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REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

MEETING: June 24, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, One Government Center

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

ABSENT: President Joseph D. Camara

IN ATTENDANCE: Emily Arpke, Interim Director of Financial Services

Vice President Pereira called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by a salute to the flag and announced that the meeting may be recorded with audio or video and transmitted through any medium.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to take item 10 out of order, with President Camara absent and not voting.

CITATIONS

10. Fall River Commission on Disability Scholarship – Class of 2025 Recipients:
- | | | |
|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Nova Cerullo | Kenadi Charron | McKenzie Cohen |
| Ava Duarte | Connor Eubank | Chloe Furtado |
| Raeleigh Levesque | Katie Mulcahy | Jonathan Rezendes |
| Dakota Therrian | Tarvy Van Ouk | |

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to adopt the citations, with President Camara absent and not voting. Councilor Raposo made brief remarks commending the scholarship recipients' hard work and dedication and wished them the best for their future endeavors. Dennis Polselli, Chair, Commission on Disability, also commended the recipients for their achievements.

Councilor Hart made brief remarks congratulating the members of Diman Regional Technical Vocational High School baseball team who were in the audience, as they recently won the Vocational State Baseball Tournament Championship, including Head Coach Floriano Lima, Assistant Head Coach Brad Camara and players Evan Nickelson, Ian Morales-Campbell, Owen Dorego, Aidan Mosher, Cameron Falcon, Cory Almeida, Jacob Costa and Samuel Perry. Coach Lima thanked the City Council for their recognition of the team's accomplishments and stated that the players had worked hard to achieve this championship win.

PRIORITY MATTERS

1. Mayor and confirmation of the reappointment of Jason Bouchard-Nawrocki to the Historical Commission

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Dionne, it was unanimously voted to confirm the reappointment, with President Camara absent and not voting.

2. Mayor and confirmation of the reappointment of Richard Mancini to the Community Preservation Committee

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Dionne, it was unanimously voted to confirm the reappointment, with President Camara absent and not voting.

3. Mayor and order declaring property from the Fire Department as surplus property

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

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Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

4. Mayor and request from Interim Purchasing Agent for review of Request for Proposals #25-11 related to sale of the site of the former Silvia School and Annex

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Dionne, it was unanimously voted to refer the matter to the Committee on Real Estate, with President Camara absent and not voting.

On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Dionne, it was unanimously voted to waive the rules to allow the Interim Director of Financial Services to answer questions regarding item 5, with President Camara absent and not voting.

5. Mayor and order accepting a donation in the amount of \$3,418 from the Fall River Elks Lodge #118 to the Fire Department for the purchase of an underwater drone to be used by the Fire Department Dive Team

Councilor Raposo asked for information regarding where donated funding was kept within the City's financial accounts. Emily Arpke, Interim Director of Financial Services, explained that there are special accounts that are used only for allocations of donated funds. On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Kilby, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order, with President Camara absent and not voting.

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Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

6. Mayor and order establishing spending limits of Revolving Funds for Fiscal Year 2026

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

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7. Mayor and the following transfers:

a. \$1,100,000.00 from FY24 Surplus Revenue to Community Maintenance, Expenses
On a motion made by Councilor Kilby and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was voted 3 yeas, 5 nays, to adopt the order, with Vice President Pereira and Councilors Hart and Kilby voting in the affirmative, and with President Camara absent and not voting, and the motion failed to carry.

b. \$3,000,000.00 from FY24 Surplus Revenue to General Fund, Stabilization Fund
On a motion made by Councilor Dionne and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order, with President Camara absent and not voting.

8. Mayor and the following transfers:

a. \$5,000 from City Council, Expenses to City Council, Salaries
On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Kilby, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order, with President Camara absent and not voting.

b. \$10,000 from Administrative Services, Expenses to Administrative Services, Salaries
On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Dionne, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order, with President Camara absent and not voting.

c. \$200,000 from Facilities, Expenses to Community Maintenance, Expenses
A motion was made by Councilor Raposo to adopt the order, but there was no second. On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was voted 6 yeas, 2 nays to reject the order, with Councilors Hart and Kilby voting in the negative and with President Camara absent and not voting.

d. \$200,000 from Community Maintenance, Salaries to Community Maintenance, Expenses
On a motion made by Councilor Hart and seconded by Councilor Kilby, it was voted 3 yeas, 5 nays to adopt the order, with Vice President Pereira and Councilors Hart and Kilby voting in the affirmative and with President Camara absent and not voting, and the motion failed to carry.

PRIORITY COMMUNICATIONS – None

COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

ORDINANCES – None

RESOLUTIONS

9. Administration pursue a traffic and parking study specific to the downtown South Main Street area

Councilor Dionne asked for clarification regarding ongoing development in this area of the City. Vice President Pereira provided information regarding a former traffic study that suggested changing South Main Street to a one-way street with diagonal parking spaces. Councilor Ponte made brief remarks regarding the need to adjust parking regulations in this area to increase economic development and visual appeal of the South Main Street neighborhood. Councilor Ponte suggested scheduling a future meeting with the City Engineer/Planner to discuss matters related to parking changes and a housing unit development on South Main Street. On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to adopt the resolution, with President Camara absent and not voting.

ORDERS – HEARINGS

Curb Removal

12. Mark Pavao, 166 Wilson Road – Removal of 16 feet for a total opening of 33 feet at 166 Wilson Road

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

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On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Cadime, it was unanimously voted to take items 13 through 38 together, with President Camara absent and not voting.

Fiber Optic Cable Installations

BIF IV Intrepid Opco LLC d/b/a Intrepid Fiber Networks at the following locations:

13. Prospect Street, beginning at Grove Street and ending at Highland Avenue
14. Woodbine Place, beginning at Linden Street and ending at Grove Street
15. Hillside Street, beginning at Hanover Street and ending at Linden Street
16. Maple Street, beginning at Robeson Street and ending at Highland Avenue
17. Walnut Street, beginning at Robeson Street and ending at High Street
18. Locust Street, beginning at Robeson Street and ending at Grove Street
19. Robeson Street, beginning at Maple Street and ending at Locust Street
20. Pear Street, beginning at Walnut Street and ending at Walnut Street
21. Hanover Street, beginning at Hillside Street and ending at Locust Street
22. Linden Street, beginning at Prospect Street and ending at Locust Street
23. Grove Street, beginning at Prospect Street and ending at Locust Street
24. Highland Avenue, beginning at Prospect Street and ending at Winter Street
25. Winter Street, beginning at Highland Avenue and ending at Maple Street
26. Cherry Street, beginning at Seabury Street and ending at High Street
27. Pine Street, beginning at Seabury Street and ending at Winter Street
28. Franklin Street, beginning at North Seventh Street and ending at Rock Street
29. Bank Street, beginning at Seabury Street and ending at Rock Street
30. Seabury Street, beginning at Locust Street and ending at Bank Street
31. Linden Street, beginning at Locust Street and ending at Bank Street
32. O'Grady Street, beginning at Pine Street and ending at Bank Street
33. North Seventh Street, beginning at Franklin Street and ending at Bedford Street
34. Oak Street, beginning at Franklin Street and ending at Bank Street
35. High Street, beginning at Pine Street and ending at Franklin Street
36. High Street, beginning at Franklin Street and ending at Bank Street
37. Grove Street, beginning at Locust Street and ending at Pine Street
38. Winter Street, beginning at Locust Street and ending at Franklin Street

On a motion made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by Councilor Dionne, it was unanimously voted to adopt the orders, with President Camara absent and not voting.

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Underground Conduit

39. BIF IV Intrepid Opco LLC d/b/a Intrepid Fiber Networks - Pine Street, beginning at Robeson Street and ending at Seabury Street

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

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ORDERS – MISCELLANEOUS

40. Police Chief's report on licenses
Taxicab Drivers
Jamil Boutros Ronald A. Piccone

Private Livery Drivers

Carlos M. Alvarez Jeremy R. Hair

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

COMMUNICATIONS – INVITATIONS – PETITIONS

41. Claims

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

On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to take items 42 through 47 together, with President Camara absent and not voting.

City Council Minutes

42. Public Hearing – June 10, 2025
43. Committee on Finance – June 4, 2025
44. Committee on Finance – June 10, 2025
45. Committee on Finance – June 12, 2025
46. Special Meeting of the City Council – June 4, 2025
47. Regular Meeting of the City Council – June 10, 2025

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

BULLETINS – NEWSLETTERS – NOTICES – None

ITEMS FILED AFTER THE AGENDA DEADLINE **CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE: JUNE 24, 2025**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Ordinances and Legislation recommending:

All readings with emergency preamble:

- 8e. Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, Handicapped parking
- Cambridge Street, South, 129 feet east of Coral Street
- Dover Street, South, 37 feet west of Blackstone Street
- Locust Street, North, 55 feet west of June Street
- Raymond Street, West, 29 feet south of Harriman Street

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

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First reading

- 8f. Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, Miscellaneous

Section 1

Thirty minute parking (strike-out)

- Sixth Street, East, 172 feet south of Bedford Street,
from 7:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., Monday through Friday

Section 2

Handicapped Parking (strike outs)

- Eastern Avenue, West, 79 feet south of Bedard Street
- East Main Street, West, 44 feet north of Dwelly Street
- Florence Street, North, 140 feet west of Ray Street
- Irving Street, West, 71 feet north of Pleasant Street

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

- 8g. Proposed Ordinance – Amendment re salary of Animal Control Officer

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

Grant leave to withdraw

- 8h. Proposed Ordinance – Fall River Public Library new position of Museum Security Officer of Public Library Services

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Kilby, it was unanimously voted that the proposed ordinance be granted leave to withdraw, with President Camara absent and not voting.

Committee on Finance Recommending:

Action

- 8i. Order – Appropriation of \$2,000,000.00 from FY24 Surplus Revenue to the Employer Health Trust Fund

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

RESOLUTIONS

- 9a. City Council notify the Mayor of the City's current noncompliance with sections of the City Charter, including Section 9-15, which relates to Periodic review of the need for multiple member bodies, and Section 2-10, which relates to City Council confirmation of certain appointments

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

On a motion made by Councilor Cadime and seconded by Councilor Dionne, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:30 p.m., with President Camara 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 black ink, reading "Glison M. Bouchard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

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In City Council, July 15, 2025
Approved.



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MEETINGS SCHEDULED
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, ONE GOVERNMENT CENTER
JUNE 24, 2025
AGENDA

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

5:30 P.M. PUBLIC HEARINGS (OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES AND LEGISLATION MEETING IF IT RUNS PAST 5:30 P.M.)

Curb Removal

1. Mark Pavao, 166 Wilson Road, for the removal of curbing as follows:

	Existing Opening	Curbing to be Removed	Curbing to be Added	Combined Opening Proposed After Alteration
166 Wilson Road	17'	16'	0'	33'

The existing parcel is currently serviced by a 17-foot curb opening. The applicant proposes expanding the opening by an additional 16 feet to the east. The total opening for the location will be 33 feet.

Fiber Optic Cable Installations

BIF IV Intrepid Opco LLC d/b/a Intrepid Fiber Networks to locate new aerial cabling and strand attached to existing utility poles and fixtures including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, along and across as follows:

2. **Prospect Street**

Beginning at Grove Street and ending at Highland Avenue.

Install 149 feet of fiber optic cable and new aerial strand at existing National Grid Utility Pole # 347/2 and ending at existing National Grid Utility Pole # 347X/1.

In accordance with Drawing No. INT_FR_AER_03-01.

3. **Woodbine Place**

Beginning at Linden Street and ending at Grove Street.

Install fiber optic cable and new aerial strand beginning at existing National Grid Utility Pole #13-31 and ending at existing National Grid Utility Pole # 13. The route includes the following poles and approximate strand footages:

Existing Beginning Pole #	Strand Distance (Ft)	Existing Ending Pole #
13-31	94	13/30
13/30	129	13

In accordance with Drawing No. INT_FR_AER_03-02.

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4. Hillside Street
Beginning at Hanover Street and ending at Linden Street.

Install fiber optic cable and new aerial strand beginning at existing National Grid Utility Pole # 9 and ending at existing National Grid Utility Pole # 18. The route includes the following poles and approximate strand footages:

Existing Beginning Pole #	Strand Distance (Ft)	Existing Ending Pole #
9	133	3
3	189	2
2	102	613/1
613/1	56	18/1
18/1	53	18

In accordance with Drawing No. INT_FR_AER_03-03.

5. Maple Street
Beginning at Robeson Street and ending at Highland Avenue.

Install fiber optic cable and new aerial strand beginning at existing National Grid Utility Pole #26 and ending at existing National Grid Utility Pole # No Tag. The route includes the following poles and approximate strand footages:

Existing Beginning Pole #	Strand Distance (Ft)	Existing Ending Pole #
26	86	9/22/5
9/22/5	98	24
24	107	23
23	87	22
22	47	21
21	58	9/2/2/0
9/2/2/0	136	19
19	132	18
18	95	17
17	125	16
16	126	92/15
92/15	115	14
14	73	92/13
92/13	36	12
12	91	11
11	87	92/10
92/10	92	92/9
92/9	46	749
749	110	No Tag
No Tag	53	92/6
No Tag	74	No Tag

In accordance with Drawing No. INT_FR_AER_03-04.1.

