



City of Fall River Massachusetts

Office of the City Clerk

ALISON M. BOUCHARD
CITY CLERK

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ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

MEETING: October 22, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, One Government Center

PRESENT: President Joseph D. Camara, presiding;
Councilors Michelle M. Dionne, Paul B. Hart, Bradford L. Kilby,
Linda M. Pereira, Cliff Ponte, Andrew J. Raposo and
Laura-Jean Sampson

ABSENT: Councilor Shawn E. Cadime

IN ATTENDANCE: None

President Camara called the meeting to order at 8:39 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by a salute to the flag and announced that the meeting may be recorded with audio or video and transmitted through any medium.

PRIORITY MATTERS

1. Mayor and confirmation of the appointment of BJ McDonald to the Community Preservation Committee (Board of Park Commissioners representative)
On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Sampson, it was unanimously voted to confirm the appointment, with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.
2. Mayor and confirmation of the appointment of Richard A. Manuels, Jr., to the Greater Fall River Vocational School District Committee
On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to confirm the appointment, with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.
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On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Sampson, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order, with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.
Approved, October 23, 2024
Paul E. Coogan, Mayor
4. Fiscal Year 2025 Quarter 1 Budget Report
On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to refer the report to the Committee on Finance, with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.

5. Mayor and the following orders related to the Opioid Settlement Fund accounts:
a. The appropriation of \$983,500 from the Opioid Stabilization Fund to the Opioid Settlement Revolving Fund

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

- b. Approval of a 6-year subscription for the GoodHeart-Wilcox curriculum for the Fall River Public Schools from the Opioid Settlement Revolving Fund

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

Approved, October 23, 2024

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order related to increasing the Opioid Settlement Revolving Fund spending limits to \$150,000, with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.

Approved, October 23, 2024

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

6. Mayor and appropriation of \$650,000 from EMS, Revenues to EMS, Expenses and EMS, Capital

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

7. Mayor and request to increase an existing Loan Order in the amount of \$2,700,000 by \$500,000 (total amount of \$3,200,000) for renovations and repairs to the Central Fire Station and construction of an EMS Storage Facility

On a motion made by Vice President Pereira and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted that the loan order be authorized to be published and referred to the Committee on Finance, with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.

PRIORITY COMMUNICATIONS

8. Board of Assessors re: establishment of Fiscal Year 2025 tax factor and tax levy

On a motion made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by President Camara, it was unanimously voted to refer the matter to the Committee on Finance, with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.

9. Planning Board Report re proposed second amendment to expand the Housing Development Zone (HD) entitled Fall River Waterfront/Downtown Market Rate Incentive Zone and Plan

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Sampson, it was unanimously voted to approve the proposal, with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Ordinances and Legislation

All Readings with Emergency Preamble:

10. Proposed Ordinance - Traffic, Handicapped parking
- County Street, North, 50 feet west of Goss Street
 - Manton Street, North, 306 feet west of Plymouth Avenue
 - Montgomery Street, South, 111 feet east of Robeson Street
 - Washington Street, West, 172 feet south of Columbia Street

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

Approved, October 23, 2024

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

First Reading:

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- Snell Street, South, 41 feet east of Dover Street, for a distance of 155 feet easterly
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- Reney Street, North, 118 feet east of County Street
- Tremont Street, West, 488 feet north of Bedford 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 Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.

12. Proposed Ordinance – Amendment to Sec. 50-302, Salary schedules for contract personnel re Board of Elections Commissioners/Director – Office of Elections, Chairperson

Vice President Pereira explained that a contract agreement would require City Council approval, and that this position is now responsible for significantly larger tasks than in prior years, such as mail-in voting and early voting. Councilor Ponte asked if there are other non-union personnel in contract positions, other than the City Administrator, and President Camara clarified that there are quite a few other positions, such as the Director of Human Resources. Councilor Dionne expressed concern regarding amending this personnel position to a contract position and suggested increasing the salary limitation within the existing ordinance. Vice President Pereira emphasized that contracts encourage employees to remain within the City of Fall River. On a motion made by Vice President Pereira and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was voted 5 yeas, 3 nays, that the proposed ordinance be passed through first reading, with Councilors Dionne, Ponte and Raposo voting in the negative and Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.

ORDINANCES

13. Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, Miscellaneous

Operation of heavy commercial vehicles restricted on certain streets:

- Wilson Road, from North Main Street to Riggensbach Road – At all times

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

RESOLUTIONS – None

CITATIONS – None

ORDERS – HEARINGS – None

ORDERS – MISCELLANEOUS

14. Police Chief's report on licenses:

Taxicab Drivers

Erica Collins

Henri Menard

Zacchaeus Phoenix

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

COMMUNICATIONS – INVITATIONS – PETITIONS

15. Claims

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

16. Letter from anonymous resident re: taxi companies

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

17. Drainlayer Licenses:
Hydro Tech Inc.

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

Approved, October 23, 2024

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

18. Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes:

March 21, 2024	April 18, 2024	May 16, 2024
June 20, 2024	July 18, 2024	August 15, 2024

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

On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Dionne, it was unanimously voted to take items 19 through 21 together, with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.

City Council Minutes

19. Public Hearing – October 8, 2024

20. Committee on Finance – October 8, 2024

21. Regular Meeting of the City Council – October 8, 2024

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

BULLETINS – NEWSLETTERS – NOTICES – None

ITEMS FILED AFTER THE AGENDA DEADLINE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 24, 2024

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Finance

12a. Quitclaim deed conveying 112 Flint Street (former Davol Street Elementary School, Assessors Lot K-14-0011) from the Flint Neighborhood Association Corp. to the City of Fall River

On a motion made by Councilor Sampson and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was voted 6 yeas, 2 nays, to adopt the order, with Councilors Dionne and Raposo voting in the negative and Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.

Approved, October 23, 2024

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

RESOLUTIONS

13a. The Committee on Public Safety convene with concerned business owners and a representative of the Fall River Police Department to discuss safety concerns in the Executive Plaza parking lot

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

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Sampson, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:57 p.m., with Councilor Cadime 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 name "Glison" and last name "Bouchard" clearly legible, and "M." as a middle initial.

