and approximately 130 feet southeast of the centerline of the intersection of Eastern Avenue and County Street. In accordance with Plan No. 31285348.

The President asked if any proponents were present, and Aaron Roy, National Grid Engineer, came forward and explained that this petition will allow for improvements to feeder apparatus and assist with the reduction of power outages. The President then asked if any opponents were present, and no one came forward.

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

Bedford Street

One (1) new jointly owned pole location

This petition is proposing to install one new, jointly owned, 55-foot Class H1 midspan pole (P64-50) approximately 143 feet westerly of the centerline of the intersection of Eastern Avenue and Bedford Street between existing poles P64 and P65. In accordance with Plan No. 31284377.

Restriction:

Must not impede existing driveway.

The President asked if any proponents were present, and Aaron Roy, National Grid Engineer, came forward and explained this petition will also allow for better reliability of the feeder devices, and be installed on the sidewalk without obstructing the existing driveway. The President then asked if any opponents were present, and no one came forward.

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

East Main Street

One (1) new jointly owned pole location

This petition is proposing to install one new, jointly owned midspan pole (Pole 12-50) on East Main Street approximately 61 feet northerly of existing Pole 12. In accordance with Plan No. 31260059.

Restriction:

Must not impede existing driveway.

The President asked if any proponents were present, and Aaron Roy, National Grid Engineer, came forward and explained that this installation will be placed just north of the nearby parking lot, and will provide more space to install equipment to increase service reliability. The President then asked if any opponents were present, and no one came forward.

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

Locust Street

One (1) new jointly owned pole location

This petition is proposing to install one new, jointly owned pole (P67-50) approximately 120 feet east of the centerline of the intersection of Locust Street and Sherman Street. In accordance with Plan No. 31260029.

The President asked if any proponents were present, and Aaron Roy, National Grid Engineer, came forward and explained that this pole installation would assist with the installation of updated equipment.

The President then asked if any opponents were present, and the Assistant City Clerk stated that a written objection was received by the City Clerk's office regarding this petition by Eric and Susanne Worsley, 1626 Locust Street.

Councilor Canuel asked for clarification on the necessity of a pole at this location. Mr. Roy explained that National Grid has invested in new feeders and these new poles will allow them to install the necessary equipment for communication to reduce outages. Mr. Roy further explained that nearby existing poles already have large amounts of equipment attached to them. Councilor Peckham stated he communicated with the resident in opposition and stated that their concern is the high number of poles already set up in this area. Councilor Camara asked if the pole could be relocated and Mr. Roy stated this was a possibility but cautioned that any relocation could result in another abutting property opposing installation based on the high number of poles in the area. Councilor Camara and Mr. Roy held a brief discussion regarding solar panel installation on poles.

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

Northeastern Avenue

One (1) new jointly owned pole location

This petition is proposing to install one new, jointly owned midspan pole (P25-50), at the intersection of David Street and Hiram Street, located approximately 103 feet southwest of Pole 26, in accordance with Plan No. 31260011.

The President asked if any proponents were present, and Aaron Roy, National Grid Engineer, came forward and explained this joint pole will also allow for the installation of new devices and briefly discussed the location of the pole near the Baptist Temple Church. The President then asked if any opponents were present, and no one came forward.

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

Peckham Street

One (1) new jointly owned pole location

This petition is proposing to install one new, jointly owned midspan pole (P19-50) approximately 55 feet west of Pole 20. In accordance with Plan No. 31260049.

The President asked if any proponents were present, and Aaron Roy, National Grid Engineer, came forward and explained that this joint pole installation is in a congested area and therefore will be set up between two driveways, but clarified that this will not impede either driveway in any way. The President then asked if any opponents were present, and no one came forward.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to close the hearings at 8:41 p.m.

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:

Agenda (attached)

Letter of opposition for Locust Street Joint Pole submitted by Eric and Susanne Worsley,
1626 Locust Street

A true copy. Attest:

Chelsea Pacheco
Assistant City Clerk

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MEETING: April 14, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, One Government Center

PRESENT: President Cliff A. Ponte, presiding;
Councilors Shawn E. Cadime, Joseph D. Camara, Michael G. Canuel,
Michelle M. Dionne, Paul B. Hart, Christopher M. Peckham, Sr.,
Linda M. Pereira and Andrew J. Raposo

ABSENT: None

IN ATTENDANCE: Ann O'Neil-Souza, Interim City Administrator/Chief of Staff
Emily Arpke, Director of Financial Services
Stephanie MacArthur, Director of Traffic and Parking
Deputy Chief J.T. Hoar, Fall River Police Department
Glenn Hathaway, Commissioner of Municipal Buildings and
Code Enforcement/Inspector of Buildings

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:41 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 Time

Dan Robillard, 142 Old Second Street – Charter

On a motion made by Vice President Dionne and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to allow Mr. Robillard an additional three minutes to speak.

Sandy Dennis, 132 Highland Avenue – CPA Reputation

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to allow Mrs. Dennis an additional three minutes to speak.

David Dennis, 132 Highland Avenue – Culture of City

2. Mayor and Proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Enterprise Fund budgets for Water and Sewer Divisions

President Ponte announced that the Administrator of Community Utilities was unable to attend this meeting, but due to the budget timeline within the City Charter of forty-five days, this matter must be addressed by the City Council this evening following the Committee on Finance meeting. A brief discussion regarding this matter was held by President Ponte and Councilors Cadime and Camara.

Councilor Raposo expressed concern regarding the possibility of water and sewer rate increases in the future as these rates are not being adjusted this year. Emily Arpke, Director of Financial Services, explained that the Administrator of Community Utilities worked with a consultant over the past few years to ensure all debt related to Combined Sewer Overflow increases would comply with the allocation within the budget of the Sewer Enterprise Fund. Ms. Arpke also explained that, due to efficiency this year, she does not expect next fiscal year's budget to need much additional funding. The Director of Financial Services explained that financial reserves for the Water and Sewer Enterprise Funds have grown significantly from the beginning of Fiscal Year 2026. Councilor Raposo requested that the financial reserve projection data for the next few years be provided to the City Council.