6. Walnut Street
Beginning at Robeson Street and ending at High Street.

Install fiber optic cable and new aerial strand beginning at existing National Grid Utility Pole # 20 and ending at existing National Grid Utility Pole # 10. The route includes the following poles and approximate strand footages:

Existing Beginning Pole #	Strand Distance (Ft)	Existing Ending Pole #
20	91	28
28	105	27
27	85	26
26	86	25
25	90	24
24	66	23
23	129	22
22	139	21/2
21/2	93	20
20	84	No Tag
No Tag	88	18
18	121	17
17	142	16
16	64	15
15	153	76/14
76/14	92	13
13	52	19
19	70	11
11	128	10

In accordance with Drawing No. INT_FR_AER_03-05.1.

7. Locust Street
Beginning at Robeson Street and ending at Grove Street.

Install fiber optic cable and new aerial strand beginning at existing National Grid Utility Pole # No Tag and ending at existing National Grid Utility Pole # No Tag. The route includes the following poles and approximate strand footages:

Existing Beginning Pole #	Strand Distance (Ft)	Existing Ending Pole #
No Tag	121	29
29	95	28
28	108	27
27	107	26
26	39	9
9	143	23
23	77	22-1
22-1	75	21
21	107	19
19	109	18
18	107	17
17	126	16
16	116	2/15

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2/15	92	14
14	78	No Tag

In accordance with Drawing No. INT_FR_AER_03-06.1.

8. Robeson Street
Beginning at Maple Street and ending at Locust Street.

Install fiber optic cable and new aerial strand beginning at existing National Grid Utility Pole #26 and ending at existing National Grid Utility Pole # No Tag. The route includes the following poles and approximate strand footages:

Existing Beginning Pole #	Strand Distance (Ft)	Existing Ending Pole #
26	101	22
22	107	21
21	103	20
20	107	19
19	83	18
18	95	2086
2086	103	No Tag

In accordance with Drawing No. INT_FR_AER_03-07.

9. Pear Street
Beginning at Walnut Street and ending at Walnut Street.

Install 92 feet of fiber optic cable and new aerial strand at existing National Grid Utility Pole # 736/1 and ending at existing National Grid Utility Pole # 27.

In accordance with Drawing No. INT_FR_AER_03-08.

10. Hanover Street
Beginning at Hillside Street and ending at Locust Street.

Install fiber optic cable and new aerial strand beginning at existing National Grid Utility Pole # 9 and ending at existing National Grid Utility Pole # 26. The route includes the following poles and approximate strand footages:

Existing Beginning Pole #	Strand Distance (Ft)	Existing Ending Pole #
9	101	25K/54/8
25K/54/8	95	7
7	151	6
6	68	21
21	118	5
5	121	4
4	115	4/3
4/3	112	2
2	118	5/4
5/4	79	26

In accordance with Drawing No. INT_FR_AER_03-09

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11. Linden Street

Beginning at Prospect Street and ending at Locust Street.

Install fiber optic cable and new aerial strand beginning at existing National Grid Utility Pole # 20 and ending at existing National Grid Utility Pole # 18. The route includes the following poles and approximate strand footages:

Existing Beginning Pole #	Strand Distance (Ft)	Existing Ending Pole #
20	111	19
19	126	18
18	130	17
17	126	16
16	65	16
16	59	15
15	125	14
14	128	No Tag
No Tag	120	13
13	118	12
12	46	11
11	106	18

In accordance with Drawing No. INT_FR_AER_03-10.

12. Grove Street

Beginning at Prospect Street and ending at Locust Street.

Install fiber optic cable and new aerial strand beginning at existing National Grid Utility Pole # No Tag and ending at existing National Grid Utility Pole # 2/15. The route includes the following poles and approximate strand footages:

Existing Beginning Pole #	Strand Distance (Ft)	Existing Ending Pole #
No Tag	62	14
14	115	13
13	65	2
2	164	11/1
11/1	163	12
12	79	00
00	125	02
02	106	16
16	144	8
8	122	7
7	123	2/15

In accordance with Drawing No. INT_FR_AER_03-11.

13. Highland Avenue
Beginning at Prospect Street and ending at Winter Street.

Install 194 feet of fiber optic cable and new aerial strand at existing National Grid Utility Pole # 347X/1 and ending at existing National Grid Utility Pole # No Tag.

In accordance with Drawing No. INT_FR_AER_03-12.

14. Winter Street
Beginning at Highland Avenue and ending at Maple Street.

Install fiber optic cable and new aerial strand beginning at existing National Grid Utility Pole # No Tag and ending at existing National Grid Utility Pole # 747. The route includes the following poles and approximate strand footages:

Existing Beginning Pole #	Strand Distance (Ft)	Existing Ending Pole #
No Tag	229	753
753	82	751
751	127	749
749	108	747

In accordance with Drawing No. INT_FR_AER_03-12.1

15. Cherry Street
Beginning at Seabury Street and ending at High Street.

Install fiber optic cable and new aerial strand beginning at existing National Grid Utility Pole # 13 and ending at existing National Grid Utility Pole # 112A/11-1. The route includes the following poles and approximate strand footages:

Existing Beginning Pole #	Strand Distance (Ft)	Existing Ending Pole #
13	94	112/21
112/21	84	20
20	119	3
3	105	18
18	125	7
7	120	16
16	101	112/15
112/15	131	14
14	120	No Tag
No Tag	154	112/12
112/12	74	112A/11-2
112A/11-2	83	112A/11-1

In accordance with Drawing No. INT_FR_AER_04-01.

16. Pine Street
Beginning at Seabury Street and ending at Winter Street.

Install fiber optic cable and new aerial strand beginning at existing National Grid Utility Pole # 6/24 and ending at existing National Grid Utility Pole # 12. The route includes the following poles and approximate strand footages:

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Existing Beginning Pole #	Strand Distance (Ft)	Existing Ending Pole #
6/24	137	23
23	139	21
21	100	20
20	94	19
19	129	18
18	202	16
16	71	15
15	79	14
14	142	12

In accordance with Drawing No. INT_FR_AER_04-02.

17. Franklin Street
Beginning at North Seventh Street and ending at Rock Street.

Install fiber optic cable and new aerial strand beginning at existing National Grid Utility Pole # 4/7/5 and ending at existing National Grid Utility Pole # No Tag. The route includes the following poles and approximate strand footages:

Existing Beginning Pole #	Strand Distance (Ft)	Existing Ending Pole #
4/7/5	160	1
1	84	No Tag
No Tag	98	No Tag
No Tag	94	4
4	109	5
5	98	6
6	88	7
7	84	No Tag

In accordance with Drawing No. INT_FR_AER_04-03.

18. Bank Street
Beginning at Seabury Street and ending at Rock Street.

Install fiber optic cable and new aerial strand beginning at existing National Grid Utility Pole # 3 and ending at existing National Grid Utility Pole # 221/6. The route includes the following poles and approximate strand footages:

Existing Beginning Pole #	Strand Distance (Ft)	Existing Ending Pole #
3	97	No Tag
No Tag	83	19
19	87	89/1
89/1	95	17
17	94	5K/16
5K/16	100	15
15	108	221/14
221/14	138	12
12	111	11
11	117	10
10	111	No Tag

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No Tag	129	8
8	97	7
7	110	221 6

In accordance with Drawing No. INT_FR_AER_04-4.

19. Seabury Street
Beginning at Locust Street and ending at Bank Street.

Install fiber optic cable and new aerial strand beginning at existing National Grid Utility Pole # 22-1 and ending at existing National Grid Utility Pole # 3. The route includes the following poles and approximate strand footages:

Existing Beginning Pole #	Strand Distance (Ft)	Existing Ending Pole #
22-1	126	116/5
116/5	105	14
14	110	13
13	121	No Tag
No Tag	103	11
11	110	1
1	43	6/24
6/24	50	1
1	87	8
8	93	7
7	47	6-50
6-50	59	6
6	72	5
5	102	4
4	100	3

In accordance with Drawing No. INT_FR_AER_04-05.

20. Linden Street
Beginning at Locust Street and ending at Bank Street.

Install fiber optic cable and new aerial strand beginning at existing National Grid Utility Pole # 18 and ending at existing National Grid Utility Pole # 89/1. The route includes the following poles and approximate strand footages:

Existing Beginning Pole #	Strand Distance (Ft)	Existing Ending Pole #
18	136	10
10	112	9
9	91	3
3	68	89/8
89/8	83	7
7	65	89/9
89/9	81	21
21	117	89/5
89/5	141	4

In accordance with Drawing No. INT_FR_AER_04-06.

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21. O'Grady Street
Beginning at Pine Street and ending at Bank Street.

Install fiber optic cable and new aerial strand beginning at existing National Grid Utility Pole # 19 and ending at existing National Grid Utility Pole # 5K/16. The route includes the following poles and approximate strand footages:

Existing Beginning Pole #	Strand Distance (Ft)	Existing Ending Pole #
19	117	336/7
336/7	83	6
6	218	5
5	100	4
4	94	5K/16

In accordance with Drawing No. INT_FR_AER_04-07.

22. North Seventh Street
Beginning at Franklin Street and ending at Bedford Street.

Install fiber optic cable and new aerial strand beginning at existing National Grid Utility Pole #102/1 and ending at existing National Grid Utility Pole # 1. The route includes the following poles and approximate strand footages:

Existing Beginning Pole #	Strand Distance (Ft)	Existing Ending Pole #
102/1	102	6
6	88	4/7/5
4/7/5	110	4
4	87	221/14
221/14	60	3
3	76	2
2	84	1

In accordance with Drawing No. INT_FR_AER_04-08.

23. Oak Street
Beginning at Franklin Street and ending at Bank Street.

Install fiber optic cable and new aerial strand beginning at existing National Grid Utility Pole # No Tag and ending at existing National Grid Utility Pole # 2. The route includes the following poles and approximate strand footages:

Existing Beginning Pole #	Strand Distance (Ft)	Existing Ending Pole #
No Tag	102	520 3
520 3	125	11
11	124	2

In accordance with Drawing No. INT_FR_AER_04-09.

24. High Street
Beginning at Pine Street and ending at Franklin Street.

Install fiber optic cable and new aerial strand beginning at existing National Grid Utility Pole # 160 5 and ending at existing National Grid Utility Pole # 6. The route includes the following poles and approximate strand footages:

Existing Beginning Pole #	Strand Distance (Ft)	Existing Ending Pole #
160 5	108	4
4	96	6

In accordance with Drawing No. INT_FR_AER_04-10.1.

25. High Street
Beginning at Franklin Street and ending at Bank Street.

Install fiber optic cable and new aerial strand beginning at existing National Grid Utility Pole # 3 and ending at existing National Grid Utility Pole # 2. The route includes the following poles and approximate strand footages:

Existing Beginning Pole #	Strand Distance (Ft)	Existing Ending Pole #
3	125	8
8	69	2

In accordance with Drawing No. INT_FR_AER_04-10.2.

26. Grove Street
Beginning at Locust Street and ending at Pine Street.

Install fiber optic cable and new aerial strand beginning at existing National Grid Utility Pole # 2/15 and ending at existing National Grid Utility Pole # 102/1. The route includes the following poles and approximate strand footages:

Existing Beginning Pole #	Strand Distance (Ft)	Existing Ending Pole #
2/15	121	6
6	106	No Tag
No Tag	111	16
16	108	4
4	135	3/3
3/3	109	6-17
6-17	112	2
2	113	102/1

In accordance with Drawing No. INT_FR_AER_04-11.

27. Winter Street
Beginning at Locust Street and ending at Franklin Street.

Install fiber optic cable and new aerial strand beginning at existing National Grid Utility Pole # 741 and ending at existing National Grid Utility Pole # No Tag. The route includes the following poles and approximate strand footages:

Existing Beginning Pole #	Strand Distance (Ft)	Existing Ending Pole #
741	92	8
8	34	8-84
8-84	127	No Tag
No Tag	103	30-2
8	132	12
12	122	7
12 to 7 Midspan	101	184X/1
184X/1	100	30018A
7	176	No Tag
No Tag	105	6
6	79	5-1
5-1	84	182/5
182/5	86	No Tag
No Tag	59	14
14	116	4
4	84	No Tag
4	116	3
3	101	2
2	52	182
182	38	No Tag

In accordance with Drawing No. INT_FR_AER_04-12.

Underground Conduit

28. BIF IV Intrepid Opco LLC d/b/a Intrepid Fiber Networks to locate new buried cabling, conduit and structures including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, along and across as follows:

Pine Street

Beginning at Robeson Street and ending at Seabury Street.

Install one OLT Cabinet and 4'x4' concrete pad within Ruggles Park directly across from 755 Pine Street. Install fiber optic cable, below grade structures, and underground conduit beginning at proposed Intrepid 30"x48"x36" handhole and ending at existing National Grid Utility Pole #1. The route includes 528 feet of open trench excavation with (4) 0.75" HDPE Conduits.

In accordance with Drawing No. INT_FR_UG_01.1.