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In City Council, November 5, 2024

Approved.



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MEETINGS SCHEDULED
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, ONE GOVERNMENT CENTER
OCTOBER 22, 2024
AGENDA

4:30 P.M. COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

5:55 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING (OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS MEETING IF IT RUNS PAST 5:55 P.M.)

Tax Classification

1. Adoption of the percentage of the local tax levy to be borne by each class of property for Fiscal Year 2025.

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

1. Citizen Input
2. *Quitclaim deed conveying 112 Flint Street (former Davol Street Elementary School, Assessors Lot K-14-0011) from the Flint Neighborhood Association Corp. to the City of Fall River (referred 10-8-2024)
3. *Resolution – Convene with the City Administrator, the Executive Director/Chief Financial Officer of the Community Development Agency, and any other interested parties to discuss financial resources that would assist the City of Fall River in providing additional shelter facilities with adequate staffing (adopted 10-8-2024)
4. Transfers and appropriations

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

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

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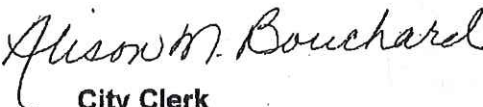
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CITY CLERK
FALL RIVER, MA

PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

October 17, 2024

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 the confirmation of the City Council for the following appointment:

Name: BJ McDonald

Address 32 Oakland Street
Fall River, MA 02720

Position: Community Preservation Committee (Park Board Representative)

Expiration: October 16, 2027

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

PC/amos



City of Fall River Massachusetts

Department of Community Maintenance

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STREETS & HIGHWAYS • TRAFFIC & PARKING • VEHICLES

Parks Division

PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

NANCY SMITH
Parks Manager

October 3, 2024

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

Dear Mayor Coogan:

In accordance with the Community Preservation Act, upon adoption of this act, each community shall create a Community Preservation Committee which would include a member of the Board of Park Commissioners. At this time, the Board of Park Commissioners would like to recommend the appointment of Park Board member BJ McDonald, 32 Oakland Street, Fall River, Massachusetts to serve as a member of this committee.

Your consideration of this request would be most appreciated.

Sincerely,
Board of Park Commissioners

Nancy Smith
Parks Manager



PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

City of Fall River
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FALL RIVER, MA

October 18, 2024

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 the confirmation of the City Council for the following appointment:

Name: Richard A. Manuels, Jr.

Address: 330 Montgomery Street
Fall River, MA 02720

Position: Greater Fall River Vocational School District Committee

Expiration: July 11, 2027

To fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Ryan Pacheco.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

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

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CITY CLERK
FALL RIVER, MA

PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

October 17, 2024

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 the Proposed Transfer of 78 Thomas Street Assessors Parcel ID# K14-0061 for your consideration.

Thank you and as always, I am available for any questions or concerns you may have regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

PC/amos

City of Fall River, In City Council

ORDERED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to transfer the property located at 78 Thomas Street, and identified as Assessors Parcel Identification Number K14-0061, in Fall River, Massachusetts, to the City of Fall River Community Development Agency, for rehabilitation and sale through a First Time Homebuyer Program, subject to any review and approval of the deed by the Corporation Counsel.



**CITY OF FALL RIVER
MASSACHUSETTS**

DEPARTMENT of FINANCIAL SERVICES
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PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

October 17, 2024

IAN P. SCHACHNE, CMMC, CMMT
Treasurer/Collector

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

Re: Proposed Transfer of 78 Thomas Street
Assessors Parcel ID# K14-0061

Dear Mr. Mayor:

Attached please find a proposed Deed transferring 78 Thomas Street (Parcel ID# K14-0061) which is currently held by the City as a Tax Possession to the Fall River Community Development Agency (hereinafter "CDA") for rehabilitation and sale through the First Time Homebuyer Program. The property was acquired by the City on June 15, 2023 through a Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure approved by the City Council on June 27, 2023 and recorded with the Bristol County (Fall River District) Registry of Deeds in Book 11322, Page 67.

When a Tax Possession is transferred through an interagency transfer such as this, the entity receiving the property must reimburse the Tax Possession Account based on an Appraisal of the property being transferred. CDA caused such an Appraisal to be conducted, and the Appraisal determined the fair market value of the property to be \$ 223,000.00. The attached proposed Deed recites the \$ 223,000.00 as the consideration for the Deed which will be paid by CDA.

Pursuant to General Laws Chapter 40, Section 3 and Chapter 60, Section 77B since the Tax Possessions are not being sold pursuant to an Auction by the Tax Custodian, it is necessary to obtain approval of the City Council for the transfer. Please accept this letter as a request that you forward the attached proposed Deed to the City Council and a copy of the Appraisal obtained by CDA to the City Council and request that the City Council approve the transfer of Assessors Parcel ID# K14-0061 to the Fall River Community Development Agency for rehabilitation and sale to a First Time Homebuyer.

One Government Center Fall River, MA 02722
TEL: (508) 324-2272 FAX (508) 324-2244

Please contact me at (508) 324-2272 if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



Ian Schachne
Treasurer/Collector

DEED

The CITY OF FALL RIVER, a municipal corporation duly existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, One Government Center, Fall River, Massachusetts, 02722

for consideration given and in full consideration of Two Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand and 00/100 (\$223,000.00) Dollars paid to its Tax Possession Account

hereby transfers to the FALL RIVER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, a municipal agency of the City of Fall River, One Government Center, Fall River, MA 02722,

the land with buildings thereon in Fall River, Massachusetts described as follows:

Fall River Assessors Map Parcel ID# K14-0061
78 Thomas Street, Fall River, MA

Being the same premises conveyed to the CITY OF FALL RIVER by Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure dated June 15, 2023 and recorded with the Bristol County (Fall River District) Registry of Deeds in Book 11322, Page 67, said deed having been accepted by the City of Fall River City Council pursuant to General Laws Chapter 60, Section 77C on June 27, 2023.