President Ponte requested confirmation that the water and sewer rates will remain the same for Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27), and Ms. Arpke stated that no changes in these rates would occur for this upcoming budget.

Vice President Dionne and Ms. Arpke discussed the debts of the Water and Sewer Enterprise Funds and the how the indirect debt had decreased over the past year, which lowered the anticipated costs. The Director of Financial Services explained that these debt totals were anticipated to increase in the past fiscal years, but that capital was never needed, which had a positive financial impact.

Councilor Canuel and the Director of Financial Service discussed salary increases within the Sewer Enterprise Fund, as well as various types of positions that were recently created or are currently vacant. Ms. Arpke also provided information regarding the line item related to Sewer Treatment Plant Services, which increased recently, and assists with paying a third-party company that assists the City with staffing and maintenance for the sewage systems. Councilor Canuel agreed with Councilor Raposo that multi-year projections would be helpful to provide context for future contract renewals with the third-party company. Ms. Arpke agreed and stated that she will include this information in the next Quarterly Budget Report that is presented to the City Council. The Director of Financial Services clarified that the contract renewal is expected to include normal rate increases based on cost-of-living adjustments. Councilor Perelra requested that the Director of Financial Services provide a copy of the third-party contract with the City Councilors.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Perelra, it was unanimously voted to refer the orders to full Council for action.

3. Transfers and appropriations

Vice President Dionne and Ms. Arpke held a brief discussion regarding the various transfers and appropriations that would be assist in funding capital accounts for various departments. Ms. Arpke provided information regarding the use of the funding, including the repair of the library's roof, new firearm equipment for the Police Department, apparatus replacements and new gear for the Fire Department, the installation of speed tables by the Division of Traffic and Parking and the removal of old poles near recreational area by the Parks Division.

Councilor Pereira and Stephanie MacArthur, Director of Traffic and Parking, discussed where the speed tables would be installed and Ms. MacArthur stated that the Division of Traffic and Parking has received suggestions, but no locations have yet been finalized. Ms. MacArthur also explained that standards must be created for where these speed tables would be placed in relation to school zones and public parks.

Councilor Pereira and Deputy Chief J.T. Hoar, Fall River Police Department, held a brief discussion regarding the appropriation that would provide funding for new firearm equipment for the Police Department and the anticipated timeline for obtaining the new equipment. Deputy Chief Hoar stated that he anticipates the procurement process to take a few months after the funds are appropriated.

Councilor Raposo asked for additional information regarding the locations for the poles that would be installed near public parks and Ms. Arpke stated that she would obtain that information from the Director of Parks and share that with the Council.

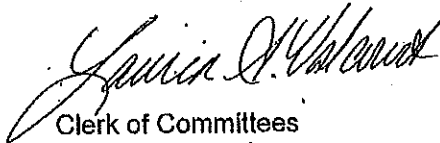
Councilor Raposo also requested additional information regarding the planned demolition of the old police station located on Bedford Street. Ann O'Neil-Souza, Interim City Administrator/Chief of Staff, explained that the City has considered changing this property into a parking lot to allow cars to be relocated when City-owned parking garages are repaired. Glenn Hathaway, Commissioner of Municipal Buildings and Code Enforcement/Inspector of Buildings, explained that, if approved, the demolition project would occur on or before May 1, 2026.

Councilor Pereira asked if the reuse of historical façade portions of the structure prior to demolition had been considered. The Director of Financial Services explained that there was a specification included in the bidding process to allow some historic portions of the building to be stored. The Interim City Administrator/Chief of Staff also stated that the Preservation Society expressed interest in maintaining some of the historic portions of the building, but that cost was a concern. The Commissioner of Municipal Buildings and Code Enforcement/Inspector of Buildings explained that the demolition process would begin at the front of the structure to limit any risk of falling objects. A brief discussion was held between Councilor Pereira and Mr. Hathaway regarding the contamination of the bricks, which creates a challenge when selling the construction material for other uses. Councilors Camara and Pereira made brief remarks regarding the historical sales of this structure over the years.

President Ponte and Mr. Hathaway discussed the planned traffic detours that will be utilized during the demolition of the building and changes that will be made for emergency response vehicle traffic patterns. Mr. Hathaway also provided information regarding the routes for trucks that will transport contaminated debris.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Vice President Dionne, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:39 p.m.

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


Clerk of Committees

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

MEETING: April 14, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, One Government Center

PRESENT: President Cliff A. Ponte, presiding;
Councilors Shawn E. Cadime, Joseph D. Camara, Michael G. Canuel,
Michelle M. Dionne, Paul B. Hart, Christopher M. Peckham, Sr., Linda M.
Pereira and Andrew J. Raposo

ABSENT: None

IN ATTENDANCE: Alan J. Rumsey, Corporation Counsel
Nicholas A. Macolini, Director of Human Resources
Stephanie MacArthur, Director of Traffic and Parking

President Ponte called the meeting to order at 9:41 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 CITATIONS – None

Councilor Cadime requested an update regarding the status of the City Council's request for the Administration to perform an investigation regarding police matters that was discussed at the previous Regular Meeting of the City Council on March 24, 2026.

President Ponte stated that he, Vice President Dionne and Councilor Peckham have been working to hire a third-party firm to perform this investigation on behalf of the City Council. Councilor Cadime asked if the Administration would be working with the City Council for this investigation as this will affect how he votes on matters on the agenda. President Ponte stated that he had met with the Mayor recently and his stance on the matter remains unchanged, he would prefer to work with the Massachusetts Police Officer Standards and Training (POST) Commission and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office of the District Attorney. President Ponte stated that there are funds allocated within the City Council budget that will be utilized for an investigation by an outside company.

On a motion made by Councilor Camara and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to waive the rules to allow Alan J. Rumsey, Corporation Counsel, to answer questions.