Restriction:

Install equipment or lines within the right of way only

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

1. Citizen Input
2. Mayor and appropriation of \$2,000,000.00 from FY24 Surplus Revenue to the Employer Health Trust Fund (referred 6-10-2025)
3. Transfers and appropriations

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

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

PRIORITY MATTERS

1. *Mayor and confirmation of the reappointment of Jason Bouchard-Nawrocki to the Historical Commission
2. *Mayor and confirmation of the reappointment of Richard Mancini to the Community Preservation Committee
3. *Mayor and order declaring property from the Fire Department as surplus property
4. *Mayor and request from Interim Purchasing Agent for review of Request for Proposals #25-11 related to sale of the site of the former Silvia School and Annex
5. *Mayor and order accepting a donation in the amount of \$3,418 from the Fall River Elks Lodge #118 to the Fire Department for the purchase of an underwater drone to be used by the Fire Department Dive Team
6. *Mayor and order establishing spending limits of Revolving Funds for Fiscal Year 2026
7. *Mayor and the following transfers:
 - a. \$1,100,000.00 from FY24 Surplus Revenue to Community Maintenance, Expenses
 - b. \$3,000,000.00 from FY24 Surplus Revenue to General Fund, Stabilization Fund
8. *Mayor and the following transfers:
 - a. \$5,000 from City Council, Expenses to City Council, Salaries
 - b. \$10,000 from Administrative Services, Expenses to Administrative Services, Salaries
 - c. \$200,000 from Facilities, Expenses to Community Maintenance, Expenses
 - d. \$200,000 from Community Maintenance, Salaries to Community Maintenance, Expenses

PRIORITY COMMUNICATIONS – None

COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

ORDINANCES – None

RESOLUTIONS

9. *Administration pursue a traffic and parking study specific to the downtown South Main Street area

CITATIONS

10. Fall River Commission on Disability Scholarship – Class of 2025 Recipients:

Nova Cerullo	Kenadi Charron	McKenzie Cohen
Ava Duarte	Connor Eubank	Chloe Furtado
Raeleigh Levesque	Katie Mulcahy	Jonathan Rezendes
Dakota Therrian	Tarvy Van Ouk	

ORDERS – HEARINGS

Curb Removal

12. Mark Pavao, 166 Wilson Road – Removal of 16 feet for a total opening of 33 feet at 166 Wilson Road

Fiber Optic Cable Installations

BIF IV Intrepid Opco LLC d/b/a Intrepid Fiber Networks at the following locations:

13. Prospect Street, beginning at Grove Street and ending at Highland Avenue
14. Woodbine Place, beginning at Linden Street and ending at Grove Street
15. Hillside Street, beginning at Hanover Street and ending at Linden Street
16. Maple Street, beginning at Robeson Street and ending at Highland Avenue
17. Walnut Street, beginning at Robeson Street and ending at High Street

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18. Locust Street, beginning at Robeson Street and ending at Grove Street
19. Robeson Street, beginning at Maple Street and ending at Locust Street
20. Pear Street, beginning at Walnut Street and ending at Walnut Street
21. Hanover Street, beginning at Hillside Street and ending at Locust Street
22. Linden Street, beginning at Prospect Street and ending at Locust Street
23. Grove Street, beginning at Prospect Street and ending at Locust Street
24. Highland Avenue, beginning at Prospect Street and ending at Winter Street
25. Winter Street, beginning at Highland Avenue and ending at Maple Street
26. Cherry Street, beginning at Seabury Street and ending at High Street
27. Pine Street, beginning at Seabury Street and ending at Winter Street
28. Franklin Street, beginning at North Seventh Street and ending at Rock Street
29. Bank Street, beginning at Seabury Street and ending at Rock Street
30. Seabury Street, beginning at Locust Street and ending at Bank Street
31. Linden Street, beginning at Locust Street and ending at Bank Street
32. O'Grady Street, beginning at Pine Street and ending at Bank Street
33. North Seventh Street, beginning at Franklin Street and ending at Bedford Street
34. Oak Street, beginning at Franklin Street and ending at Bank Street
35. High Street, beginning at Pine Street and ending at Franklin Street
36. High Street, beginning at Franklin Street and ending at Bank Street
37. Grove Street, beginning at Locust Street and ending at Pine Street
38. Winter Street, beginning at Locust Street and ending at Franklin Street

Underground Conduit

39. BIF IV Intrepid Opco LLC d/b/a Intrepid Fiber Networks - Pine Street, beginning at Robeson Street and ending at Seabury Street

ORDERS – MISCELLANEOUS

40. Police Chief's report on licenses
Taxicab Drivers

Jamil Boutros Ronald A. Piccone

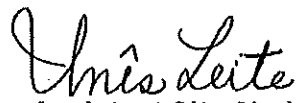
Private Livery Drivers

Carlos M. Alvarez Jeremy R. Hair

COMMUNICATIONS – INVITATIONS – PETITIONS

41. *Claims
- City Council Minutes
42. *Public Hearing – June 10, 2025
43. *Committee on Finance – June 4, 2025
44. *Committee on Finance – June 10, 2025
45. *Committee on Finance – June 12, 2025
46. *Special Meeting of the City Council – June 4, 2025
47. *Regular Meeting of the City Council – June 10, 2025

BULLETINS – NEWSLETTERS – NOTICES – None


Assistant City Clerk

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

OTHER POTENTIAL MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (if received):

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Ordinances and Legislation recommending:

All readings with emergency preamble:

- Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, Handicapped parking
 - Cambridge Street, South, 129 feet east of Coral Street
 - Dover Street, South, 37 feet west of Blackstone Street
 - Locust Street, North, 55 feet west of June Street
 - Raymond Street, West, 29 feet south of Harriman Street

First reading

- Proposed Ordinance -- Traffic, Miscellaneous

Section 1

Thirty minute parking (strike-out)

- Sixth Street, East, 172 feet south of Bedford Street,
from 7:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., Monday through Friday

Section 2

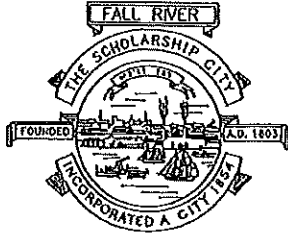
Handicapped Parking (strike outs)

- Eastern Avenue, West, 79 feet south of Bedard Street
- East Main Street, West, 44 feet north of Dwelly Street
- Florence Street, North, 140 feet west of Ray Street
- Irving Street, West, 71 feet north of Pleasant Street

- Proposed Ordinance – Amendment re salary of Animal Control Officer

Action

- Proposed Ordinance – Fall River Public Library new positions of Museum Security Officer of Public Library Services and Processing Archivist of Public Library Services



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PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

June 13, 2025

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CITY CLERK
FALL RIVER, MA

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

Dear Council President and Members of the Honorable Council:

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

Name: Jason Bouchard - Nawrocki

Address 45 Bigelow Street
Fall River, MA 02720

Position: Historical Commission

Appointment Date: June 22, 2025

Term Expires: June 21, 2028

Sincerely,

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Mayor

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Dear Council President and Members of the Honorable Council:

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

Name: Richard Mancini

Address 243 French Street
Fall River, MA 02720

Position: Community Preservation Committee

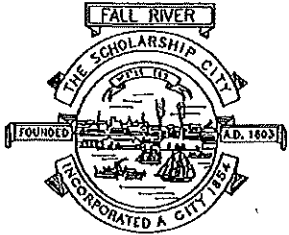
Appointment Date: June 22, 2025

Term Expires: June 21, 2028

Sincerely,

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CITY CLERK
FALL RIVER, MA

June 17, 2025

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

Attached please find a letter from Rebekah A. Pontes, Assistant Treasurer/Interim Purchasing Agent, with a request to declare the attached listing breakdown of Fire Department Property as surplus under Section 2-972.

If additional information is needed, please reach out to my office. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

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City of Fall River, *In City Council*

ORDERED, that the Purchasing Agent be, and the same is hereby authorized to sell at auction the following list of surplus equipment from the Fall River Fire Department

Quantity	Description	Manufacturer/Model
1	35 Gal. Oil Collection Drum	N/A
2	3500 Watt Generator	Homelite 176A35 1C
1	55 Gallon Drum	N/A
24	SCBA Bottles	Interspiro
6	Floto Pumps	Floto Waterous/Hale
2	Portable Pumps	Hale
1	Spreaders (hydraulic)	Hurst
2	Master Stream	Blitz Fire
5	Siamese	N/A
2	WYES	N/A
2	Hand Nozzles	Task Force Tips
1	Band Saw	Vectrax 00923003
2	Smooth Bore Nozzles	N/A
2	Printers	HP
1	Chainsaw	Cutters Edge 2360575
4	Telecoping Lights	N/A
1	Bariatric Wheel Chair	N/A
1	Backboard	Ferno
1	Stretcher	Ferno
1	Scrap Pile	N/A
2	Office/Conference Room Chairs	Hon Company
4	Compressors	Husky C202H



PURCHASING
CITY OF FALL RIVER

June 16, 2025

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

Dear Honorable Mayor Coogan,

Pursuant to Chapter 2. Administration, ARTICLE VIII. Public Property, § 2-972. Surplus property: I seek your assistance to solicit council approval to conduct a public online surplus auction to aid in the disposal of the listed Fire Department Surplus on the attached listing breakdown through our continued partnership with Auctions International.

In my capacity as Purchase Agent, I will coordinate this effort in conjunction with Executive Assistant, Barret Castro who will act as the administrative agent of Chief Jeffrey Bacon.

This equipment is decommissioned due to either damage or upgrades. All logo, emergency equipment, and Fall River Fire Department identifiers will be removed or indiscernible prior to the auction process. The City Operations Director, Al Oliveria has signed that there is no interdepartmental interest/use in these surplus items. The estimated value is under \$10,000.00. Auction proceeds would be considered general fund.

§ 2-972 Surplus Property; Surplus property determined by the Purchasing Agent to be no longer useful for any municipal purpose shall be sold or disposed of under such terms and conditions as the City Council shall by order determine. Surplus property, which is not bid on or claimed within a reasonable amount of time may be disposed of by the Purchasing Agent in a manner he deems to be in the best interest of the City, with documentation.

Sincerely,

Rebekah A. Pontes, MCPPO
Assistant Treasurer/ Interim Purchase Agent

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Process Date
Surplus Only



PURCHASING
CITY OF FALL RIVER

Condition Code (Required)
(a) Good (b) Fair
(c) Broken (d) Other

Surplus Disposal Form

Department: FIRE

QTY	Description	Manufacturer/Model	Est. Value	Branded?	Code
1	OIL COLLECTOR DRUM		170		A
2	3500 WAT GEN		200		B
1	55 GAL DRUM		125		C
24	SCBA BOTTLES	INTERPICO	500		D
4	PHOTO PUMPS		1500		D
2	HALE PUMPS	HALE	500	Y	D
1	HURST SCORPIONS	HURST	350	Y	C
2	BLITZ FIRES	BLITZ	500	Y	B
5	SIAMOSE		200		B
2	WYES		50		B
2	TFT NOZZLES	TORR FORCE TIPS	100	Y	B
1	BAND SAW	VECTRA	200		C
1	JET LATHE	JET	200		C
2	SMOOTH ROSE NOZZLES		200		C
2	HP PRINTERS	HP	25	Y	D
1	CHAINSAW	CUTTERS EDGE	350		B
4	TELESCOPING LIGHTS		80		D
1	BIAXIAL WHEEL CRANK		500		A
1	BAKEL BOARD	FERNDO	350	Y	A
1	SPRINKLER	FERNDO	2000		A
1	SURFA		500		B
2	VARIOUS OFFICE FURNITURE				A

Do not use this form for transfers

Directions: Fill out the above fields for Surplus. Department Supervisor must sign form to begin process of evaluation. Send original to Purchasing Dept for processing. Purchasing will obtain additional required signatures if eligible for disposal.

Department Signature/Date: 3/31/25
City Operations Director Signature/Date: 6/16/2025 | 12:50 PM EDT

Purchasing Agent Signature/Date: [Signature]
Administration Approval Signature/Date: [Signature]



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PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

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CITY CLERK _____
FALL RIVER, MA

June 17, 2025

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

Dear Councilor President and Members of the Honorable Council:

Attached please find a letter from Rebekah A. Pontes, Assistant Treasurer/Interim Purchasing Agent, with a request to solicit the Committee on Real Estate as well as the City Engineer and a representative acting in lieu of the city administrator to review and decide on an RFP#25-11 related to the sale of the site of the former Silvia School & Annex.

If additional information is needed, please reach out to my office. Thank you.

Sincerely,


Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

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PURCHASING
CITY OF FALL RIVER

June 16, 2025

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

Dear Honorable Mayor Coogan,

Pursuant to Municipal Code, Chapter 2. Administration, ARTICLE VIII. Public Property, § 2-972. Surplus property, I seek your assistance to solicit the Committee on Real Estate as well as; the City Engineer and a representative acting in lieu of the City Administrator to review and decision solicitation **RFP #25-11 Sale of the site of Former Silvia School & Annex**, which closed on June 6, 2025. A decision must be reached and communicated to the interested party by July 22, 2025, which is 30 working days from the formal opening.

A check in the amount of \$20,000.00 was deposited through the Treasurer's office on June 9, 2025, to secure the offer. To ensure compliance to M.G.L, Part 1, Title III, c. 30B, §6; **RFP #25-11 Sale of the site of Former Silvia School & Annex** must be evaluated based on the Developmental Proposal prior to the Price Proposal components being revealed and the contract awarded to the most advantageous proposal from a responsible and responsive offeror taking into the evaluated criteria set forth in the request for proposals, including; but not limited to the benchmarks and adherence to preferred redevelopment then the consideration of price. Accompanying this letter is (2) two sealed packages containing the marked proposals.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids wholly or in part, to waive technicalities and informalities, to make awards in a manner deemed in the best interest of the City, and to correct any award erroneously made as a result of a clerical error on the part of the City. Sale proceeds would be considered general fund.