This conveyance is made pursuant to a vote of the Fall River City Council dated _____, an attested copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

SIGNATURES FOLLOW ON NEXT PAGE

78 THOMAS STREET
FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS

Executed as a sealed instrument this day of , 2024

CITY OF FALL RIVER
BY ITS MAYOR

PAUL E. COOGAN

APPROVED AS TO LEGALITY & FORM

ALAN RUMSEY, ESQ.
CORPORATION COUNSEL

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Bristol, ss

On this day of , 2024, before me the undersigned notary public, personally appeared PAUL E. COOGAN, whose identity was proved to me by personal knowledge to be the person whose name is signed on the preceding or attached document and acknowledged to me that he signed it voluntarily as the Mayor of the City of Fall River, and as his and its free act and deed

Notary Public
My commission expires:

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FALL RIVER, MA



FY 2025 QUARTER 1 BUDGET REPORT

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CITY CLERK
FALL RIVER, MA

PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

October 16, 2024

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. \$983,500 That the sum of \$983,500 be, and the same is, hereby appropriated to the OPIOD SETTLEMENT REVOLVING FUND, Transfer from OPIOD STABILIZATION FUND.

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

Best Regards,


Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

City of Fall River, In City Council

October 22, 2024

ORDERED:

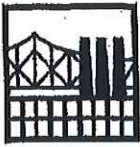
That the sum of \$983,500.00 be, and the same is, hereby transferred to Opioid Settlement Revolving Fund from Opioid Stabilization Fund.

FY25 Appropriation/Transfer Number Analysis

Line	Original/Revised Appropriation	Amount Transferred	Adjusted Balance
Opioid Stabilization Fund	\$ 1,783,197.57	\$ (983,500.00)	\$ 799,697.57
Opioid Revolving Fund	\$ 466,200.00	\$ 983,500.00	\$ 1,449,700.00

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

Heidi Fure
 City Auditor
 10/18/2024



**HEALTH &
HUMAN SERVICES**
CITY OF FALL RIVER

October 3, 2024

Mayor Coogan
One Government Center
Fall River, MA 02722

Dear Mayor Coogan,

The Fall River Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee (FROSAC) has made final recommendations for the current request for proposal cycle. These five proposals seek to address several priority areas including Supporting People in Treatment/Recovery, Prevention, and Inadequate Housing. Below you will find a summary of applications and their totals. I have also included high level descriptions of the project narratives as an attachment to this request.

Proposal Title	Organization	\$ Amount
Rapid Access to Care Environment	SSTAR	\$467,500
Positive Alternatives for Student Success (PASS) Program	Fall River Public Schools	\$239,000
Fall River Addiction Support & Treatment (FAST) Response Team	City of Fall River FAST Team	\$92,000
Fall River TRAIL Project (Treatment Aimed at Independent Living)	MA Trial Courts	\$100,000
Southcoast Health CARES	Southcoast Health	\$85,000
	TOTAL	\$983,500

On behalf of the FROSAC, I am respectfully requesting that a total of \$983,500 of Opioid Settlement Funds be utilized for the five grant proposals.

Sincerely,

Tess Curran

Director of Health and Human Services

OPIOID SETTLEMENT REQUEST

10/3/24

Project Narratives

SSTAR: The Rapid Access to Care Environment (RACE) is an essential component to substance use disorder care in Fall River, this program will deliver MAT services in lieu of Police or EMS services and Emergency Department visits. In addition to providing evaluations and interventions through the Rapid Access Center. SSTAR is also seeking to fund services for Family members effected by substance use disorder through SSTAR's Arise program. This program serves families in an evidence-based intervention model regardless of any family's ability to pay.

FRPS Project Narrative: The Positive Alternatives for Student Success (PASS) model we are proposing is a restorative approach focusing on prevention of future substance/opioid use through addressing risk factors as well as connecting students and caregivers to community resources. Fall River Public Schools, in collaboration with the Boys and Girls Club of Fall River, Stanley Street Treatment and Resources, Inc. (SSTAR) and Family Service Association's Family Resource Center (FRC) is proposing a Positive Alternatives for Student Success (PASS) Program as a substance/opioid use prevention program for youth in our community - providing clinical support, psychoeducational substance/opioid prevention groups, academic support, connection to care and prosocial skills to students in lieu of suspension for drug/substance related infractions.

City of Fall River FAST Team: The City of Fall River FAST Response Team current revenue sources are changing. The FAST team seeks funds to ensure the program can continue to serve the most vulnerable populations throughout Fall River through street outreach, education, and overdose reversal drug distribution.

MA Trial Courts: The Fall River Treatment Aimed at Independent Living (TRAIL) Project at Fall River District Court will provide access to sober housing for participants in the Fall River Recovery Court and individuals on probation who have serious substance use disorders (SUDs), including those with an opioid use disorder (OUD). In partnership with the MPS and the Massachusetts Alliance for Sober Housing (MASH), the TRAIL Project will utilize the proposed \$100,000 of Fall River opioid settlement funding to provide 35 certified 90-day sober home beds per 12-month project period.

Southcoast Health: CARES team members will support and amplify the ongoing work of hospital-based recovery coaches by improving referrals and in-person warm handoffs to community partners that CWP/CARES team members work with regularly during street outreach.

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PAUL E. COOGAN
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October 18, 2024

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 the Fall River Health and Human Services Director regarding a 6-year subscription for the Fall River Public Schools opioid settlement funded curriculum.

Thank you for your consideration with this request.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan

Mayor



**HEALTH &
HUMAN SERVICES**
CITY OF FALL RIVER

October 18, 2024

Mayor Coogan
One Government Center
Fall River, MA 02722

Dear Mayor Coogan,

Funding for the Fall River Public School curriculum request for opioid settlement funds has been approved. Per Chapter 30B Section 12, I am respectfully requesting that the City Council approve a 6-year subscription for the GoodHeart-Wilcox curriculum.

Sincerely,

Tess Curran, MPH
Director of Health and Human Services



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October 17, 2024

City Council President
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Dear Councilor President and Members of the Honorable Council:

Attached please find a request to increase appropriation to the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) budget for your consideration. The total increase will be \$650,000. Listed in the Chief's letter is a breakdown of the increase.