Attorney Rumsey stated that the Administration performed an internal investigation with the Director of Human Resources and submitted the result of the investigation to the Office of the Attorney General and the POST Commission for further review, although the investigation resulted in no significant findings.

President Ponte asked if the records of this internal investigation were available to the public and Attorney Rumsey explained that internal investigations are filed with the Director of Human Resources and not public records. Councilor Cadime asked if interviews had been conducted as no information was shared with the City Council. President Ponte stated that he was informed the matter was completed, but that this process appeared to be a set of interviews, not a formal investigation, and no result was shared with him. President Ponte stated that he was the resident who submitted the complaint to the Fall River Police Department and he was not invited to participate in these interviews.

On a motion made by Councilor Pereira and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to waive the rules to allow Nicholas A. Macolini, Director of Human Resources, to answer questions.

Councilor Pereira stated that after President Ponte announced that he filed a residential complaint regarding this matter, she called the Fall River Police Department and was told that the matter was being referred to the Director of Human Resources and that it would also be shared with POST Commission. Mr. Macolini stated that he conducted interviews regarding the alleged misconduct in the complaint and forwarded the results of those interviews to the POST Commission. Attorney Rumsey clarified that he had reached out to the POST Commission to inquire as to how this matter should be submitted, and he was told it wasn't typical for the commission to review internal investigations if no violations were found, but that it was sent to them anyway out of an abundance of caution.

Councilor Cadime stated that the POST Commission's duty is to review investigations that are performed by municipalities, and this was not a formal investigation. Councilor Camara requested clarification as to whether this procedure was an investigation or just interviews performed by the Director of Human Resources. Attorney Rumsey stated that the City investigated the matter and interviews were included in that process. Councilor Pereira asked if the notes from the interviews would be shared with the City Councilors. Attorney Rumsey explained that, as this is considered a personnel matter, these documents are not able to be shared but reiterated that the results of the investigation were forwarded to the POST Commission.

Councilor Pereira stated that the adopted resolution was drafted in response to matters shared on social media platforms and made brief remarks regarding how social media should not be a primary source for news or information. Councilor Pereira clarified that, if further action is presented regarding this matter, she would vote "present." Attorney Rumsey agreed that a social media resource is not a legitimate legal document.

President Ponte stated that the City Council will be performing an investigation and asked if the Administration would be advising City employees not to cooperate with those who will conduct third-party interviews. Attorney Rumsey stated that the City Council does not have jurisdiction to obtain outside legal counsel.

Councilor Cadime submitted a resolution on the floor related to the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation convening to draft a proposed ordinance that would allow the City Council to hire and utilize outside counsel and that a budgetary account be created for future appropriations to fund this resource. A motion was made by Councilor Cadime and seconded by Councilor Peckham to adopt the resolution to allow discussion within the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation.

Councilor Camara stated that third-party attorneys are not needed frequently and that additional information must be provided regarding the cost of hiring outside counsel prior to proceeding with this action. Councilor Camara clarified that he voted in favor of the resolution because he agreed an investigation was necessary, but the Administration is stating they have conducted said investigation. Councilor Camara emphasized that the City Councilors should be given additional time to review this matter prior to proceeding with an investigation or allow outside parties, such as the Office of the Attorney General, to conduct a proper inquiry.

Councilor Peckham expressed concern regarding the Office of the Attorney General conducting a proper investigation. Councilor Peckham also stated that he supports local journalism, such as the Fall River Reporter, and that many residents of Fall River utilize social media outlets for local news. Councilor Peckham asked if the Clerk Magistrate of the Fall River District Court was interviewed in relation to this matter, as he had issued the related warrant to the Police Department. Mr. Macolini stated that he was only authorized to interview City employees and that the request for this process was submitted by Deputy Chief of Police Barden H. Castro after receiving a citizen complaint. The Director of Human Resources explained that Deputy Chief Castro was satisfied with the outcome of the process.

Councilor Cadime stated that President Ponte had submitted the complaint as a private citizen and asked if notice was provided to President Ponte to participate in the process. President Ponte stated that he was never contacted to participate and was only notified that the investigation had been completed. Councilor Peckham stated that he had submitted an inquiry to the Police Department regarding a different concern and was immediately contacted by Deputy Chief J.T. Hoar to discuss the matter. Councilor Peckham expressed concern that no one from the department reached out to President Ponte. Councilor Pereira stated that she had spoken with some employees from the Police Department, and they advised her that no one would participate in an external investigation.

President Ponte asked Corporation Counsel again as to whether employees would be advised to avoid participating in the City Council's third-party investigation. Attorney Rumsey reiterated that the City Council does not have the authority to conduct a third-party investigation. Councilor Pereira made remarks regarding the costs and challenges of utilizing outside counsel and suggested that an attorney should interview the Clerk Magistrate. Attorney Rumsey stated that the City Council must utilize Corporation Counsel and made remarks regarding the differences between legislative and executive branch jurisdictions. Attorney Rumsey reiterated that the City Council may only conduct investigations in relation to legislative actions, such as budgetary matters. Councilor Peckham stated that he disagreed with this interpretation of legislative powers. Councilor Pereira reiterated that, if no one is willing to participate in this external investigation, funds will be expended with no results. Councilor Camara made brief remarks that his decision on this matter will not be affected by his opinion of any Councilor or City employee.

On a motion made by Councilor Hart and seconded by Councilor Pereira, it was unanimously voted to move the previous question to adopt the resolution.

On a motion made by Councilor Cadime and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was voted 6 yeas, 3 nays to adopt the resolution, with Councilors Camara, Hait and Pereira voting in the negative.

Councilor Cadime expressed concern that those who refuse to participate in an external investigation would be violating their oath of office or terms of employment. President Ponte again asked if the Administration would be instructing employees to refuse to participate in the external investigation. Corporation Counsel stated that providing those instructions is not within his role and the Director of Human Resources stated he'd need to consult with the Law Department prior to providing an answer to this inquiry.