§ 2-972 Surplus Property; Surplus property determined by the Purchasing Agent to be no longer useful for any municipal purpose shall be sold or disposed of under such terms and conditions as the City Council shall by order determine. Surplus property, which is not bid on or claimed within a reasonable amount of time may be disposed of by the Purchasing Agent in a manner he deems to be in the best interest of the City, with documentation.

Sincerely,

Rebekah A. Pontes, MCPPO
Assistant Treasurer/ Interim Purchase Agent



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CITY CLERK
FALL RIVER, MA

June 18, 2025

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

Dear Council President and Members of the Honorable Council,

Attached please find a request from Fall River Fire Chief, Jeffrey Bacon, to accept a donation of \$3418.00 from the Fall River Elks Lodge #118 for the Fall River Fire Department Dive Team to purchase an underwater drone for your review and approval.

Thank you for your consideration with this request.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

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City of Fall River, In City Council

ORDERED, that under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53A, the Fall River Fire Department be, and the same is hereby, authorized to accept a gift from the Fall River Elks Lodge #118 in the amount of \$3,418.00 for the purchase of an underwater drone to be used by the Fall River Fire Department Dive Team.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF FALL RIVER

June 16, 2025

Honorable Mayor Coogan,

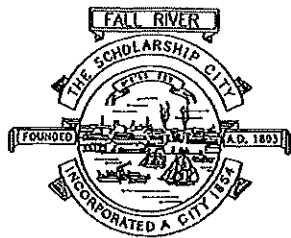
Recently, the Fall River Elks Lodge #118 held a fundraiser to assist the Fall River Fire Department Dive team in purchasing an underwater drone for dive operations. This fundraiser is a sign that things are going well between the FRFD and civic groups in the city. There is a long tradition of civic and community-based organizations providing assistance to public safety. We are honored by their willingness to help, and therefore ask that you approve their donation of \$3,418.00

Respectfully,

Chief Bacon

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Jeffrey P. Bacon • Fire Chief
140 Commerce Drive • Fall River, MA 02720
TEL (508) 324-2740 • FAX (508) 672-5993 • EMAIL firechief@frfd.org



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Mayor

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CITY CLERK
FALL RIVER, MA

June 18, 2025

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

Dear Honorable Council Members:

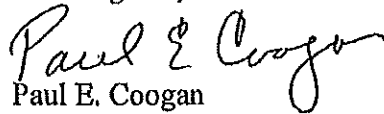
Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, § 53E½ require spending limits be established for revolving funds for use by the City, departments, boards, committees, agencies and officers in connection with the operation of programs or activities that generate fees, charges or other receipts to support all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

Your approval of the associated appropriation order is respectfully requested to establish authorized spending limits for the following Revolving Funds for FY2026:

Fire Department	\$50,000	Hazardous Material Recovery
Community Services	\$50,000	Cleaning & Securing Buildings
Community Services	\$200,000	Demolition
Community Maintenance	\$5,000	Home Composting
Police Department	\$6,000	Moorings Maintenance
Police Department	\$40,000	Police Cruiser
School Dept	\$150,000	Summer Tuition
School Dept	\$125,000	Athletic Events
School Dept	\$31,000	Music Revolving
School Dept	\$5,000	School Store
School Dept	\$250,000	Daycare Services
School Dept	\$175,000	School Buildings Use
CVTE Revolving Fund	\$350,000	Durfee High School

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

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul E. Coogan". The signature is fluid and stylized, with the first and last names being more prominent than the middle initial.

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

City of Fall River, *In City Council*

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

Fire Department	\$50,000	Hazardous Material Recovery
Community Services	\$50,000	Cleaning & Securing Buildings
Community Services	\$200,000	Demolition
Community Maintenance	\$5,000	Home Composting
Police Department	\$6,000	Moorings Maintenance
Police Department	\$40,000	Police Cruiser
School Dept	\$150,000	Summer Tuition
School Dept	\$125,000	Athletic Events
School Dept	\$31,000	Music Revolving
School Dept	\$5,000	School Store
School Dept	\$250,000	Daycare Services
School Dept	\$175,000	School Buildings Use
CVTE Revolving Fund	\$350,000	Durfee High School



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CITY CLERK _____
FALL RIVER, MA

June 18, 2025

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. \$1,100,000.00 That the sum of \$1,100,00.00 be, and the same is hereby transferred to COMMUNITY MAINTENANCE, Expenses from the FY24 SURPLUS REVENUE.
2. \$3,000,000.00 That the sum of \$3,000,00.00 be, and the same is hereby transferred to General Fund, Stabilization Fund from the FY24 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*

June 24, 2025

ORDERED:

That the sum of \$1,100,000.00 be, and the same is hereby transferred to
Community Maintenance, Expenses from FY24 Surplus Revenue:

FY24 Surplus Revenue	\$ 1,100,000.00
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CITY OPERATIONS
CITY OF FALL RIVER

June 18, 2025

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

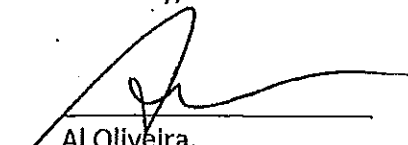
Dear Mayor Coogan,

I am proposing, for your approval, a transfer of \$1,500,000 to COMMUNITY MAINTENANCE, Expenses for the FY2025 budget to cover the contract increases in Solid Waste collections and disposal. The collection contract with EZ Disposal amendment that among other things provided for an additional four (4) packers for the remainder of the contract, hauling the MSW to Crapo Hill, and direct hauling Single Stream Recyclables collected on Monday-Wednesday - Friday to Zero Waste's Rochester Facility and it was in total \$1,560,370 more for fiscal year 2025. At the same time, we were able to negotiate better rates for recycling and solid waste disposal for the remaining months of fiscal year 2025 that would be locked in for fiscal year 2026 to create savings.

After reviewing available budget amounts with the Finance Team, I am looking to transfer excess funds available from FACILITIES, Expenses in the amount of \$200,000 and from COMMUNITY MAINTENANCE, Salaries in the amount of \$200,000. Additionally, I am requesting \$1,100,000 from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash).

FACILITIES, Expenses	(\$200,000.00)
COMMUNITY MAINTENANCE, Salaries	(\$200,000.00)
Surplus Revenue (Free Cash)	(\$1,100,000.00)
COMMUNITY MAINTENANCE, Expenses	\$1,500,000.00

Sincerely,


Al Oliveira,
Director of City Operations

City of Fall River, *In City Council*

June 24, 2025

ORDERED:

That the sum of \$3,000,000.00 be, and the same is hereby transferred to General Fund, Stabilization Fund from FY24 Surplus Revenue:

FY24 Surplus Revenue

\$3,000,000.00

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

June 18, 2025

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

Mayor Coogan,

I am requesting that we transfer \$3,000,000.00 from FY2024 SURPLUS REVENUE to the General Fund, Stabilization Fund as part of the City's efforts to rebuild the amount in the Stabilization Fund. M.G.L. Chapter 40, §5B allows communities to establish stabilization funds intended as reserve account to provide emergency funds for use in a major or significant event. The Division of Local Services in the Commonwealth suggests a community's recommended goal is typically in the five to seven percent of the current operating budget range. This \$3M transfer would bring the Stabilization Fund balance to \$20,914,712, which is 4.6% of the Fiscal Year 2026 General Fund Operating Budget.

Sincerely,

Emily Arpke

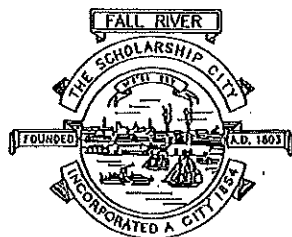
Interim Director of Financial Services

FY25 Appropriation/Transfer Number Analysis

Line	Original/Revised Appropriation	Amount Transferred	Adjusted Balance
General Fund Surplus Revenue	\$ 4,716,404.00 \$	(1,100,000.00) \$	3,616,404.00
Community Maintenance Expenses	\$ 13,389,867.00 \$	1,100,000.00 \$	14,489,867.00
General Fund Surplus Revenue	\$ 3,616,404.00 \$	(3,000,000.00) \$	616,404.00
General Fund Stabilization	\$ 17,914,712.06 \$	3,000,000.00 \$	20,914,712.06

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


 City Auditor
 June 17, 2023



City of Fall River
Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor

June 18, 2025

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PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

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

CITY CLERK _____
FALL RIVER, MA

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.

These appropriations are necessitated due to the year-end review of the operating budget. The following appropriations will assist the City in meeting its Fiscal Year 2025 obligations:

FROM:

City Council, Expenses	\$5,000
Administrative Services, Expenses	\$10,000
Facilities, Expenses	\$200,000
Community Maintenance, Salaries	\$200,000
Total	<u>\$415,000</u>

TO:

City Council, Salaries	\$5,000
Administrative Services, Salaries	\$10,000
Solid Waste, Expenses	\$400,000
Total	<u>\$415,000</u>

City Council employees had COLA increases to their salaries that were not budgeted for. Administrative Services departments had unforeseen employee buyouts that were not budgeted in the FY2025 budget. Community Maintenance, in particular Solid Waste, had an increase in cost related to the collection contract and disposal rates.

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

Best Regards,

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

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City of Fall River, In City Council

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June 24, 2025

ORDERED:

That the sum of \$5,000.00 be, and the same is hereby transferred to City Council, Salaries from City Council, Expenses.

City Council, Expenses:

\$ 5,000.00



City of Fall River Massachusetts
Office of the City Clerk

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ALISON M. BOUCHARD
CITY CLERK

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ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

June 17, 2025

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

Dear Mr. Mayor:

On behalf of the City Council President, and in consultation with the Director of Financial Services, it is respectfully requested that a transfer in the amount of \$5,000.00 be made from the City Council, Expenses (11010002 530200) to City Council, Salaries (11010002 511000) to cover the City Council office's salaries for the remainder of the Fiscal Year.

The transfer is necessary due to the updated salaries associated with the AFSCME collective bargaining agreement, which applies to the two employees in the office.

Sincerely,

Inês Leite
Assistant City Clerk

/s/

c: Emily Arpke, Director of Financial Services
Sedryk Sousa, City Auditor

City of Fall River, *In City Council*

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June 24, 2025

ORDERED:

That the sum of \$10,000.00 be, and the same is hereby transferred to
Administrative Services, Salaries from Administrative Services, Expenses.

Administrative Services, Expenses

\$10,000.00



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

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June 17, 2025

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

Mayor Coogan,

We are requesting a transfer from ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, Expenses to ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, Salaries in the amount of \$10,000 to cover projected deficits. Three of the four departments in the block group, City Administrator, Human Resources, and Law, had employee buyouts this fiscal year that total \$79,063.99 that were not planned for. Some vacancy savings were created with the transition of these employees that can cover the other portion of the buyouts.

Sincerely,

Emily Arpke

Interim Director of Financial Services

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City of Fall River, In City Council

June 24, 2025

ORDERED:

**That the sum of \$200,000.00 be, and the same is hereby transferred to
Community Maintenance, Expenses from Facilities, Expenses.**

Facilities, Expenses:	\$ 200,000.00
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City of Fall River, In City Council

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June 24, 2025

ORDERED:

**That the sum of \$ 200,000.00 be, and the same is hereby transferred to
Community Maintenance, Expenses from Community Maintenance, Salaries.**

Community Maintenance, Salaries:	\$ 200,000.00
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CITY OPERATIONS
CITY OF FALL RIVER

June 18, 2025

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

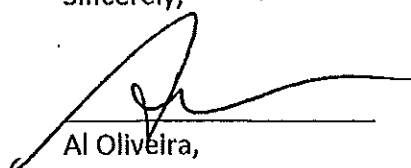
Dear Mayor Coogan,

I am proposing, for your approval, a transfer of \$1,500,000 to COMMUNITY MAINTENANCE, Expenses for the FY2025 budget to cover the contract increases in Solid Waste collections and disposal. The collection contract with EZ Disposal amendment that among other things provided for an additional four (4) packers for the remainder of the contract, hauling the MSW to Crapo Hill, and direct hauling Single Stream Recyclables collected on Monday-Wednesday - Friday to Zero Waste's Rochester Facility and it was in total \$1,560,370 more for fiscal year 2025. At the same time, we were able to negotiate better rates for recycling and solid waste disposal for the remaining months of fiscal year 2025 that would be locked in for fiscal year 2026 to create savings.

After reviewing available budget amounts with the Finance Team, I am looking to transfer excess funds available from FACILITIES, Expenses in the amount of \$200,000 and from COMMUNITY MAINTENANCE, Salaries in the amount of \$200,000. Additionally, I am requesting \$1,100,000 from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash).