Thank you and as always, I am available for any questions or concerns you may have regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

PC/amos

City of Fall River, In City Council

October 22, 2024

ORDERED:

That the sum of \$650,000.00 be, and the same is, hereby transferred to EMS, Expenses and EMS, Capital from EMS, Revenues.



City of Fall River
Massachusetts
Fall River
Emergency Medical Services



PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

Timothy Oliveira
Chief of EMS

10/16/2024

Mayor
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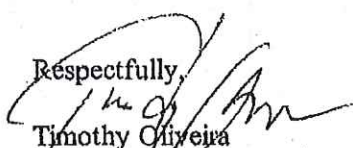
I respectfully request an increase an appropriation to the EMS budget.
(revenues and expenses) The total increase will be 650,000 breaks down of increase are as follows.

- Rental/ Lease line added units (2) for MIH Charlton non-emergency transport 388,000.
- Data Processing Zoll dispatch for non – emergency units and Cad system for 911 and non – emergency units 56,000.00
- R&M Supplies 2,000.00.
- Medical Supplies 62,500.00 Increased in-service units 911 and non-emergency units. Ems
- Documentation Program Increase due to home visit program beginning (11/1) 22,000.00
- Auto / Liability insurance 34,500.00 due to added units to department.
- Capital line increase due to purchase of required equipment for MIH home visits and added equipment to non-emergency units.

All the increases were not included at the time of the budget process during fiscal year 24. The Department had been working on these additional programs however were not completed at the time of preparing the budget.

The Southcoast hospital program for discharges began 10/1/2024 (Charlton Memorial Campus). The MIH home visits will begin November 1, 2024, with Southcoast Hospital group (Charlton Memorial Campus)

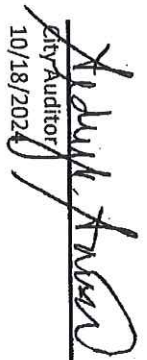
Respectfully,


Timothy Oliveira
Chief of EMS
City Fall River

FY25 Appropriation/Transfer Number Analysis

Line	Original/Revised Appropriation	Amount Transferred	Adjusted Balance
EMS Expenses	\$ 1,783,197.57	\$ 563,000.00	\$ 2,346,197.57
EMS Capital	\$ 543,420.73	\$ 87,000.00	\$ 630,420.73
EMS Revenues	\$ 14,057,117.00	\$ 650,000.00	\$ 14,707,117.00

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


City Auditor
10/18/2024



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CITY CLERK
FALL RIVER, MA

October 17, 2024

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 request from Timothy Oliviera, Chief of EMS, requesting a loan increase from \$2,700,000 to \$3,200,000 for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) for your consideration. This proposal loan was originally intended to fund ongoing rehabilitation of the Center Fire Station as well as the rehabilitation of a then-unidentified second location. The requested increase reflects a broad remodel of the Center Fire Station as well as the construction of an ambulance storage facility near Fire Headquarters.

Thank you and as always, I am available for any questions or concerns you may have regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

PC/amos

City of Fall River, In City Council

LOAN ORDER

(Construction and Renovation of Buildings)

ORDERED: That the Loan order adopted by the City Council on March 23, 2021 that appropriated \$2,700,000 for the costs of financing the construction of a metal building to store EMA equipment be amended to (i) increase the appropriation from \$2,700,000 to \$3,200,000, (ii) allow construction and renovation of buildings to be used initially by the EMS department and (iii) to remove language no longer required, so that such loan order shall now read as follows:

"That the City Appropriates the amount of Three Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,200,000) to be used for the construction and renovation of buildings to be used initially by the EMS department, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto.

To meet this appropriation, the City Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said sum under and pursuant to G.L. c. 44, §7(1), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefore."

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That the Treasurer is authorized to file an application with the appropriate officials of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts (the "Commonwealth") to qualify under GL. c. 44A any and all bonds of the City to be issued pursuant to this Order, and to provide such information and execute such documents as such officials of the Commonwealth may require.



PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

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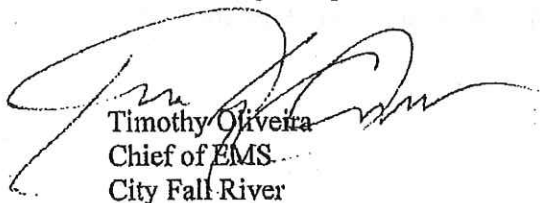


Timothy Oliveira
Chief of EMS

10/16/2024

Mayor
Paul Coogan
1 Government Center
Fall River ma 02721

I respectfully request the loan order amount to be sent for Council approval. The original amount of 2,700,000 was appropriated in 2021. Due to cost increases and the growth of EMS the increase to (3,200,000) will fill the needs for the department. Enabling EMS to upgrade the Central Station and Build a Storage garage for our Spare EMS units. Currently we have 3 spare apparatus sitting outside in the elements due to no storage space at any of the fire stations. Medical supplies would also be stored in the building due to the shortage of space at the central fire station.


Timothy Oliveira
Chief of EMS
City Fall River



BOARD OF ASSESSORS
CITY OF FALL RIVER

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October 1, 2024

CITY CLERK
FALL RIVER, MA

Dear Council President Camara and Members of the Fall River City Council:

As you know, the City Council will be holding the annual Tax Classification Hearing on Tuesday, October 22, 2024.

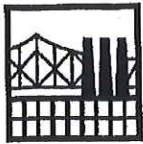
The Massachusetts Department of Revenue certified the assessed property values as determined by City's Statistical Revaluation on October 18, 2024. Attached please find the following information, based on the Full Revaluation, to assist you in your deliberations:

1. 2025 New Growth Breakdown
2. General Property Classification Breakdown
3. Analysis of Sales Trends and Assessed Property Valuation Comparison.
4. "What If" Spreadsheet

The FY2025 Tax Rates in the other municipalities we typically use for comparison have not yet been set by the respective communities.

Daniel Lane, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Assessors and I look forward to meeting with you on the 22nd.