Councilor Camara made remarks regarding what the result would be if the investigation resulted in inappropriate action by employees of the Police Department. Councilor Cadime stated that there may not be any punishment required if the investigation determines that policies should be amended. Councilor Camara stated that this matter would most likely be referred to the Office of the Attorney General and suggested that, instead of funding an external investigation, the City refers the matter to the state parties for review. Councilor Cadime clarified that the Office of the Attorney General only reviews criminal components of investigations and does not review department policies.

PRIORITY MATTERS

1. Mayor and order to accept M.G.L. Ch. 90, Sec. 17C, which relates to Establishment of 25-miles-per-hour speed limit in thickly settled or business district in city or town; violation

On a motion made by Vice President Dionne and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to waive the rules to allow the Director of Traffic and Parking to answer questions. Vice President Dionne and Stephanie MacArthur, Director of Traffic and Parking, discussed the current enforcement of speed limit adjustments and if current speed limits were enforceable by law due to the City never accepting M.G.L. Ch. 90, Sec. 17C. Ms. MacArthur clarified that this state law should have been accepted previously.

On a motion made by Vice President Dionne and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to waive the rules to allow Corporation Counsel to answer questions. Vice President Dionne and Alan J. Rumsey, Esq., Corporation Counsel, discussed the existing speed limits that have been implemented prior to the acceptance of this M.G.L., and Attorney Rumsey clarified that he believes the speed limits are still enforceable. Attorney Rumsey also stated that he would perform further research on the matter and report any concerns to the Council. Vice President Dionne stated that she wants to avoid any confusion regarding the enforcement of current speed limits in the City.

Councilor Cadime stated that he will be objecting to all of the Priority Matters on the agenda and suggested that the City Council hold off on any questions regarding agenda items 1 through 6 for the sake of time.

A motion was made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart to adopt the order. On a roll call vote, Councilor Cadime objected and the matter was laid on the table in accordance with the Charter.

2. Mayor and gift order to accept a donation for services of a professionally trained comfort and search-and-rescue dog for use by the Emergency Medical Services Division
A motion was made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Pereira to adopt the order. On a roll call vote, Councilor Cadime objected and the matter was laid on the table in accordance with the Charter.

3. Mayor and Community Development Agency Year Two Annual Action Plan
A motion was made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Canuel to refer the matter to the Committee on Finance. On a roll call vote, Councilor Cadime objected and the matter was laid on the table in accordance with the Charter.

4. Mayor and order appropriating \$4,459,575.32 from Community Preservation Act funds for Fiscal Year 2027 community projects
A motion was made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Pereira to refer the order to the Committee on Finance. On a roll call vote, Councilor Cadime objected and the matter was laid on the table in accordance with the Charter.

5. Mayor and the following appropriations:
 a. \$225,000 from FY25 Surplus Revenue to Facilities, Capital
A motion was made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Canuel to adopt the order. On a roll call vote, Councilor Cadime objected and the matter was laid on the table in accordance with the Charter.

b. \$250,000 from FY25 Surplus Revenue to Police, Capital
A motion was made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Canuel to adopt the order. On a roll call vote, Councilor Cadime objected and the matter was laid on the table in accordance with the Charter.

On a further motion made by Councilor Cadime and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was voted 2 yeas, 7 nays to take items 5c through 5f together, with Councilors Cadime and Hart voting in the affirmative, and the motion failed to carry.

c. \$397,500 from FY25 Surplus Revenue to Fire and Emergency Services, Capital
A motion was made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Pereira to adopt the order. On a roll call vote, Councilor Cadime objected and the matter was laid on the table in accordance with the Charter.

d. \$245,000 from FY25 Surplus Revenue to Community Maintenance, Capital
A motion was made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Canuel to adopt the order. On a roll call vote, Councilor Cadime objected and the matter was laid on the table in accordance with the Charter.

e. \$1,600,000.00 from FY25 Surplus Revenue to Demolition Revolving Fund
A motion was made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Canuel to adopt the order. On a roll call vote, Councilor Cadime objected and the matter was laid on the table in accordance with the Charter.

A recess was held from 10:24 p.m. to 10:27 p.m.

f. \$3,000,000.00 from FY 25 Surplus Revenue to Employer Health Trust Fund
A motion was made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart to adopt the order.

On a roll call vote, Councilor Cadime objected and the matter was laid on the table in accordance with the Charter.

6. Mayor and communication to City Council regarding a resolution adopted at the Regular Meeting of the City Council held on March 24, 2026
A motion was made by Councilor Hart and seconded by Vice President Dionne that the communication be accepted and placed on file.

President Ponte and Councilor Cadime held a brief discussion regarding the intention of the communication. President Ponte stated that the Mayor does not have the power to veto a City Council resolution and that he was informed this was communication related to the Mayor vetoing the item was ceremonial.

On a motion made by Councilor Camara and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was voted 9 yeas to move the previous question that the communication be accepted and placed on file.

A motion was made by Councilor Hart and seconded by Vice President Dionne that the communication be accepted and placed on file. On a roll call vote, Councilors Cadime and Peckham objected and the matter was laid on the table in accordance with the Charter.

PRIORITY COMMUNICATIONS

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

8. Chair of the Board of Elections update regarding polling locations
On a motion made by Councilor Hart and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted that the communication be accepted and placed on file.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Economic Development and Tourism recommending:

9. Approve
Communication – Letter to Administration requesting the creation of a Tourism Advisory Committee

Councilor Pereira made brief remarks regarding the support of multiple organizations to develop this new committee and stated that it will benefit the Greater Fall River area. On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to approve the communication.