FACILITIES, Expenses	(\$200,000.00)
COMMUNITY MAINTENANCE, Salaries	(\$200,000.00)
Surplus Revenue (Free Cash)	(\$1,100,000.00)
COMMUNITY MAINTENANCE, Expenses	\$1,500,000.00

Sincerely,

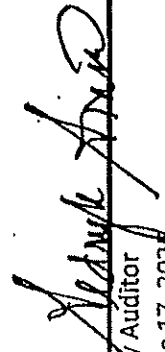


Al Oliveira,
 Director of City Operations

FY25 Appropriation/Transfer Number Analysis

Line	Original/Revised Appropriation	Amount Transferred	Adjusted Balance
Administrative Salaries	\$ 1,419,661.67 \$	10,000.00 \$	1,429,661.67
Administrative Expenses	\$ 3,692,336.00 \$	(10,000.00) \$	3,682,336.00
City Council Expenses	\$ 169,000.00 \$	(5,000.00) \$	164,000.00
City Council Salaries	\$ 252,579.00 \$	5,000.00 \$	257,579.00
Facilities Expenses	\$ 2,558,340.00 \$	(200,000.00) \$	2,358,340.00
Community Maintenance Salaries	\$ 5,482,230.00 \$	(200,000.00) \$	5,282,230.00
Community Maintenance Expenses	\$ 13,389,867.00 \$	400,000.00 \$	13,789,867.00

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


 City Auditor
 June 17, 2023

City of Fall River, *In City Council*

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(Committee on Economic Development and Tourism)

WHEREAS, at a recent meeting of the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism, there was a lengthy discussion with representatives of the Community Development Agency and the Fall River Redevelopment Authority regarding the potential need for traffic and parking restructuring in, and around, the area of downtown South Main Street, and

WHEREAS, South Main Street needs revitalization that could be implemented with changes, such as one-way traffic and additional parking spaces or strategies, and

WHEREAS, there are many third-party organizations that provide these types of studies in relation to redevelopment goals, which will assist residents, business owners and visitors of the City of Fall River, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council recommend that the Administration pursue these traffic and parking-related studies, specific to the downtown South Main Street area, to assist with the revitalization and improvement of this neighborhood, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Administration provide any information obtained from these studies with the City Council for further discussion and review.

(Filed 6-11-2025)



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**City of Fall River
Notice of Claim**

CITY CLERK: #25-32
FALL RIVER, MA

1. Claimant's name: Deborah Guilmette
2. Claimant's complete address: 708 Robeson St Fall River, MA 02720
3. Telephone number: Home: 508-496-6170 Work: _____
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
See attached letter
5. Date and time of accident: 3-7-2025 Amount of damages claimed: \$ 5,000.00
6. Exact location of the Incident: (Include as much detail as possible):
See attached letter
7. Circumstances of the Incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
See attached letter
8. Have you submitted a claim to any insurance company for damages arising from this incident? If so, name and address of insurance company: ☐ Yes ☒ No

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

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

Date: 6-12-2025

Claimant's signature: Deborah Guilmette

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

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

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

For official use only:	
Copies forwarded to: ☒ City Clerk ☒ Law ☒ City Council ☐ City Administrator ☒ DCM	Date: <u>6/13/25</u>

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

MEETING: June 10, 2025 at 5:55 p.m.
Council Chamber, One Government Center

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

ABSENT: None

IN ATTENDANCE: None

The President called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m. and announced that the meeting may be recorded with audio or video and transmitted through any medium and that the purpose of the hearing was to hear all persons interested and wishing to be heard on the following:

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

Second Hand Article Store

1. Laura Pacheco d/b/a Laura's Vintage Attic, 369 June Street, Fall River, MA, 02720, for permission to operate and maintain a second hand article store located at 1791 South Main Street (house decor to be sold).

The President asked if any proponents were present and no one came forward. The President then asked if any opponents were present, and no one came forward.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Vice President Pereira, it was unanimously voted to close the hearing at 6:00 p.m.

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:

Agenda (attached)

A true copy. Attest:

Alison M. Bruchard

City Clerk

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MEETING: June 4, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, One Government Center

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

ABSENT: None

IN ATTENDANCE: Emily Arpke, Interim Director of Financial Services
Nicholas A. Macolini, Director of Human Resources
Alan Rumsey, Corporation Counsel
Chief Kelly Furtado, Fall River Police Department
Deputy Chief J.T. Hoar, Fall River Police Department
Sergeant Peter Daluz, Administrative Assistant,
Fall River Police Department

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

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

1. Citizen Input Time

John Lynch, 612 South Main Street – Fall River Fire Department

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Kilby, it was unanimously voted to waive the rules to allow Mr. Lynch to speak for an additional three minutes, with Councilor Hart absent and not voting.

Rene Brown, 105 Bank Street – Fall River Police Department

Christopher Peckham, 29 Beacon Street – Department of Community Maintenance

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

2. Continue discussion of the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Municipal Budget as follows:

- Departments carried over from the May 29, 2025, Committee on Finance agenda, if needed
- Public Safety
Police; Harbor Master

Councilors Cadime, Dionne and Chief Kelly Furtado, Fall River Police Department, discussed upcoming police academy graduates who will assist with the filling in vacancies within the Police Department, and the anticipated changes these new hires will have on the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) Municipal Budget. Emily Arpke, Interim Director of Financial Services, stated that the vacancies listed within the proposed FY26 Municipal Budget do not reflect these anticipated hires, as those within the academy would need to complete their graduation requirements prior to being hired.

Councilor Dionne, Chief Furtado, Deputy Chief J.T. Hoar, Fall River Police Department and Sergeant Peter DaLuz, Administrative Assistant, Fall River Police Department discussed various line items related to overtime costs, federal grant funding, such as the Cops Hiring Grant, and in-service training programs for officers. Deputy Chief Hoar explained several computer tracking systems have increased efficiency within the department and decreased related expenditures, and that the department's goal is to decrease the funding for overtime within the next few fiscal years, as additional hires will combat the need for large amounts of overtime pay.

Chief Furtado and Deputy Chief Hoar provided details regarding changes to various types of administrative protocols, which were previously outsourced to a third-party service and the funding that the department saved by changing this process. Councilor Dionne and Sergeant DaLuz discussed various expenditures for cruiser apparatus and the potential creation of a specific fund within the Police Department for this type of capital.

Sergeant DaLuz stated that extensive conversations were held between the Police Department and the Administration regarding various line items within the proposed FY26 Municipal Budget, and that many line items have been changed to allow for a more straight-forward explanation of the fund. Councilor Dionne and Sergeant DaLuz discussed the "Leather Apparel" line item, and Sergeant DaLuz clarified that this allocation was increased to assist in providing necessary gear to new officers that are hired from the Police Academy. Councilor Dionne, Chief Furtado and Deputy Chief Hoar discussed the challenges of maintaining dispatchers, as many other municipalities provide a more competitive payrate, and various expenses related to the Harbormaster position.

Councilor Cadime and the Chief of Police discussed the need for adequate staffing within the Police Department. Councilor Cadime stated that police recruitment in Massachusetts has been difficult and expressed concern regarding the Massachusetts Police Reform Act, Chapter 253 of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Session Law Acts of 2020, as the legislation has had negative effects on recruitment and retention of officers. Deputy Chief Hoar stated that the department is focusing on methods to enlist potential recruits, and Chief Furtado confirmed that the Cops Hiring Grant will be very beneficial.

Councilor Cadime, Chief Furtado and Deputy Chief Hoar discussed the current patrol car protocol, assignments of officers to various positions during their shift time, and the Police Department's goal to increase the number of Environmental Police Officers (EPOs). Chief Furtado clarified that the EPOs are officers of the Fall River Police Department and have the same powers and duties of those serving in other portions of the City. Councilor Cadime encouraged the Chief of Police to provide a detailed description of the necessary staffing within the department to both the Administration and the City Council, which will assist with long-term improvements within the department.

Councilor Cadime requested additional information regarding the tasks of the Fall River Patrolman's Association President while he is working within the department, as he performs work for the City and the union members. Chief Furtado and Deputy Chief Hoar explained that a few shifts are more dedicated to union duties, but that this officer receives the same type of assignments as all employees during their assigned shifts. Councilor Cadime expressed concern regarding this matter, as this splits his time between two important duties and suggested that the Police Department consider changing this type of staffing to include a non-officer employee. Chief Furtado agreed that many positions within the department could be performed by non-officer employees, but that there are limitations due to collective bargaining agreements.

Councilor Hart arrived at 7:14 p.m.

Councilor Ponte, Chief Furtado and Deputy Chief Hoar held a detailed discussion regarding various capital needs within the Police Department, including additional cruisers, general office repairs, and funding for more up-to-date firearm apparatus. Ms. Arpke stated that she had spoken with Chief Furtado regarding office upgrades, and they are currently working on new shelving units for the evidence room at the police station. Councilor Ponte emphasized the need for a sustainable capital improvement plan within the department and suggested speaking with the Community Preservation Committee to determine if the police station is eligible for any related grant funding for necessary renovations, including window replacements.

Councilor Ponte, Chief Furtado, and Sergeant DaLuz discussed the anticipated revenue within the department for FY26, methods used to generate this capital, and long-term plans that could continue to grow this type of funding for the City of Fall River. Sergeant DaLuz stated that the projected revenue for FY26 should be close to \$520,000, and that various methods, such as fees for alarm calls, fingerprint services, and firearm documentation assist with the creation of additional revenue each year. Councilor Ponte suggested researching the installation of traffic cameras, like those used in Providence, Rhode Island, as they generate large amounts of capital from speeding and traffic light violations. Chief Furtado stated that, while this technique is considered unlawful in Massachusetts, there is pending legislation to adjust the powers of municipalities which could result in changes to legal restrictions of cameras in the future. Councilor Ponte asked if the Police Department has assessed their fee schedule, in relation to neighboring municipalities, the salary allocations for School Resource Officers (SROs), and revenue generated by police detail services. Deputy Chief Hoar explained that they have recently updated their fees for Hawker and Peddlers License applications to reflect nearby cities and towns. Chief Furtado explained that SROs are compensated by the School Department, not the Police Department, and stated that revenue generated by police detail services is consistent with prior fiscal years. President Camara and Councilor Cadime stated that the proposed legislation related to traffic cameras may significantly increase revenue for many municipalities.

Vice President Pereira requested additional information regarding forfeiture funding obtained by the department, various tasks and duties of the Assistant Harbormaster, and anticipated retirements within the Fall River Police Department. Deputy Chief Hoar explained that, while there are restrictions on forfeiture funds, the capital is returned to the department through allocated revolving funds. Chief Furtado and Sergeant DaLuz explained that the Assistant Harbormaster main tasks include assisting with fueling and they are working with the Harbormaster to install a new type of floating ramp within the harbor. Chief Furtado also explained that there are various officers who are close to retirement and there are four disability related retirements expected shortly. Chief Furtado and Deputy Chief Hoar also provided information regarding officers who operate on bicycles throughout the city. Vice President Pereira and Ms. Arpke discussed various line items within the proposed FY26 Municipal Budget, specific to the Police Department, and the need for definitions and descriptions of capital items and movement of various funds from one line item to another. Deputy Chief Hoar provided general information regarding Massachusetts Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) Checks, which are offered by the department, and dispatcher wages. Chief Furtado stated that, due to the low payrate for these employees, many dispatchers hold additional positions in other municipalities, which is allowed when they are not scheduled to work at the Fall River Police Department.

Councilor Raposo requested additional information regarding Animal Control Officers (ACOs), SRO duties and which schools these officers are assigned to throughout the City. Deputy Chief Hoar explained that ACOs work rotation shifts, with occasional "on call" hours. Chief Furtado explained that SROs serve the public schools during the school year and complete all training and continuing education during the summer break. Chief Furtado provided SRO staffing information for various schools, including B.M.C. Durfee High School, Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School, and many middle schools. Chief Furtado clarified that, for elementary schools, SROs rotate their shifts throughout the week. Councilor Raposo asked if there are any plans to increase the number of SROs within the department, and Chief Furtado stated that, aside from those on medical leave, she feels that the staffing is currently adequate.

Councilor Hart asked for additional information regarding the number of EPOs that are currently employed and non-criminal fees, such as traffic citations. Chief Furtado stated that there are currently three EPOs, and there are two more officers that will be hired by August of 2025. Deputy Chief Hoar explained that most traffic citations are now paid digitally, and any in-person payments are processed through the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles. Chief Furtado clarified that the Police Department receives roughly 50% of the revenue generated with these fines, which totaled approximately \$163,500 in revenue during this past fiscal year.

Vice President Pereira and Chief Furtado discussed the installation of speed ramps throughout the City, and Chief Furtado confirmed that she has discussed this proposal with the Administration. Chief Furtado stated that the City is looking to install ramps that do not impede the services provided by emergency vehicles or snowplows. Councilor Hart explained that the City Engineer/Planner is working to create a Request for Proposals for a speed ramp installation project.

Councilor Cadime, the Chief of Police and the Interim Director of Financial Services discussed various line-item appropriations, including overtime for investigations, snow stipends, repair and maintenance funds and auto repair costs, which had decreased. Councilor Dionne requested clarification regarding the funding allocated for officers who would be retiring during FY26, as the current budget contains no funding for employee buyouts. Ms. Arpke stated that, historically, this information isn't usually included in the proposed budget.

Councilor Ponte and the Interim Director of Financial Services discussed various sections of the proposed FY26 Municipal Budget that need to be addressed prior to approval, including the significant deficit in the Employer Health Trust Fund, the plan to reallocate one-time funding from the Diman Stabilization Fund, and the lack of sustainability of one-time use funding. Ms. Arpke stated that the one-time funding is essential to maintain various departments with the current financial status of various accounts. Councilor Ponte stated that the City Council should reject this budget and emphasize the need for long-term, sustainable funding for all sections of the proposed FY26 Municipal Budget.

Councilor Cadime expressed similar concerns and held a detailed discussion with Ms. Arpke regarding indirect costs within the proposed FY26 Municipal Budget. Councilor Cadime stated that he would support the City Council's rejection of the proposed budget. Councilor Kilby suggested tabling the matter until necessary amendments can be presented by the Administration. Councilor Cadime stated that, by rejecting the item, the Councilors would provide additional time for necessary amendments to be performed, prior to future budget deliberation meetings.