Richard A Gonsalves, M.A.A.
Chairman of the Board of Assessors



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CITY OF FALL RIVER

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CITY CLERK
FALL RIVER, MA

October 22, 2024

RE: FISCAL YEAR 2025 TAX FACTOR

Dear Council President and Members of the Fall River City Council:

As you know, General Laws Chapter 40, Section 56 allows a municipality to adopt a tax factor creating a split tax rate. The City of Fall River typically adopted such a tax factor creating a split tax rate in previous fiscal years. Such a tax factor must be adopted by the City Council with the approval of the Mayor. Before any such tax factor is adopted, there must first be a public hearing. As you are also aware, Chapter 40, Section 56 mandates that the factor cannot exceed 1.75. As the factor increases from 1.00 to 1.75, the residential rate decreases, and therefore the commercial, industrial, and personal property (C.I.P) tax rate increases.

It is my understanding that the public hearing concerning the classification of property within the City of Fall River has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 22nd at 6:00 pm within the City Council Chambers. The hearing will be held in order to adopt the tax factor pursuant to Chapter 40, Section 56. As you know, last year the City Council adopted a Tax Factor of 1.75 which provided the maximum shift allowable under the law. The Board of Assessors will provide a packet of relevant information an analysis of the various tax rates that would result from tax factors ranging between 1.00 and 1.75.

If any additional information is required, please feel free to contact the Assessor's Office.

Respectfully yours,

Richard A Gonsalves, M.A.A.

Chairman of the Board of Assessors

2025 NEW GROWTH BREAKDOWN					
	RESIDENTIAL			RESIDENTIAL	ESTIMATED
LUC	CLASSIFICATION	PARCELS	2025 NG VALUE	TAX RATE	NG REVENUE
101	SINGLE FAMILY HOMES	207	\$24,208,000	11.49	\$278,150
102	CONDOMINIUMS	2	\$752,800	11.49	\$8,650
104	TWO-FAMILY HOMES	32	\$3,088,700	11.49	\$35,489
105	THREE- FAMILY HOMES	51	\$5,862,200	11.49	\$67,357
111	4-8 UNITS	31	\$7,046,418	11.49	\$80,963
112	OVER 8 UNITS	9	\$8,341,500	11.49	\$95,844
13/31	MIXED USE	7	\$887,093	11.49	\$10,193
130	VACANT LOTS	5	\$324,500	11.49	\$3,729
RESIDENTIAL NG TOTALS		344	\$50,511,211	11.49	\$580,374
	C/I			COMMERCIAL	ESTIMATED
LUC	CLASSIFICATIONS	PARCELS	2024 NG VALUE	TAX RATE	NG REVENUE
300	COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES	18	\$2,229,200	23.94	\$53,367
400	INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES	7	\$25,475,400	23.94	\$609,881
COMM/IND NG TOTALS		25	\$27,704,600	23.94	\$663,248
500	PERSONAL PROPERTY	182	\$99,393,320	23.94	\$2,379,476
TOATL APPROVED NG		622	\$177,609,131		\$3,623,098

GENERAL PROPERTY CLASSIFICATION BREAKDOWN

State Land		
Use Code	Property Type	# of Accounts
101	SINGLE FAMILY HOMES	9444
102	CONDOMINIUMS	1791
104	TWO FAMILY HOMES	2231
105	THREE FAMILY HOMES	3196
111-112	APARTMENTS 4+	1895
130-132	LAND LOTS	672
300	COMMERCIAL	1003
400	INDUSTRIAL	284
500	PERSONAL PROPERTY	711

FY 2025 TAX CLASSIFICATION HEARING, TUESDAY October 22ND, 2024

- SALES OF SINGLE FAMILY INCREASED ON AVERAGE OF 8%
- SALES OF CONDOMINIUMS INCREASED ON AVERAGE OF 6%
- SALES OF TWO FAMILY'S INCREASED ON AVERAGE OF 9%
- SALES OF THREE FAMILY'S INCREASED ON AVERAGE OF 9%
- SALES OF APT'S 4+ INCREASED ON AVERAGE OF 10%
- SALES OF COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES INCREASED ON AVERAGE OF 2.6%
- SALES OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES INCREASED ON AVERAGE OF 5%

	<u>FY 2024 VALUE</u>	<u>FY 2025 VALUE</u>	<u>% CHANGE</u>
RESIDENTIAL CLASS	\$8,022,575,092	\$8,637,696,530	7.6
COMMERCIAL CLASS	\$840,302,199	\$855,878,518	2.0
INDUSTRIAL CLASS	\$466,582,200	\$492,438,700	5.0
PERSONAL PROPERTY	\$404,887,240	\$483,372,980	19.0

The Median Value for:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>
• Single Family Home -	\$342,900	\$385,588	\$42,688
• 2 Family Home -	\$375,900	\$419,166	\$43,266
• 3 Family Home -	\$477,200	\$506,718	\$29,518

FISCAL YEAR 2024		FISCAL YEAR 2024		FISCAL YEAR 2024		Fiscal Year 2025
CITY/TOWN	TAX RATE RESIDENTIAL	TAX RATE COMMERCIAL	AVERAGE RESIDENTIAL VALUE	AVERAGE BILL	TAX RATE RESIDENTIAL	
FALL RIVER	11.49	23.94	\$342,900	\$3,940		
NEW BEDFORD	12.00	24.96	\$356,973	\$4,284		
ATTLEBORO	12.73	19.22	\$458,689	\$5,839		
TAUNTON	11.19	24.53	\$420,628	\$4,707		
SWANSEA	11.04	17.43	\$472,236	\$5,213		
SOMERSET	12.79	25.47	\$439,970	\$5,627		
BROCKTON	12.02	24.05	\$430,095	\$5,170		

As of 10/22/2024 the selected City/Towns have not set a current FY2025 Tax Rate

What If... Scenario Worksheet

CLASS	VALUE	%	
Res	663,679,530	82.5043%	R & O %
O S	110	0.0009%	82.5043%
Comm	955,076,516	8.1515%	
Ind	497,386,100	4.7036%	CIP %
FP	483,577,580	4.6170%	17.4957%
Total	10,469,386,728	100.0000%	

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CLASSIFICATION OPTIONS

Residential Exemption
Small Commercial Exemption

LEVY

Estimated Levy	5142.550803
Single Tax Rate	13.62

Note:
This table should be used for planning purposes only. Actual calculations may differ slightly due to rounding. For actual calculations, complete Recap.