Committee on Regulations recommending:

Adoption, as amended:

10. Order – J & M Development Group Corp, 263 Gifford Road, Westport, MA, 02790 – Removal of 12 feet (on County Street) of curbing for a total opening of 32 feet at 215-219 Earle Street

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

Approved, April 16, 2026

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

11. Order – Tucker Dachshund, LLC, 88 Earle Street – Removal of 39 feet of curbing (on Laurel Street) for a total opening of 82 feet at 25 Rhode Island Avenue

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

Approved, April 16, 2026

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

Committee on Ordinances and Legislation recommending:

All readings with emergency preamble:

12. Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, Handicapped parking
- Osborn Street, North, 20 feet east of Brown Street
 - Stewart Street, South, 29 feet east of North Underwood Street

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was voted 9 yeas to adopt the emergency preamble. On a further motion made by Councilor Camara and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted that the proposed ordinance be passed through first and second reading, passed to be enrolled and passed to be ordained.

Approved, April 16, 2026

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

First reading:

13. Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, Miscellaneous

Section 1

Parking prohibited during certain hours (Inserts)

- Progress Street, North, Starting at Stafford Road for a distance of 282 feet westerly, Monday through Friday, 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.
- Progress Street, South, Starting at Stafford Road for a distance of 275 feet westerly, Monday through Friday, 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Section 2

Two-hour parking (Insert)

- Pleasant Street, South, east of Cash Street

Section 3

Handicapped parking removals

- Barnes Street, South, 322 feet west of County Street
- Hunter Street, South, 184 feet south of William Street
- Seabury Street, West, 104 feet north of Bank Street
- Sprague Street, North, 257 feet east of Bay Street
- Tuttle Street, East, 64 feet south of Dwelly Street

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted that the proposed ordinance be passed through first reading.

14. Committee on Public Safety recommending:

Grant Leave to Withdraw

Resolution – The Committee on Public Safety convene with the Police Chief to discuss strategies to combat vehicular vandalism in the President Avenue and Madison Street neighborhood

Councilor Peckham clarified that the Committee on Public Safety has addressed this resolution and the matter has been resolved by the Fall River Police Department. On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted that the resolution be granted leave to withdraw.

ORDINANCES – None

RESOLUTIONS

15. Committee on Real Estate, Facilities and Housing convene with a representative from the Administration, the Veterans' Services Officer, and the Director of City Operations to discuss plans for 755 Pine Street (the former Veterans Association of Bristol County location)

Councillors Peckham and Raposo made brief remarks regarding the resolution's intention, which includes the discussion of moving the Veterans Services office to the vacant building on Pine Street. Councillor Raposo asked that the Chair of the Committee on Real Estate schedule a meeting to address this matter as soon as possible. On a motion made by Councillor Raposo and seconded by Councillor Hart, it was unanimously voted to adopt the resolution.

16. Committee on Regulations convene with the Director of Engineering and Planning to discuss the creation of a fine for applications that are submitted after the curb removal work has been completed prior to being approved by the Traffic Commission and City Council

A motion was made by Councillor Raposo and seconded by Vice President Dionne to adopt the resolution. Councillor Camara suggested that the resolution be amended, as the Director of Engineering and Planning should be able to determine if these fines are needed based on the specific application, as some work is performed without the necessary approval due to emergency matters. On a motion made by Councillor Camara and seconded by Councillor Cadime, it was unanimously voted to amend the resolution by inserting, at the end of the last paragraph, the following: "to be issued at the discretion of the Director of Engineering and Planning who may waive the fine for emergency projects, if appropriate." On a motion made by Councillor Raposo and seconded by Councillor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to adopt the resolution, as amended.

17. Committee on Ordinances and Legislation convene with the City Administrator, Corporation Counsel and a representative of Fall River Government Television to discuss the creation of a proposed ordinance requiring all public meetings to be recorded with either video or audio

Councillor Raposo made brief remarks regarding the importance of transparency for all public meetings and stated that he understands there may be staffing or funding challenges related to filming or recording each meeting that occurs with public bodies. Councillor Raposo explained that this resolution will allow the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation to discuss these matters with representatives of Fall River Government Television to determine the best way to ensure all meetings are available to public via video or audio. On a motion made by Councillor Raposo and seconded by Councillor Pereira, it was unanimously voted to adopt the resolution.

18. City Council approves of the issuance of City Council Official Citations and authorizes the City Council President to implement the changes necessary to make this process more expedient for presentations in the community or in the City Council Chamber

President Ponte stated that there was no formal policy for the City Council Citations being issued, and that this new protocol will assist with drafting these documents in a timely fashion and avoiding any unnecessary delays in presenting the awards. Councillor Camara inquired as to whether Councillors will still be able to obtain post-dated citations and President Ponte confirmed that this action will still be permitted. On a motion made by Councillor Peckham and seconded by President Ponte, it was unanimously voted to adopt the resolution.

CITATIONS

19. Maria N. Sardinha – Recipient of Fall River Icon Award and for 65 years of dedicated

service and generosity to the City of Fall River

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

On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Vice President Dionne, it was unanimously voted to take items 20 through 22 together.

ORDERS – HEARINGS

Jointly Owned Poles

20. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc.,
Arizona Street – One (1) new jointly owned pole location

Approved, April 16, 2026

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

21. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc.,
Bedford Street – One (1) new jointly owned pole location

Approved, April 16, 2026

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

22. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc.,
East Main Street – One (1) new jointly owned pole location

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

Approved, April 16, 2026

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

23. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc.,
Locust Street – One (1) new jointly owned pole location

On a motion made by Councilor Peckham and seconded by Councilor Canuel, it was unanimously voted to refer the order to the Committee on Public Works and Transportation.

24. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc.,
Northeastern Avenue – One (1) new jointly owned pole location

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

Approved, April 16, 2026

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

25. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc.,
Peckham Street – One (1) new jointly owned pole location

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

Approved, April 16, 2026

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

On a further motion made by Councilor Camara and seconded by Vice President Dionne, it was unanimously voted to take items 26 through 29 together.