Councilor Dionne expressed concern regarding various salary increases listed within the proposed FY26 Municipal Budget. Councilor Cadime agreed with this concern and stated that these increases in compensation should have been shared with the Council prior to the presentation of the proposed budget. Nicholas Macolini, Director of Human Resources, stated that, while the City Council holds jurisdiction over the approval of appointments, they are not required to be notified of changes within the contracts related to compensation.

A brief discussion was held by all Committee members and Alan J. Rumsey, Corporation Counsel, regarding the timeline for a new budget to be presented, if the existing proposed budget is rejected. Mr. Rumsey clarified that, if a new budget is submitted, the 45-day timeline would be adjusted to reflect the new date of receipt. Mr. Rumsey also clarified that, if a new budget was presented within the next few days, it would need to be approved prior to June 30, 2025, to avoid the need for a one-twelfth appropriation order being presented monthly.

On a motion made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by Councilor Cadime, it was voted 6 yeas, 3 nays to refer the item to the full council for action with a recommendation to reject the budget, with President Camara and Councilors Hart and Kilby voting in the negative.

On a further motion made by Vice President Pereira and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:37 p.m.

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



Assistant Clerk of Committees

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MEETING: June 10, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, One Government Center

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

ABSENT: None

IN ATTENDANCE: Alan J. Rumsey, Corporation Counsel
Attorney Matthew J. Thomas, 261 Union Street, New Bedford, MA
Al Oliveira, Director of City Operations
Stephanie MacArthur, Director of Traffic and Parking
Emily Arpke, Interim Director of Financial Services
Chief Jeffrey Bacon, Fall River Fire Department

The chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 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.

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

1. Citizen Input Time
Justin Teixeira, 182 Canonicus Street, Tiverton, RI – EMS Public Safety Status

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to take item 4 out of order.

4. Transfers and appropriations
Councilor Dionne asked if the transfer of \$200,000 from the Judgement and Claims, Expenses, fund to the Law, Expenses fund would negatively affect any other financial needs within the Law Department. Alan J. Rumsey, Corporation Counsel, explained that the transfer of funds in the Law Department would be used to pay invoices and bills that are due prior to the end of Fiscal Year 2025, and that the transfer of these funds would not negatively affect any other financial practices or accounts within the department.

Vice President Pereira made brief remarks regarding ongoing lawsuits with the City, which effect the funding within these accounts due to cost.

Councilor Cadime requested clarification regarding the various requested transfers to the Solid Waste, Expenses account from different financial sources. Matthew J. Thomas, 261 Union Street, New Bedford, MA, provided a detailed description of a contract amendment with EZ Disposal that occurred in 2024, which increased the necessary funds for that expense account. Mr. Thomas provided information regarding questionable tonnage invoicing, and threats from EZ Disposal to default on their contract, which created a public health emergency in relation to trash pick-up throughout the City. Mr. Thomas explained that the best course of action was to amend the contract with necessary changes to prevent trash from accumulating on City sidewalks. Mr. Thomas also provided details regarding other companies that provide recycling and solid waste pick-up, changes in pick-up scheduling and the rising costs of recycling over the past few years. Mr. Thomas clarified that the Administration is working to submit a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a new company to provide this type of service, and that these requested transfers will remedy the current deficit created with the amended EZ Disposal contract.

Councilor Cadime expressed concern regarding the lack of communication with the City Council, as they should be involved with all decisions that will result in insufficient capital within the City's funds, and that the Administration knew that this new, amended contract would result in a deficit without Council appropriations. Mr. Thomas stated that he understood the Council's frustration with the matter and emphasized that this decision was made to benefit the public's health and safety. Mr. Thomas also stated that the former City Administrator had planned to present this information to the City Council in the fall of 2024, but that this never occurred. President Camara stated that the Mayor doesn't necessarily need to present an amendment of a contract to the Councilors, but that requested appropriations should have been presented. Councilor Cadime emphasized that the City Auditor must attest that funding is available for all new or existing contracts prior to them going into effect, and that this Solid Waste Expense account did not have adequate capital for the revised agreement.

Councilor Ponte stated that he strongly agreed with Councilor Ponte, and that there was never any mention of this contract change within any of the Fiscal Year 2025 Quarterly Budget Reports. Councilor Ponte emphasized that a representative of EZ Disposal, as well as attorneys involved with this contract amendment, should come before the Council and provide additional information. Mr. Thomas explained that he cannot disclose recommendations that were made to the Administration, as that would violate attorney/client privilege.

Emily Arpke, Interim Director of Financial Services, explained that the disposal costs, at the time of the contract amendment, still had the possibility of decreasing to offset any additional costs, and that is most likely why the Administration did not present a request for a capital transfer immediately. Councilor Ponte expressed concern that the Financial Services team did not request a transfer of funds to avoid any risk of a deficit. Al Oliveira, Director of City Operations, emphasized that the City was in dire need of resolving the issue, in so much that the City considered buying their own trash trucks to avoid lack of waste collection. Councilor Ponte and Mr. Oliveira agreed that the City Council President and Vice President were never informed of this public health concern.

Councilor Dionne also expressed concern regarding this matter, as there were ongoing discussions in Committees over the years to submit RFPs to find new third-party companies for trash pick-up services due to the extreme increases in costs, and, at that time, information was always shared between the City Council and the Administration. Mr. Thomas clarified that, in the past, interrupting existing contracts would have cost the City over \$8,000,000, as they would need to end a contract early. Councilor Dionne stated that the City Council is placed in a position where their options are limited, as action has already been taken that requires the funds before the Council is notified.

Vice President Pereira and Mr. Thomas held a brief conversation regarding the revenue that could have been generated by providing a dump site to third-party trash collectors, which could have assisted with the payment of the amended EZ Disposal contract. Vice President Pereira emphasized that the Administration should have provided more information regarding this contract amendment and emphasized that trash and recycling programs need to be reviewed. Mr. Oliveira provided information regarding the in-school education programs and the City's ongoing work to improve knowledge of proper recycling protocols. The Director of City Operations also explained that this is a priority to improve knowledge about recycling.

Councilor Hart and Mr. Thomas held a brief discussion regarding the Pay-as-You-Throw program, including companies that provided pick-up and disposal, the termination of the program, which was sudden without notification to all parties, and that the program was, overall, beneficial to the City financially.

Councilor Raposo and Mr. Thomas discussed the process of amending the existing contract with EZ Disposal, changes in waste disposal locations and costs, and the challenges of recycling programs. Councilor Raposo stated that there's no incentive for residents to follow the proper recycling processes, and Mr. Thomas agreed.

Councilor Dionne, Mr. Thomas, and Ms. Arpke held a brief discussion of the existing deficit for the Solid Waste Expense account due to this contract and the timing of invoice payments. Mr. Thomas also stated that the City has faced challenges in the past with the payments of statements, as they are not always delivered by the business in a timely manner. Councilor Ponte stated that he was considering objecting to this matter to encourage a meeting of the Council, a representative from EZ Disposal and the Administration.

Councilor Kilby suggested that President Camara schedule a meeting with the Mayor to discuss this matter, and stated that there have been issues with pick-up, disposal and recycling costs for decades. Mr. Thomas stated that the current, amended contract with EZ Disposal will end on June 30, 2026, and the City will issue an RFP to search for a new disposal contract.

Vice President Pereira expressed concern that the Mayor, previous City Administrator, previous Director of Financial Services, current Interim Director of Financial Services, the Director of City Operations and Mr. Thomas never shared any of this information with the City Councilors, as they were all aware of the amended contract.

Councilor Cadime and Ms. Arpke discussed the lack of funding for the contract in the budget, and Ms. Arpke reiterated that it was anticipated that additional funding would be available to cover the difference in expenses, but that this capital increase never occurred. Ms. Arpke also provided information regarding the funding requested for this contract cost from the Community Maintenance, Salaries account, and that the funding was available as there are vacant positions within the department.

Chief Jeffrey Bacon, Fall River Fire Department, stated that his requested funding transfer of \$250,000 from Fire, Salaries to Fire, Expenses, will assist with various vehicular expenses to improve the fleet of fire apparatus. Chief Bacon also explained that a portion of the funds will allow for the purchase of new furniture and work-out equipment in various stations. Councilor Cadime and Chief Bacon discussed various journalists who are interested in touring the fire stations, and Vice President Pereira commended the Fire Department and the Emergency Management Agency for their recent meetings regarding train safety. Councilor Ponte requested that letters from departments requesting financial transfers be shared with the City Council, as those letters often provide detailed descriptions of the anticipated use of the funds.

Councilor Ponte requested additional information regarding the transfer of \$750,000 from the FY24 Surplus Revenue to the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) account. Ms. Arpke explained that this would follow this practice of transferring 10% of free cash funding into the retirement accounts. Councilors Ponte and Cadime stated that they disagreed with the calculation method to determine the 10% deposit, as that amount should be applied to the full free cash amount, prior to any expenses being transferred to the General Fund. Councilor Ponte stated that this seems to be shorting the retirement funds and Councilor Cadime emphasized the need to amend this accounting policy. Ms. Arpke agreed and stated that she was following protocols that were already in place.

On a motion made by Councilor Dionne and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to lift item 2 from the table.

2. Resolution – Convene with the City Administrator, the Director of City Operations and the Building Inspector to discuss safety concerns regarding the Pearl Street Parking Garage and the Third Street Parking Garage

Al Oliveira, Director of City Operations, provided information regarding a recent report related to the parking garages, which included concrete analysis, a hazardous materials assessment, and radar testing to evaluate the soundness of the rebar within the structure. Councilor Ponte requested information regarding the project's funding and an existing budget for these renovations. Councilor Ponte also inquired about the revenue from the Division of Traffic and Parking that would be utilized for the repairs within the parking garages. Emily Arpke, Interim Director of Financial Services, explained that this project would utilize long-term bond funds, and any future one-time capital that can be utilized. Mr. Oliveira explained that the priority for the City is to address safety-related repairs first. Ms. Arpke also explained that the goal was to transfer revenue from the Division of Traffic and Parking to assist with funding these renovations. Stephanie MacArthur, Director of Traffic and Parking, clarified that the revenue will be transferred to the General Fund first, as the Division of Traffic and Parking is not within the Department of City Operations.

A lengthy discussion was held between Councilor Cadime and Mr. Oliveira regarding the long timeline for this project and the lack of updates. Mr. Oliveira explained that the thirty-party engineering company working on this project subcontracted some of these studies, which delayed the receipt of the reports. Councilor Cadime disagreed with the anticipated length of time this analysis should take and stated that the updates being provided are identical to those that were provided to the City Councilors in March of 2025, which indicates that there haven't been many changes since this resolution was last tabled. Councilor Cadime emphasized that the City should be receiving estimates for these projects quickly so they can be started and completed.

Vice President Pereira and Mr. Oliveira discussed general procurement processes for various projects, but Mr. Oliveira explained that this project did not require any procurement procedure. Vice President Pereira stated that, while the Director of City Operations was working as hard as he could, he was assigned too many projects and roles within the Administration, and this creates unsurmountable challenges for him to be successful.

On a motion made by Councilor Dionne and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to table the resolution.

On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Vice President Pereira, it was unanimously voted to lift item 3 from the table.

3. Resolution – Convene with Director of City Operations to discuss efficiencies
 Al Oliveira, Director of City Operations, read aloud a list of projects that are ongoing within various parks, facilities and structures within the City. Mr. Oliveira provided information regarding park repairs, including sidewalk renovations, power washing of various park equipment and changes to lighting, as well as general City property upgrades, including library roof repair, fire station structural reconstruction, and the Lewiston Street facility renovations. Mr. Oliveira also emphasized that various manager positions are vacant, and that he moved the Director of Community Maintenance on a temporary basis to supervise the Parks Division. Existing supervisors are assisting with the management of the Department of Community Maintenance.

Councilor Raposo and Mr. Oliveira discussed the many ongoing projects within the list, including the updates to Kennedy Park's concrete paths, which Mr. Oliveira hopes to fund with Community Preservation Act grants, as well as existing and future reorganization of the Department of City Operations divisions. Mr. Oliveira explained that there was a planned second stage of reorganization that was discussed in the past, but he does not anticipate that change will occur. Mr. Oliveira also clarified that the City positions for a plumber and electrician are still vacant due to the low compensation offer, and that the use of outside companies utilizes more funding than when services are provided by City employees. Councilor Raposo asked Emily Arpke, Interim Director of Financial Services, to provide the Councilors with a list of third-party services that have been used, as well as the total cost for the work.

Councilor Raposo and Mr. Oliveira also held a detailed discussion regarding the Department of City Operations responses to work orders filed by various fire stations for repairs, pest control and general damage. Mr. Oliveira stated that of the work orders filed by the stations over the past year, 117 of them were completed and 16 remain under review. Mr. Oliveira also emphasized that the structural concerns regarding the stations have been ongoing for a very long time and that the buildings have not been maintained properly due to lack of adequate funding. Councilor Raposo requested copies of the work orders for the Flint Reney/Eastwood Fire Station, specifically those related to pest infestation, and asked Mr. Oliveira how often he tours the fire facilities. Mr. Oliveira stated that he goes into the stations frequently and has a list of assessments which assist in prioritizing repairs for the buildings. Councilor Raposo requested a list of necessary repairs for the fire stations, in order of priority. The Director of City Operations emphasized that many of the delayed repairs are due to funding or staffing challenges.