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What If... Scenario Worksheet

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What If... Scenario Worksheet

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What If... Scenario Worksheet

Scenario 1: [Scenario Name]				Scenario 2: [Scenario Name]				Scenario 3: [Scenario Name]			
MP	RS	US	Comp	MP	RS	US	Comp	MP	RS	US	Comp
100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100



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CITY OF FALL RIVER

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October 15, 2024

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

CITY CLERK
FALL RIVER, MA

Planning Board Report
Proposed Zoning Map Amendment
Housing Development Overlay District (HD Zone)

This report is provided to the City Council in accordance with MGL Ch. 40A, sec. 5. On September 10, 2024, the City of Fall River City Council referred a matter to the City of Fall River Planning Board requesting a public hearing and recommendation regarding the proposed Housing Development Overlay District (HD Zone) Map Amendment.

Subsequently, on October 9, 2024, a public hearing of the City of Fall River Planning Board was held at One Government Center in the City Council Chambers. Due notice was given in accordance with the requirements of MGL Ch. 40A, sec. 5 and with the Ordinances of the City of Fall River.

The hearing was opened on October 9, 2024, at 5:30 PM, at which time the Director of Engineering and Planning, Daniel N. Aguiar, delivered a presentation detailing the proposed map amendment, testimony was received by the public, and the hearing was formally closed.

At the hearing, the Planning Board deliberated and unanimously voted to recommend the attached Zoning Map Amendment for approval to the City Council.

Sincerely,

Daniel N. Aguiar
Director of Engineering and Planning
On behalf of the Planning Board



PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

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

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FALL RIVER, MA

August 13, 2024

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

RE: Proposed Second Amendment to the Housing Development Zone entitled Fall River Waterfront/Downtown Market Rate Incentive Zone and Plan

Dear Council President Camara:

Please accept this correspondence as a request to initiate City Council action on a proposed second amendment (see blue area within attached map) to expand the Housing Development Zone (HD Zone) entitled Fall River Waterfront/Downtown Market Rate Incentive Zone and Plan.

As you may recall, the initial Fall River Waterfront/Downtown Market Rate Incentive Zone and Plan was approved by the City of Fall River and the Massachusetts Department of Communities and Development in December 2013 and subsequently amended and approved by the City of Fall River and the Massachusetts in September 2022 and approved Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities in September 2023.

Approval of this proposed request will allow the HD Zone to be expanded once again and provide for local and state housing incentives for the redevelopment of existing mills, vacant land and other commercial use for residential purposes as a matter of right. Redevelopment of underutilized properties within the proposed HD Zone Amendment expansion area will add diversity to the City's housing stock and increase the availability of rental housing units.

I am requesting that this correspondence be placed on the next City Council Agenda and the Fall River City Council refer this request to the Fall River Planning Board for a Public Hearing which is a state mandated first step in the HD Zone amendment process. After the convening of a Public Hearing by the City of Fall River Planning Board on this matter, I will request that City of Fall River Planning Board forward their findings and recommendation back to the back to the Fall River City Council for further action.

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

Sincerely,


Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

Cc: City Council

9/12/24
Emailed to City Engineer
+ Clerk

CITY OF FALL RIVER
IN CITY COUNCIL

SEP 10 2024

Referred to the
Planning Board

**HOUSING DISTRICTS
CITY OF FALL RIVER**



HD1 Zone



Proposed HD1 Zone Amendment

CITY OF FALL RIVER

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To the City Council

Councillors:

The Committee on Ordinances and Legislation, at a meeting held on October 15, 2024, voted unanimously to recommend the accompanying proposed ordinance, accompanied by an emergency preamble, be passed through first reading, second reading, passed to be enrolled and passed to be ordained, with Councilors Cadime and Sampson absent and not voting.



Clerk of Committees

City of Fall River, In City Council

EMERGENCY PREAMBLE

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

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

City of Fall River, In City Council

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

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

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

Name of Street	Side	Location
County Street	North	Starting at a point 50 feet west of Goss Street, for a distance of 20 feet westerly
Manton Street	North	Starting at a point 306 feet west of Plymouth Avenue, for a distance of 20 feet westerly
Montgomery Street	South	Starting at a point 111 feet east of Robeson Street, for a distance of 20 feet easterly
Washington Street	West	Starting at a point 172 feet south of Columbia Street, for a distance of 20 feet southerly

CITY OF FALL RIVER

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To the City Council

Councillors:

The Committee on Ordinances and Legislation, at a meeting held on October 15, 2024, voted unanimously to recommend that the accompanying proposed ordinance be passed through first reading, with Councilors Cadime and Sampson absent and not voting.


Clerk of Committees

City of Fall River, In City Council

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

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

Section 1

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

Name of Street	Side	Location	Hours/Days
Snell Street	South	Starting at a point 41 feet east of Dover Street, for a distance of 155 feet easterly	7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

Section 2

By inserting in Section 70-385 (D), which section relates to Loading, service and passenger zones, the following:

Name of Street	Side	Location	Hours/Days
Hartwell Street	West	Starting at a point 267 feet south of Fifth Street, for a distance of 47 feet southerly	7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

Section 3

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

Name of Street	Side	Location
Alden Street	West	Starting at a point 823 feet north of East Warren Street, for a distance of 20 feet northerly
Cherry Street	North	Starting at a point 240 feet east of North Main Street, for a distance of 20 feet easterly
Harrison Street	West	Starting at a point 484 feet north of Alden Street, for a distance of 20 feet northerly
Hunter Street	East	Starting at a point 127 feet south of Hope Street, for a distance of 20 feet southerly
John Street	West	Starting at a point 76 feet north of Rodman Street, for a distance of 20 feet northerly
Morton Street	West	Starting at a point 20 feet south of Brightman Street, for a distance of 20 feet southerly
Mott Street	West	Starting at a point 152 feet north of Cambridge Street, for a distance of 20 feet northerly
Orswell Street	North	Starting at a point 285 feet west of Stafford Road, for a distance of 20 feet westerly
Pine Street	North	Starting at a point 57 feet west of Winter Street, for a distance of 20 feet westerly
Pitman Street	East	Starting at a point 214 feet north of Harrison Street, for a distance of 20 feet northerly
Reney Street	North	Starting at a point 118 feet east of County Street, for a distance of 20 feet easterly
Tremont Street	West	Starting at a point 488 feet north of Bedford Street, for a distance of 20 feet northerly

CITY OF FALL RIVER

To the City Council

Councillors:

The Committee on Ordinances and Legislation, at a meeting held on October 15, 2024, voted 3 yeas, 1 nay, to recommend that the accompanying proposed ordinance be passed through first reading, with Councilor Raposo voting in the negative and Councilor Sampson absent and not voting.