ORDERS – MISCELLANEOUS

26. Police Chief's report on licenses

Taxicab Drivers

William Louis

27. Auto Body Shop License Transfer

Auto Body Shop License No. 93, located at 151 Cove Street, from Albert Piva d/b/a Piva's Auto Repair and Body Shop to Alexander Medeiros d/b/a Al Piva's Auto Repair and Body Shop

Approved, April 16, 2026

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

28. Auto Repair Shop License Renewal

Naomi Soares d/b/a RS Performance and Repair, 1030 Dwelly Street

Approved, April 16, 2026

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

29. Auto Repair Shop License Transfer

Auto Repair Shop License No. 167, located at 151 Cove Street, from Albert Piva d/b/a Piva's Auto Repair and Body Shop to Alexander Medeiros d/b/a Al Piva's Auto Repair and Body Shop

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

Approved, April 16, 2026

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

COMMUNICATIONS – INVITATIONS – PETITIONS

30. Claims

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

On a further motion made by Councilor Camara and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to take items 31 through 34 together.

31. City Engineer – Street opening less than 5 years on Lee Street

32. City Engineer – Street opening less than 5 years on Harvard Street

33. City Engineer – Street opening less than 5 years on Hartwell Street

34. Drainlayer Licenses

A. DiFazio Construction, Inc.

Alexandre's Excavating, Inc.

Biszko Contracting Corp.

Bristol Pacific Homes, Inc.

Century Paving & Construction Corp.

Coastal Water Sewer & Excavation, Inc.

DB & Son Excavating, Inc.

Dixon Inc.

East Coast Landscaping & Construction Co., Inc.

Feeney Brothers Excavation LLC

Foley Excavation LLC

Green Acres Landscape & Construction Co., Inc.

HM Lopes, LLC

Hydra Tech Inc.

JLC Construction Co., Inc.

J.R.D., Inc.

J&R Resendes Corp.

K.R. Rezendes, Inc.

LAL Construction Co., Inc.

MRC Contracting, Inc.

R. Wordell Enterprises, LLC

Sandstone Construction Co., Inc.

SLT Construction Corporation

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to approve the street openings and drainlayer applications.

Approved, April 16, 2026

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

35. Planning Board Minutes – February 19, 2026

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

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to take items 36 through 41 together.

City Council Minutes

- 36. Joint Meeting of City Council and School Committee – March 10, 2026
- 37. Committee on Finance – March 10, 2026
- 38. Regular Meeting of the City Council – March 10, 2026
- 39. Public Hearings – March 24, 2026
- 40. Committee on Finance – March 24, 2026
- 41. Regular Meeting of the City Council – March 24, 2026

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

BULLETINS – NEWSLETTERS – NOTICES

- 42. Department of Public Utilities – Notice of inquiry and request for comments re investigation by the Department of Public Utilities on its own motion into gas and electric delivery charges and bill redesign, with a comment deadline of April 30, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

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

ITEMS FILED AFTER THE AGENDA DEADLINE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE: APRIL 14, 2026

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Finance recommending:

Action:

- 14a. Orders – Proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Enterprise Fund budgets for Water and Sewer Divisions

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was voted to adopt the orders, with Councilor Cadime opposed.

Approved, April 16, 2026 (Water) and April 17, 2026 (Sewer)

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

On a motion made by Councilor Hart and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 10:49 p.m.

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:

Agenda packet (attached)

A true copy Attest:

Chelsea Pacheco

Assistant City Clerk

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April 23, 2026

PRIVILEGED AND CONFIDENTIAL
ATTORNEY-CLIENT COMMUNICATION

Cliff A. Ponte
City Council President
One Government Center, Room 627
Fall River, MA 02722

Re: Investigation re Search Warrant

Dear City Council President Ponte:

Thank you for retaining PANNONE LOPES DEVEREAUX & O'GARA LLC ("PLDO") to represent the City of Fall River with respect to the above-captioned matter. This letter will confirm our representation and outline the scope of our services. Enclosed are PLDO's Terms of Engagement which outline the firm's policies and obligations as well as your rights and responsibilities in connection with this attorney-client relationship. Please contact me at the number listed above to discuss further if you have any questions concerning the policies or scope of this engagement.

The anticipated scope of service ("Services") to be rendered with respect to this engagement will include review and investigation of a warrant issued on December 3, 2025. This will be a flat fee engagement of \$10,000.00.

I will serve as the supervising attorney with respect to this engagement; however, the Services to be provided may involve partners, associates, and paralegals. The billing rate to be charged for this engagement will be a blended rate of \$350 per hour for all attorneys. My office will hire Steven G. O'Donnell to assist in the investigation. His anticipated billing rate on this matter will be \$350.00/hour. Our expectation is that the flat fee will be split equally between our office and the investigator.

All services provided with respect to this engagement will be billed on a current basis with monthly invoices sent to you that will contain full detail as to the specific effort, hourly rates, and reimbursable expenses incurred by PLDO on your behalf.

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The engagement will commence upon receipt of a fully executed engagement letter. If you agree to the terms described above and the attached Terms of Engagement, please execute and return the enclosed copy of this letter in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope. Please be assured that although the Terms of Engagement appear formal, they are intended to make certain that we have fully disclosed the terms of our engagement prior to commencing legal work on your behalf.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to assist you in this matter.

Sincerely,

PANNONE LOPES DEVEREAUX & O'GARA LLC

Matthew C. Reeber, Esq.

MCR
Enclosures

ACKNOWLEDGED AND AGREED TO
this 23rd day of April, 2026



Cliff Ponte
City Council President

TERMS OF ENGAGEMENT

This document confirms our respective obligations to each other and how our charges will be determined and billed. Experience has shown that an understanding of these matters will contribute to a better relationship between us, and that in turn makes our efforts more productive.

Our engagement and the services that we will provide to you are limited to the matters identified in the accompanying letter. Please note that the Terms of Engagement and cover letter constitute our entire agreement, and that there are no other oral or written arrangements relating to the engagement.

Any changes in the scope of our representation as described in the letter must be approved in writing by the firm. The scope of this engagement is limited to legal services and you agree to provide us with the factual information and materials we require to perform such services, and it is our understanding that you will make such business or technical decisions and determinations as are appropriate. PANNONE LOPES DEVEREAUX & O'GARA LLC does not provide tax, business, investment, or accounting advice.