Councillor Cadime, Mr. Oliveira and Chief Jeffrey Bacon, Fall River Fire Department, discussed necessary renovations within the Central Fire Station, funding for the project and current repairs that are ongoing. Mr. Oliveira stated that funding for this project, totaling \$2,500,000, was funded with long-term bonds, and Chief Bacon stated that additional, unused bond funding, such as the one assigned to the Nagle Auditorium at the old B.M.C. Durfee High School, was transferred to this project. Chief Bacon also stated that there is additional financial assistance being provided by the Emergency Medical Services Enterprise Fund. Mr. Oliveira explained that the bond funding will assist with the façade renovation on one side of the station but will not be used for window replacement or repointing of the roof. Councillor Cadime expressed concern that such a large amount of funding is being used for one side of the exterior of the building, when the interior requires such significant repairs. Councillor Cadime and Mr. Oliveira also discussed the roof repairs that will occur at the Fall River Public Library, which requires repointing. Councillor Cadime and the Director of City Operations discussed the reorganization of departments that occurred in 2022, and the resulting shortfall of staffing to properly manage each division. Councillor Cadime emphasized the need to discuss these issues with the Administration and stated that hiring outside companies to assist with the City projects may be beneficial, even if the costs are higher, as it will assist with completion of projects, and that assigning City employees to these large projects takes them away from addressing internal work orders within buildings and departments.

Vice President Pereira made brief remarks regarding improvements within the Veterans Memorial Bicentennial Park, which occurred due to the assistance of private companies assisting the City. Councillor Raposo asked if there is an existing maintenance plan for buildings owned by the City, and Mr. Oliveira clarified that those types of plans existed in the past, but not currently.

On a motion made by Councillor Dionne and seconded by Councillor Hart, it was unanimously voted to table the resolution.

On a further motion made by Councillor Dionne and seconded by Councillor Kilby, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:52 p.m.

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:

Agenda packet (attached)

City Operations Project list, provided by Al Oliveira, Director of City Operations


Clerk of Committees

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MEETING: June 12, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, One Government Center

PRESENT: President Joseph D. Camara, presiding;
Councilors Shawn E. Cadime, Michelle M. Dionne,
Linda M. Pereira, Andrew J. Raposo and Ricky T. Tith

ABSENT: Councilors Paul B. Hart, Bradford L. Kilby and Cliff Ponte

IN ATTENDANCE: Emily Arpke, Interim Director of Financial Services
Al Oliveira, Director of City Operations
Charles Denmead, Director of Community Maintenance

The chair called the meeting to order at 6:03 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 -- None
2. Discussion of the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Municipal Budget as follows:

- Facilities and Community Maintenance
*Director of Operations; Facilities; Streets and Highways; Solid Waste; Parks;
Cemeteries; Trees; Snow Removal*

Councilor Raposo and Al Oliveira, Director of City Operations, discussed various line items within the Facilities section of the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) Municipal Budget, including changes in electricity rates, custodial services provided to other City-owned properties, such as the Fall River Police Station, and a new work order program, which has significantly assisted with repair efficiency.

Councilor Dionne and Emily Arpke, Interim Director of Financial Services, held a brief discussion regarding the increase in the Business Rental line item within the Department of Facilities Maintenance FY26 Budget. Ms. Arpke explained that the costs for parking lot and parking garage rentals were the responsibility of the Department of Facilities Maintenance, and this line item was transferred from the Division of Traffic and Parking, as they used to pay for this expense. Mr. Oliveira also provided information regarding the increased electrical repair costs, as the City must outsource all projects that require a licensed electrician.

Councilor Dionne requested clarification regarding overtime compensation, and Ms. Arpke stated that these portions of the payroll are specifically used for special events that require the use of City buildings or property.

Councilor Tith and Ms. Arpke discussed financial discrepancies between the proposed budget amount of \$978,000, for the Department of Facilities Maintenance, compared to the \$708,000, that was utilized during Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25). Ms. Arpke explained that this difference in funds reflects existing vacancies within the department. Mr. Oliveira provided information regarding contract negotiations that are ongoing, which affect the anticipated FY26 expenditure on salaries. Councilor Tith also requested clarification regarding the "Service Out of Rank" line item for the Administrative Assistant within the department. Mr. Oliveira explained that this employee has been performing her Administrative Assistant duties, as well as assisting with Project Management Building and acting as an Owner's Project Manager (OPM) for various City projects. Ms. Arpke stated that these additional tasks are not part of her union position, so additional compensation is provided for this additional work.

Councilor Cadime, the Director of City Operations, and the Interim Director of Financial Services held a detailed discussion regarding the existing collective bargaining agreement that applies to this employee, the rarity of this type of "Service Out of Rank" compensation throughout various City departments, and the long-term plan to create the position that this employee is assisting with currently. Councilor Cadime expressed concern regarding the lack of a Project Manager position within the Department of Facilities Maintenance budget, as "Service Out of Rank" payments are supposed to provide additional income to an individual who is completing tasks of a second position that is currently vacant. Councilor Cadime emphasized that, if the position doesn't exist, this type of payment should be examined closely, as it may cause decreased morale for other types of administrative staff. Mr. Oliveira stated that it would not be possible to create a new position to fulfill these tasks, as the only available funding is \$13,000. Mr. Oliveira explained that the new position was intended to be created during a planned reorganization of the departments, which never occurred, and that this type of compensation has been approved by the related union during bargaining agreements in the past.

Councilor Cadime also requested information regarding additional line items, such as Building Rental cost increases and the number of positions within the Department of Facilities Maintenance FY26 budget. Ms. Arpke provided clarification regarding the transfer of various parking costs from the Division of Traffic and Parking to the Department of Facilities Maintenance and explained that there have been no changes to the number of employees since last fiscal year. Mr. Oliveira provided information regarding the costs of in-house tradesman work, such as electrical and plumbing repairs, and explained that the compensation offered for these positions is insufficient and he expects these positions to remain vacant. Mr. Oliveira stated that he would like to eventually change these positions to skilled worker positions, such as carpentry, but this is reliant on decisions made within bargaining agreements. Councilor Cadime and the Director of City Operations discussed the cost of work when using in-house employees versus outside companies. Mr. Oliveira stated that about one third of all City projects are being performed by City employees, and the remaining two thirds involve third party companies.

Vice President Pereira and Mr. Oliveira discussed custodial contracts with third parties within the library. Mr. Oliveira explained that these vendor costs are included in the library's FY26 budget, and that his department manages these services. Vice President Pereira and Charles Denmead, Director of Community Maintenance, discussed the number of employed laborers within the Parks Division, and the purchases of various types of landscaping equipment, such

as lawnmowers. Mr. Denmead stated that they are currently in the process of ordering various newer apparatuses for the parks.

Vice President Pereira and Ms. Arpke discussed changes to the existing trade positions within the department and the need for increased salaries to fill these vacancies. The Interim Director of Financial Services explained that the existing bargaining agreement does not allow for salary increases without it being applied to all related positions. Vice President Pereira suggested utilizing trade students from Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School and hiring them with a long-term commitment to working for the City. Mr. Oliveira stated that internships for these students do exist, but that they must comply with the collected bargaining agreements for these types of positions. Vice President Pereira and Mr. Oliveira also discussed other department costs, such as trash digester machines and sludge costs. Vice President Pereira acknowledged the recent retirement of the former Director of Parks, and emphasized the need for a new, full-time employee to fill this role. Vice President Pereira commended Mr. Oliveira on his efforts but stated that he cannot manage the number of City repairs, projects and renovations on his own.

Councillor Raposo and Ms. Arpke discussed the organization of overtime line items, totaling \$40,000, within the FY26 budget to avoid the need to reclassify positions. Mr. Oliveira also provided detailed information regarding various outside contractors that are used by the City, the methods of procurement for these services, and the various line items that correlate with these costs. Councillor Raposo stated that he agreed with Vice President Pereira that there are too many projects within the departments and not enough employees. Ms. Arpke stated that negotiations are ongoing with union members, and that they are hopeful that this process will be finished by the end of June 2025.

Vice President Pereira and the Interim Director of Financial Services discussed the positive and negative effects of utilizing third parties for City services. Vice President Pereira stated that, if outside companies are used, the budget doesn't necessarily increase for employee salaries, and Ms. Arpke explained that without employee service, it's challenging to guarantee when and how projects are completed.

Councillor Raposo and Mr. Oliveira discussed various line items within the department's budget, including snow stipends, rentals and leases and "other professional services." Ms. Arpke stated that snow removal stipends are identical to FY25 and that the lower cost in the FY26 budget for rentals and leases is due to upgraded, newer vehicles now owned by the City. Mr. Oliveira explained that "other professional services" assisted in funding OPM design services for various projects. Councillor Raposo, Mr. Oliveira and Ms. Arpke discussed challenges related to the Streets and Highways Division's employee retainment, and Mr. Oliveira stated that they are currently working to hire a new clerk and are actively interviewing repair personnel.

Vice President Pereira and the Director of City Operations discussed road repair projects. Mr. Oliveira stated that the City is using the pothole repair machine daily, and that the City Engineer/Planner works with all third-party road construction companies. Mr. Denmead stated that the City repairs 30 to 40 potholes per day, depending on the location of the road damage.

Councillor Dionne expressed concern regarding the street quality at the intersection of Bay Street and Globe Mills Avenue, as it contains very large potholes. Mr. Oliveira stated that the City Engineer/Planner is working to remedy these issues. President Camara confirmed that the City Engineer/Planner is currently working on a Request for Proposals (RFP) for this area of the City.

Councilor Raposo requested clarification of Mr. Denmead's official title, as he is currently acting as Interim Director of Parks. Mr. Denmead stated that his title is still Director of Community Maintenance, and Ms. Arpke emphasized that the Administration is working on a long-term plan to fill the Director of Parks position.

Councilor Dionne made brief remarks regarding the amended contract with EZ Disposal and asked if the City has started to look for a new company to provide these services. Ms. Arpke stated that they are working to issue an RFP soon, and ideally, they'd like to hire one company to provide all types of disposal services. A detailed discussion was held between Councilor Dionne and Mr. Oliveira regarding the phase plans for repairs at the Lewiston Street property, including roof repairs, cleaning out the area that used to be used for incineration and the need for a new salt shed. Mr. Oliveira explained that the project will also include renovations of the main entrance, and that he is working to utilize City employees for a majority of this project. Councilor Dionne and the Director of City Operations also discussed the use of a debris grinder to generate efficiency within the Solid Waste Division.

Vice President Pereira, Mr. Oliveira and Mr. Denmead held further discussions regarding the Lewiston Street building, including construction debris disposal, and Mr. Denmead stated that for various metal items, such as storm doors, residents should dispose of them at scrap yards, as they may receive a small payment for the item. Mr. Oliveira provided clarification of different types of disposals offered by the City, such as regular trash collection and bulky item pick up, as well as services that are not offered by the City, such as the collection of construction debris.

Councilor Tith requested clarification regarding the electricity line items within the Solid Waste Division's FY26 budget. Ms. Arpke explained that the Department of Facilities Maintenance budget includes electricity funding for all divisions related to City Operations, so the Solid Waste Division does not include this expenditure. Councilor Tith also requested clarification regarding the significant increases within the Natural Gas line items, and Ms. Arpke stated that there have been invoice remittance issues in the past regarding these bills and that there are ongoing efforts to remedy these matters.

Councilor Raposo, Mr. Oliveira and Ms. Arpke discussed litter enforcement as well as fines that apply for these violations. The Interim Director of Financial Services explained that, in the past, these violations were listed in the same data sheet as non-criminal violations, and it's challenging to provide accurate numbers of citations issued for littering. Ms. Arpke also stated that, within the past few years, these types of fines, if unpaid, result in a property lien for the offender.

Councilor Raposo and Mr. Denmead discussed ongoing plans to improve the Parks Division, including additional funding for staffing and equipment needs. Ms. Arpke stated that the Administration has acknowledged the funding and staffing shortages within the Parks Division and are working to remedy those matters. Mr. Denmead provided information regarding various positions that have recently been filled, such as a clerk position and labor positions. The Director of Community Maintenance also stated that, while additional changes are needed, he has only recently begun working with the division at the Middle Street office and would like to assess the needs of the Parks Division over the next few months prior to making changes to staffing or project management.

Councillor Dionne and Mr. Denmead discussed the large water and sewer fees that the Parks Division is required to pay, and Mr. Oliveira clarified that these sewage payments are due to large parking lots with drainage. Mr. Denmead stated that the water use is for landscaping and maintaining fields. Councillor Dionne inquired as to the necessary employment within the Parks Division and suggested the need for additional positions. Ms. Arpke stated that they are reassessing what the division needs and Mr. Oliveira explained that there is project assistance provided to the Parks Division, when needed, such as plumbing and electrical work, and that they are not currently creating new positions within the division.

Councillor Raposo requested clarification regarding the blank water and sewer rate line items in various sections of the FY26 budget. Ms. Arpke stated that, to rectify funding challenges, these departments and divisions are not going to receive water/sewer bills during FY26, to assist with reallocation of funds. The Interim Director of Financial Services explained that this change will not affect the indirect costs of the Water and Sewer Enterprise Funds but will decrease their revenue amounts for FY26. Ms. Arpke clarified that a deficit within these revenue accounts is not anticipated, and that the Administrator of Community Utilities assisted the Administration with these changes to ensure there are no negative effects on the two Enterprise Funds.