Clerk of Committees

City of Fall River, In City Council

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

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

Section 1.

By striking out in Section 50-301, which section relates to Salary schedules for executive officers, department heads and non-union personnel the following:

	Grade	Effective Date	Not to Exceed
Board of Election Commissioners/ Director-Office of Elections, Chairperson	ELCO	7-1-2022	\$65,000

Section 2.

By inserting in Section 50-302, which section relates to Salary schedules for contract personnel, in proper alphabetical order, the following:

	Grade	Effective Date	Salary
Board of Election Commissioners/ Director-Office of Elections, Chairperson	ELCO	7-1-2024	Per contract

CITY OF FALL RIVER

IN CITY COUNCIL
SEP 10 2024

*Referred to the
Committee on
Ordinances and Legislation*

City of Fall River, *In City Council*

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

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

By striking out, in Section 70-175, Subsection A, which section relates to Operation of heavy commercial vehicles restricted on certain streets, the following:

Location

Wilson Road, Northeast of Highland Avenue to Riggerbach Road

and inserting in place thereof, the following:

Location

Wilson Road, from North Main Street
to Riggerbach Road

Times

At all times

336 Bank ST
Fall River MA, 02720

Street side door	\$1,649.00	Could not be fixed
Street side door frame	\$147.91	Could not be fixed
Street side door additional material to close top 10 inches	\$89.19	Could not be fixed
1st floor rear and entry door	\$648.93	doors and frame destroyed could not be fixed
	\$2,535.03	
Labor provided by Landlord	\$750.00	
Total	\$3,285.03	

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Date: 10-7-2024 City Clerk ✓ Law ✓ City Council ✓ Police ✓



COASTAL LEGAL AFFILIATES, P.C.

1004 COUNTY STREET
SOMERSET, MA 02726
PHONE: 508-676-6900
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PATRICK T. MATTHEWS, MBA
BRIAN M. TAVARES *
THOMAS E. ROMANO*
ERYNN A. HAMEL

also admitted into Rhode Island*

October 11, 2024

City Clerk
One Government Center
Fall River, MA 02722

RE: Our Client: Roseline Toussaint
Our File No.: 2024-055

Dear Mr. Fredette,

In answer to your letter of August 1, 2024, please see enclosed an image and video provided to us by our client indicating the location of the manhole that Ms. Toussaint fell in at the corner of Hope Street and Mulberry Street.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact this office.

Warm Regards,

/s/ Patrick Matthews
Patrick T. Matthews, Esq.

Enclosure: CD

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FALL RIVER, MA

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City Council

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Will you please get a
 real Cab Company and not
 one from Dallowestown. Recently
 a friend of mine called a cab, and
 waited over 2 hrs, and to top this
 off she has diabetes and needed
 her medicine that was at home,
 they don't answer the phone and
 when they do, the guys don't show
 up at all, she ended up taking
 the bus with an armload of
 groceries, which she couldn't
 carry, then when she got home
 she was sick, this is absurd
 we need help in this City.
 No Cabs, no homes, People living
 in the streets, no jobs & when they
 do have them certain people get them
 or their doing a number on their
 seniors, if one don't have an
 income because I was a caregiver
 for years and now can't get a
 job I will soon be homeless
 all because I was taking care of
 a loved one with Cancer & kidney disease
 your system in Fall River sucks
 I embarrassed to live here.

a citizen from
 Fall River

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

MEETING: October 8, 2024, 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,
Linda M. Pereira, Cliff Ponte, Andrew J. Raposo
and Laura-Jean Sampson

ABSENT: Councilor Bradford L. Kilby

IN ATTENDANCE: None

The President called the meeting to order at 5:57 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 Sampson, it was unanimously voted to open the hearing, with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

Curb Removal

1. Roll The Dice LLC, 657 Quarry Street, for the removal of curbing as follows:

	Existing Opening	Curbing to be Removed	Curbing to be Added	Combined Opening Proposed After Alteration
2492 South Main Street	17'	35'	17'	35'

The existing parcel is currently serviced by a 17-foot curb opening on South Main Street. The applicant proposes to create a new 35-foot opening while closing the existing 17-foot opening. The total opening for the location will be 35 feet.

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

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Sampson, it was unanimously voted to close the hearing at 5:59 p.m., with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:

Agenda (attached)

A true copy. Attest:

Alison M. Bouchard

City Clerk

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MEETING: October 8, 2024, 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,
Linda M. Pereira, Cliff Ponte, Andrew J. Raposo
and Laura-Jean Sampson

ABSENT: Councilor Bradford L. Kilby

IN ATTENDANCE: Seth Thomas Aitken, City Administrator
Paul Ferland, Administrator of Community Utilities
Alan J. Rumsey, Corporation Counsel
Attorney Rene G. Brown, Chair, Special Charter Review Committee
Traci L. Almeida, Ph. D., Member, Special Charter Review Committee

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.

1. Citizen Input Time before discussion of financial matters – None

2. Special Charter Review Committee Report

Attorney Rene G. Brown, Chair, Special Charter Review Committee, provided a brief synopsis of the Committee's work to provide recommendations that will update the template and content of the City Charter, which would make the process of constituent involvement easier and more straightforward. The Chair of the Special Charter Review Committee explained that the current City Charter was challenging for the public to understand as the content was more complicated than necessary and basic methods of organization, such as an index, were not included. Attorney Brown also emphasized that the Special Charter Review Committee saved the City the large cost of a review of the City Charter, which would cost \$40,000 from an outside contractor.