Confidentiality and Related Matters

As a matter of professional responsibility, we are required to preserve the confidences and secrets of our clients. The legal privilege for attorney-client communications exist to encourage candid and complete communication between a client and his lawyer and it is possible to perform beneficial services only if we are aware of all information that might be relevant to our representation. The attorney-client relationship with you will be based on mutual confidence and unrestrained communication that will facilitate our proper representation of you with respect to this matter. Please note that it is your responsibility to provide a complete and timely outline of the information and documents that are requested or in which you believe are essential to this engagement. In those instances in which we represent a corporation or other entity, our client relationship is with the entity and not with its individual executives, shareholders, directors, partners, or persons in similar positions, or with its parent, subsidiaries, or other affiliates, unless otherwise agreed in writing.

Fees and Billing

The fees charged for services rendered are guided primarily by the time and labor required; however, we also consider other appropriate factors, such as the novelty and difficulty of the legal issues involved; the legal skill required to perform the particular assignment; time-saving use of resources (including research, analysis, data and documentation) that we have previously developed and stored electronically or otherwise in quickly retrievable form; the fee customarily charged by comparable firms for similar legal services; the amount of money involved or at risk and the results obtained; and the time constraints imposed by either the client or the circumstances. The firm generally requires a retainer in an amount that is appropriate with respect to the proposed representation. Unless otherwise agreed, the retainer will be applied to the last statement rendered in connection with the representation, with any unused portion being returned to the client.

In determining a reasonable fee for the time and labor required for a particular matter, we consider the ability, experience, and reputation of the lawyer or lawyers in our firm who perform the services. To facilitate this determination, we internally assign to each lawyer an hourly rate based on these factors. Time is recorded and billed in one-tenth hour (six minute) increments.

We will seek to assign lawyers to various tasks at the lowest hourly rates possible and consistent with the skills, time demands, and other factors influencing the professional responsibility involved in each matter. As circumstances require, the services of lawyers in the firm with special skills or experience may be sought when that will either (a) reduce the legal expense to you; (b) provide a specialized legal skill needed; or (c) help move the matter forward more efficiently.

Out-of-Pocket Expenses. In addition to legal fees, you are responsible for the reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses that we have advanced on your behalf which will be itemized on each statement. Advanced expenses generally will include such items as travel, postage, filing fees, recording, certification, and registration fees charged by governmental bodies. Our internal charges typically include such items as toll calls, facsimile transmissions, overnight courier services, mileage, certain charges for terminal time for computer research and complex document production, and charges for photocopying materials sent to the client or third parties or required for our use. We may request an advance cost deposit (in addition to the advance fee deposit) when we expect that we will be required to incur substantial costs on behalf of the client.

During the course of our representation, it may be appropriate to engage third parties to provide services on your behalf which would include consulting or expert testimony, investigators, providers of computerized litigation support, and court reporters. In order to preserve the "work product" protection afforded to such services, our firm may assume responsibility for retaining the appropriate service providers. You are agreeing to be responsible for the payment of all fees and expenses directly to the service providers or reimbursement to PANNONE LOPES DEVEREAUX & O'GARA LLC for payments made on your behalf.

Billing. If you require, statements will be forwarded to you on a monthly basis and each statement is due when rendered. The statement will include a summary of each matter for which legal services are rendered and a fee is charged.

In the event that invoices are not paid in a timely manner, we reserve the right to discontinue services (including, without limitation, withdrawing as counsel in any litigation matter) and if a statement has not been paid within thirty (30) days from the date of the statement, we may impose an interest charge of 1.25 percent per month (a 15 percent annual percentage rate) from the 30th day after the date of the statement until it is paid in full. Interest charges apply to specific monthly statements on an individual statement basis. Any payments made on past due statements are applied first to the oldest outstanding statement, including accrued interest. In the event that collection proceedings are required, the firm is entitled to recover its attorneys' fees and expenses.

Questions About Our Bills. If you have any questions concerning an invoice, please direct your inquiry to me or the Billing Department at 401-824-5160 (Direct). Our goal with

respect to this engagement is for you to be satisfied with the representation which will make every effort to be efficient and reasonable in terms of legal fees for the services rendered. We will attempt to provide as much billing information as you require and in such customary form that you desire, and are willing to discuss with you any of the various billing formats we have available that best suits your needs.

Arbitration of Fee Dispute

We have the sole and exclusive right to withdraw from representing you in any matter (including a litigation matter) if any of our fees or costs are not paid when due. Any disputes regarding non-payment of fees or costs or the reasonableness of any fees or costs billed by us shall solely and exclusively be submitted for resolution to the fee arbitration procedure established by the Rhode Island Bar Association; provided, however, consent of PANNONE LOPES DEVEREAUX & O'GARA LLC shall be required where the client fails to raise a good faith dispute to payment prior to initiation of collection proceedings against the client. Any such arbitration shall take place in Providence, Rhode Island. The result of any such arbitration shall be binding on both the client and PANNONE LOPES DEVEREAUX & O'GARA LLC to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Relationships with Other Clients

From time to time, PLDO represents borrowers and lenders regarding financial, real estate, investment or municipal bond transactions. You agree and acknowledge that this course of representation in and of itself shall not constitute any conflict of interest unless such representation would not comply with the relevant rules of professional conduct.

During the term of this engagement, we agree that we will not accept representation of another client to pursue interests that are directly adverse to your interests unless (a) PLDO reasonably believes that we will be able to provide competent and diligent representation to you and the other client(s); (b) the representation is not prohibited by law; (c) the representation does not involve the assertion of a claim by you or the other client against the other in the same litigation or other proceeding before a tribunal; and (d) you and the other client give us your respective informed consent, confirmed in writing.