Vice President Pereira asked if meters were used for various department's water bills. Mr. Denmead clarified that almost all City parks now have active meters, including the splash pads, and Ms. Arpke stated that the Fire Stations all now have meters as well.

Councillor Tith and Ms. Arpke discussed the Service Out of Rank line item within the Park Division salary budget. Ms. Arpke stated that this allows some employees to perform additional services due to vacant positions, and Mr. Oliveira clarified that these Service Out of Rank payments are agreed upon within the related collective bargaining agreements.

Councillor Dionne asked if the Service Out of Rank compensation was temporary, and Ms. Arpke stated that, within smaller divisions, this type of payment is usually temporary. Mr. Oliveira stated that this matter is related to a reorganization of departments that was never completed, and Ms. Arpke stated that she and the Director of City Operations are still in favor of this reorganization taking place. Councillor Cadime and Mr. Oliveira discussed the total amount of compensation that is provided to the Project Manager in Facilities, and Mr. Oliveira stated that it is about \$60,000.

Councillor Raposo and the Director of City Operations discussed leadership within the Cemeteries Division, vacancies and remaining burial space within City cemeteries. Mr. Oliveira stated that the Director of Trees assists with cemetery tasks and that there have been positions within the division, such as a foreman position, which has been recently filled. Mr. Oliveira also confirmed that City-owned cemeteries, such as Oak Grove Cemetery, are being expanded to allow for additional burials.

Vice President Pereira commended the Director of Trees for his work within the Cemeteries Division but emphasized that his Service Out of Rank compensation does not contribute towards his retirement benefits and encouraged his official promotion to Director of Cemeteries. Ms. Arpke stated that salary amounts within the Cemeteries Division were currently limited to Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLAs).

Councillor Tith requested information regarding the "other improvements" line item within the FY26 Cemeteries budget. Mr. Oliveira provided details regarding necessary fence repair and renovations to the break area building for the staff, including air conditioning installation.

Councilor Dionne and Ms. Arpke discussed various salary changes within the Cemeteries Division, which were affected by the resignations of employees who were paid higher wages based on steps of the bargaining agreement. Ms. Arpke explained that new employees that are hired will begin at first level payments, which lowers the anticipated cost of the position's salary compared to previous payroll amounts.

Councilor Raposo requested information regarding the Snow Removal budget, as it is identical to the FY25 appropriation. Ms. Arpke stated that most of this funding is provided by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and Mr. Oliveira explained that this cost varies based on weather conditions and the amount neighboring municipalities offer to plow drivers. The Interim Director of Financial Services also explained that some City employees receive payment for plow services and that she is happy to provide specific information regarding the related costs to the Councilors after the meeting.

A brief recess was held from 7:55 p.m. to 8:01 p.m.

- General Government
City Clerk; City Council

Vice President Pereira asked if the Office of the City Clerk required any new equipment. Allison M. Bouchard, City Clerk, stated that the office does not need any new equipment, just basic office supplies. Vice President Pereira also asked about potentially replacing older carpeting in the City Council Chamber, and Ms. Arpke clarified that the Director of City Operations would handle any carpeting replacement within Government Center.

President Camara requested information regarding expenses related to postage for the office. The City Clerk stated that a recent ordinance amendment, which changed many types of mail requirements from Registered Mail to Certified Mail, significantly decreased the City's postage costs.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Tith; it was unanimously voted to table the proposed FY26 Municipal Budget, with Councilors Hart, Kilby and Ponte absent and not voting.

On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Dionne, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:04 p.m., with Councilors Hart, Kilby and Ponte absent and not voting.

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:

Agenda packet (attached)


City Clerk

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

MEETING: June 4, 2025, at 6:05 p.m.
Council Chamber, One Government Center

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

ABSENT: None

IN ATTENDANCE: None

President Camara called the meeting to order at 9:38 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.

1. Citizen Input Time – None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Committee on Finance recommending action:
2. Order – Proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Municipal Budget

On a motion made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by Councilor Cadime, it was voted 6 yeas, 3 nays to reject the budget, with President Camara and Councilors Hart and Kilby voting in the negative.

On a motion made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by Councilor Cadime, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:40 p.m.

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

A true copy. Attest:

Alison M. Bouchard

City Clerk

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

MEETING: June 10, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, One Government Center

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

ABSENT: None

IN ATTENDANCE: None

President Camara called the meeting to order at 8:53 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by a salute to the flag and announced that the meeting may be recorded with audio or video and transmitted through any medium.

On a motion made by Councilor Dionne and seconded by Councilor Kilby, it was unanimously voted to take Item 12 out of order.

CITATIONS

12. Members of the Fall River Fire Department who showed exceptional teamwork, bravery and compassion during the June 3, 2025, Emmett Street fire:
- a. District Chief Jason Polssant
 - b. Captain Frank O'Reagan
 - c. Lieutenant Michael Fish
 - d. Lieutenant Michael LaFleur
 - e. Firefighter Mitchell Nunes

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to adopt the citations. Councilor Dionne presented the citations and made brief remarks regarding the heroic acts performed by the members of the Fall River Fire Department during the recent Emmett Street fire. Chief Jeffrey Bacon, Fall River Fire Department; also commended the recipients for their acts during this fire.

PRIORITY MATTERS

1. Mayor and the following appropriations:
- a. \$200,000 from Facilities Expenses to Solid Waste Expenses
 - b. \$200,000 from Community Maintenance, Salaries to Solid Waste Expenses
- On a motion made by Councilor Cadime and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was voted 5 yeas, 4 nays, to reject the orders, with President Camara, Vice President Periera, and Councilors Hart and Kilby voting in the negative.*

2. Mayor and appropriation of \$250,000 from Fire, Salaries to Fire, Expenses
On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Vice President Pereira, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order.
3. Mayor and appropriation of \$200,000 from Judgement and Claims, Expenses to Law, Expenses
On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Vice President Pereira, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order.
4. Mayor and appropriation of \$750,000 from FY24 Surplus Revenue to OPEB Fund
On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Vice President Pereira, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order.
5. Mayor and appropriation of \$1,000,000 from FY24 Surplus Revenue to Solid Waste, Expenses
On a motion made by Councilor Cadime and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was voted 5 yeas, 4 nays, to reject the order, with President Camara, Vice President Pereira, and Councilors Hart and Kilby voting in the negative.

PRIORITY COMMUNICATIONS

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS -- None

ORDINANCES

7. Proposed Ordinance – Director of Emergency Management Agency salary amendment
On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Vice President Pereira, it was voted to refer the proposed ordinance to the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation, with Councilor Cadime opposed.

Second Reading and Enrollment

8. Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, Miscellaneous
Section 1

Parking Prohibited at all times (insert)

- Blossom Road, east, 20 feet north of Blossom Road, for a distance of 775 feet northerly
- Indian Town Road, north, 20 feet east of Blossom Road, for a distance of 775 feet easterly

Section 2

Handicapped Parking (strike outs)

- Chestnut Street, west, 48 feet north of President Avenue
- Hunter Street, west, 12 feet south of William Street
- Plain Street, west, 154 feet south of Cherry Street

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

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9. Proposed Ordinance – Appointment of Chief of Police

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

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RESOLUTIONS

10. Committee on Public Works and Transportation convene with City Engineer and Director of City Operations to discuss potential remedies to potholes near the intersection of Columbia Street and South Main Street

Councilor Cadime stated that this renovation of the Columbia Street and South Main Street intersection is within a planned project that is about to take place. On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to adopt the resolution.

11. City Council formally request that the Massachusetts State Auditor initiate an independent audit of the Department of Community Maintenance in relation to recently revealed allegations of misconduct, misuse of City resources, and other violations, and provide a public report of findings and recommendations in relation to this matter.

A motion was made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by Councilor Cadime to adopt the resolution.

Councilor Ponte made lengthy remarks regarding the Lowney Report, a private investigation that was recently shared with the public regarding a former Director of the Department of Community Maintenance and read aloud portions that were related to significant allegations made within the report of financial discrepancies and illegal activity with City funds and services. Councilor Ponte stated that, prior to its adoption, the resolution should be amended by inserting the submission of this private investigation report to the Fall River Police Department, the United States Attorney General's Office, the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office, the District Attorney's Office and the Inspector General's Office for outside review of the Lowney Report.

Vice President Pereira stated that a discussion should be held with the Law Department first, before sending the information to various federal and state offices. Councilor Dionne stated that the City Council, according to the City Charter, Section 2-7(a), which relates to Access to Information, has the authority to investigate the affairs, conduct and performance of any City agency.

Councilor Kilby stated that he would support an executive session meeting with various representatives. A motion was made by Councilor Kilby and seconded by Vice President Pereira to amend the resolution to first include an executive session meeting between the City Council, the private investigator, representatives of the Law Department, a representative of the Bristol County Attorney's Office, and the Chief of Police, to discuss this matter further and determine if there is probable cause for a new investigation, prior to a second investigation occurring.

President Camara clarified that the resolution is already requesting that the outside agencies provide an opinion as to whether a new investigation is warranted.

Councilor Cadime agreed that it is within the Council's jurisdiction to pursue an investigation, if necessary, and that this topic would qualify within the ten permissible reasons for entering into executive session. Councilor Cadime stated that the fifth permissible reason listed is: "to investigate charges of criminal misconduct or to consider the filing of criminal complaints." Councilor Cadime also made remarks regarding the sharing of this information with the Fall River Police Department and that School Committee Members have also expressed concern related to this matter.

Councilor Ponte stated that executive session is not necessary, as the unredacted version of this investigative report has already been made public. Councilor Kilby emphasized the need for outside parties to review this matter prior to any further action, and Councilor Ponte explained that this is the intention of the resolution and the suggested amendments. Councilor Cadime stated that, no matter what the recommendations are from these various federal and state offices, a new investigation may provide additional information.

President Camara stated that he is confident that the current report, which has been made public, may influence the federal and state offices to recommend pursuing this matter further, but that the Council still holds the right to pursue a second investigation, if that action is deemed necessary.

On a motion made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by Councilor Dionne, it was voted 9 yeas to amend the existing resolution by inserting "Be it further resolved that the report be submitted to the Fall River Police Department, the U.S. Attorneys General Office, the Attorneys General Office, the District Attorney's Office and the Inspector General's Office, with a requested response from said agencies by August 15, 2025," and that the resolution be adopted, as amended.

Following this vote, Councilor Cadime requested that the City Clerk remind the City Council of this request prior to the response deadline date.

On a further motion made by Councilor Cadime and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted that the City Council schedule a meeting in executive session with the Mayor and/or Corporation Counsel to discuss the outcome of the Lowney Report in July or August.

ORDERS – HEARINGS

Second Hand Article Store

13. Laura Pacheco d/b/a Laura's Vintage Attic, 369 June Street, Fall River, MA, 02720, for permission to operate and maintain a second hand article store located at 1791 South Main Street (house decor to be sold).

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

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ORDERS – MISCELLANEOUS**14. Auto Repair Shop License Renewal**

Frank Correia d/b/a Mello Services Station, Inc, 891 Bay Street

John R. Glass d/b/a JG Auto LLC, 84 Fourteenth Street

Jason Ventura d/b/a AA Auto Repair & Sales, LLC, 401 Bedford Street

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

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COMMUNICATIONS – INVITATIONS – PETITIONS**15. Claims**

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

On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to take items 16 through 21 together.

City Council Minutes

16. Fiscal Year 2026 Municipal Budget Public Hearing – May 27, 2025

17. Public Hearing – May 27, 2025

18. Committee on Finance – May 27, 2025

19. Committee on Finance – May 28, 2025

20. Committee on Finance – May 29, 2025

21. Regular Meeting of the City Council – May 27, 2025

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

BULLETINS – NEWSLETTERS – NOTICES

22. Notice of Casualty and Loss at 540 Cherry Street, Apartment 7

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

Councilor Kilby exited the Chamber at 9:36 p.m.

ITEMS FILED AFTER THE AGENDA DEADLINE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE: JUNE 10, 2025

PRIORITY MATTERS

5a. Proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Municipal Budget

On a motion made by Vice President Pereira and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was voted 6 yeas, 2 nays, to adopt the emergency preamble, with Councilors Cadime and Ponte voting in the negative and Councilor Kilby absent and not voting. On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Vice President Pereira, it was unanimously voted to refer the Proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Municipal Budget to the Committee on Finance.

Following this vote, the City Council requested that a representative from Gallagher Insurance, Risk Management and Consulting Services, be invited to a future budget meeting to discuss the Employer Trust Fund.

Councilor Kilby returned to the Chamber at 9:38 p.m.

5b. Mayor and appropriation of \$2,000,000 from the FY24 Surplus Revenue to the Employer Health Trust Fund.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was voted 7 yeas, 2 nays, to adopt the emergency preamble, with Councilors Cadime and Ponte voting in the negative. On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Vice President Pereira, it was unanimously voted to refer the appropriation to the Committee on Finance.

A brief recess was held from 9:40 p.m. to 9:42 p.m. for signing of the proposed ordinances.

On a motion made by Vice President Pereira and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:44 p.m.

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:

Agenda packet (attached)

Lowney Private Investigation Report re: Department of Community Maintenance

A true copy. Attest:



City Clerk