Termination

Upon completion of the matter to which this representation applies, or upon earlier termination of our relationship, the attorney-client relationship will end unless you and we have expressly agreed to a continuation with respect to other matters. The representation is terminable at will by either of us; however, the termination of the representation does not terminate your obligation to pay all fees and expenses incurred prior to the termination.

Your agreement to this engagement constitutes your acceptance of the foregoing terms and conditions. If any of the terms and conditions are unacceptable to you, please advise in order that we may resolve any differences and proceed with a clear, complete, and consistent understanding of our relationship.

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Notification to Clients of Their Rights and Responsibilities

Client's Statement of Rights and Responsibilities

In an attorney/client relationship, each party has certain rights. A right that both parties have is to be treated at all times with courtesy and respect. This statement first explains your rights as a client when you hire an attorney, and immediately afterwards what your attorney has the right to expect of you. This statement is intended to promote better communication and prevent misunderstandings between you and your attorney.

As the client in a legal matter, you have the right to expect that:

1. Your attorney will handle your legal matter competently. When hiring an attorney, you have the right to ask questions about the attorney's education, training, and experience and expect that your attorney will remain current with recent developments in the law that relate to your matter.

2. Your attorney will charge you a reasonable fee and explain how it will be computed and when payments are expected from you. If you are not a regular client, your attorney will give you a written statement before, or as soon as the work begins indicating the basis or rate of the fee you will be charged. If you are asked to pay a retainer, your attorney will explain how it will be spent and, if you ask, will provide you with a periodic written statement detailing how it has been spent. If your attorney is working on a contingent-fee basis, your attorney will put in writing, in advance, what the attorney's percentage will be, whether you will be billed for costs and expenses, and whether deductions will be taken from your settlement prior to calculating the fee.

3. Your attorney will work diligently for you and pursue the lawful means necessary to present or defend your case.

4. Your attorney will strive to resolve your legal matter promptly and will inform you if for any reason it cannot be resolved in a timely fashion.

5. Your attorney will respond to reasonable questions about the progress of your legal matter and will explain office policies to you to ensure satisfactory communication with you, including:

How to reach your attorney.

When and how your telephone calls will be returned.

How to obtain copies of paper/documents from your legal file.

6. Your attorney will exercise independent, professional judgment on your behalf free from any conflict of interest.

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7. Most of your communications with your attorney are confidential. Your attorney will explain to you when the statements you make or secrets you reveal about your case cannot be kept confidential.

8. You have the right to make final decisions regarding your legal matter. Your attorney will discuss the negotiation process with you and will agree to a settlement offer only if you have approved it.

9. Your attorney will explain to you, in advance, any major expenses anticipated in your legal matter.

10. Your attorney will tell you if other lawyers will be involved in your representation and how the cost to you for their involvement will be calculated.

11. When your fee is not a single, set amount, your attorney will give you periodic billings detailing your fees, costs, and expenses.

12. If legal fees will be applied against a settlement, your attorney will provide you with a final statement after the matter is concluded detailing what costs and expenses are being applied against your settlement and the amount you will receive.

As your legal advisor, your attorney has the right to expect that:

1. You will make a full and honest disclosure of all of the facts - good and bad - that relate to your legal matter and you will inform your attorney about any new facts or circumstances that may affect your case as they arise.

2. You will adhere to your fee agreement with your attorney, pay your bills for all work that has been performed, and pay for all costs advanced for you. If you have any questions about your bill, you will discuss them with your attorney.

3. You will seek your attorney's advice before discussing any information relating to your legal matter with others.

4. You will tell your attorney if you have any concerns or reservations about the advice you are being given.

5. You will be on time for all court hearings and appointments with your attorney or let your attorney know in advance if you cannot be on time.

6. If you cannot reach your attorney when you telephone the office, you will leave your name and telephone number and a brief message.

7. You will complete the tasks requested by your attorney in a timely fashion or let your attorney know when you cannot.

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8. You will discuss your expectations about what you want to accomplish in your legal matter with your attorney. When your expectations are not being met, you will talk to your attorney about it. You have the right to change attorneys if you are dissatisfied with the representation you are receiving. However, in certain circumstances, you will need the court's permission. It is also important for you to know that your attorney may decide to stop representing you. This may be due to your not meeting your obligations to your attorney or for some other reason. This too may require court permission.

This Client's Statement of Rights and Responsibilities is based on the Rhode Island Rules of Professional Conduct for attorneys. If you have any questions about this statement of your rights and obligations, you should contact the Rhode Island Bar Association at 115 Cedar Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903 telephone: (401) 421-5740.

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PANNONE LOPES DEVEREAUX & O'GARA LLC

PRIVACY STATEMENT

PANNONE LOPES DEVEREAUX & O'GARA LLC is committed to safeguarding the confidential information of its clients. As required by our profession's ethical and legal obligations, maintaining the confidentiality of your personal information is one of our primary responsibilities. Consistent with these obligations we are sending you this privacy notice to help you understand how we handle and protect the personal information we collect.

The nonpublic personal information we collect from a client depends upon the scope of the client engagement. It may include:

Information we receive from you, including name, address, telephone number, Social Security number and information about your financial status, such as employment, income, monthly expenses, and assets; and

Information about your transactions with third parties, including information regarding your financial status and financial history.

Consistent with the ethical obligations of our profession, we hold all nonpublic personal information provided to our firm by its clients in the strictest confidence. We also limit access to your information to those attorneys and staff members who have a professional reason for knowing the information and to other persons who are assisting us in the representation and to whom you have permitted us to disclose the information. We do not provide non-affiliated persons, firms or companies with your personal information unless you have authorized such disclosure or such disclosure is permitted or required by law.

As technology continues to advance, you can be sure that we will maintain the physical, electronic, and procedural safeguards necessary to keep your personal financial information confidential and secure. PANNONE LOPES DEVEREAUX & O'GARA LLC will notify you of any changes in its ethical obligations applicable to your confidential information or in the firm practice with respect to discharging such obligations.

We value your trust and are firmly committed to protecting the security and privacy of information that you share with us.

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Legal Services rendered

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