The Chair of the Special Charter Review Committee provided a summary of significant recommendations to amend the City Charter, which included revised restrictions for Fall River residents, employed by the City of Fall River, to run for local, elected positions, the process for a recall of an elected official, the need for a separate election to elect/re-elect a candidate following a recall, and the establishment of a twenty-one (21) day time limit for the temporary absence of the Mayor. Attorney Brown provided further explanation indicating that on the

twenty-second day of the Mayor's absence, the City Council President shall be the Acting Mayor until the next regular, or special, election. Attorney Brown also clarified that a City employee who is voted into office may keep both positions, but may only receive one of the related salaries.

President Camara expressed concern regarding the three-week time limitation for a vacancy within the Mayor's office, as that time out of office could be a result of a medical condition, and there should be exceptions included in the City Charter to allow for proper medical recovery. Attorney Brown explained that Section 3-10 of the City Charter states that the Mayor would leave the position permanently until an official election takes place. Councilor Dionne agreed with President Camara and emphasized the need for a medical exemption clause.

The Chair of the Special Charter Review Committee acknowledged the Councilors' concerns regarding the limitation for the Mayoral vacancy. Attorney Brown provided additional information regarding changes to elections within the amended City Charter, including the elimination of the lottery process for placing names on election ballots. Attorney Brown stated that the City would, instead, place names in alphabetical order, which aligns with state and federal ballot protocols. The Chair of the Special Charter Review Committee also explained that the required number of signatures to run for office would be reduced from 150 to 100 to simplify the process for those who would like to serve the community.

A brief discussion was held between Vice President Pereira and Attorney Brown regarding the changes to the signature requirements in the amended City Charter. Attorney Brown stated that there were many suggestions for the required number of signatures and that the minimum of 100 signatures was considered reasonable by the Committee members.

Councilor Dionne and the Chair of the Special Charter Review Committee held a brief discussion regarding future meetings of the Committee, the importance of public input and the value of recommendations made by the City Council.

Councilor Ponte requested clarification of the recommended action of the City Council regarding the Committee's report and potential changes to term limits of elected officials. Alan J. Rumsey, Corporation Counsel, stated that the City Council could accept the report and place it on file so that it may be referenced in the future by the Charter Commission in 2027 when the next review would occur. Corporation Counsel also provided an alternate option, which would involve working with the Mayor to submit the amended Charter to the Commonwealth, and, if approved, could allow for a special election to amend the existing City Charter. Attorney Brown clarified that any proposed Charter amendment would initially need to be presented to the Attorney General's Municipal Law Unit for approval prior submission of a Special Act to the State Legislature. To assist the City Council with deciding upon an option that would best suit the needs of the City of Fall River, Corporation Counsel suggested sharing the proposed Charter amendments with the public to allow for feedback. The Chair of the Special Charter Review Committee explained that term limits, as well as Ward Councilors versus at large, were discussed by the Committee and amendments to the current sections relating to these matters was not recommended.

A lengthy discussion was held between President Camara, Councilor Ponte and Attorney Brown regarding the terms outlined within the current Charter for the City Council President and Vice President. Attorney Brown explained that, currently, as of January 1st of the second year of a term, there is no elected President or Vice President within the City Council until the first meeting is held. The City Clerk clarified that the recommended change within the amended

Charter would allow the City Council President and Vice President to hold their positions until the first meeting of the next calendar year, allowing for the President to preside over the first meeting when an election of President and Vice President will occur. Councilor Ponte requested clarification regarding the salary that would be received by an Acting Mayor, the process to fill the vacant seat within the City Council if the Council President was serving as Acting Mayor, and the changes to the Charter's requirements to hold a recall election. Attorney Brown explained that the Acting Mayor would receive the Mayoral salary and that the candidate who came in tenth place in the election for City Council would be offered, and then sworn in to the position, and that the amended Charter would still require 5% of registered voters to sign a petition for a recall election, but would change the process to include two separate elections – one to recall an elected official, and one to fill the vacant position if the recall is successful.

Councilor Cadime stated that he supports two-year terms for City Councilors but would support a four-year term for the Mayor, as changes to policies take much longer than two years to successfully achieve. Councilor Cadime also stated that a City Manager would be more efficient than a Mayoral position, as it would eliminate the political aspect of leadership within the City. Councilor Cadime suggested that the Special Charter Review Committee consider staggered terms for elected bodies, such as having three City Councilors run for office every year, while the other six remain in their positions. Attorney Brown confirmed that related discussions had been held by the Committee, including a discussion to change six Council seats to District representatives, and that she agrees a four-year term would be ideal for the office of Mayor. Attorney Brown also stated that they were working to develop proper procedures related to Charter violations.

President Camara expressed opposition to the extension of Mayoral term limits and stated that two-year terms allow the voters to address any concerns in a timely manner by electing a new Mayor. President Camara also explained that district City Councilors would limit the number of qualified candidates from being elected and that he would support amending the Mayoral vacancy limit to forty-five (45) days as opposed to the twenty-one (21) day limit being proposed.

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

3. Resolution – Convene with the City Administrator and the Administrator of Community Utilities to discuss overdue water service payments owed to the City of Fall River from the Town of Westport

Paul Ferland, Administrator of Community Utilities, provided a summary regarding overdue water bills owed to the City of Fall River by the Town of Westport, including the current contract for these services, which charges no interest rate for the overdue payments. The Administrator of Community Utilities explained that between 2016 and 2020, the Town of Westport failed to pay their water bills and resumed payment in full in 2021. Mr. Ferland stated that there was a discrepancy in meter readings between the two municipalities during this time period and that the Watuppa Water Board had recently reached a tentative agreement regarding the repayment of this debt with the Town Administrator of Westport, MA.

Councilor Raposo, the Administrator of Community Utilities, and Seth Thomas Aitken, City Administrator, held a discussion regarding the current contract, and previous contracts, with the Town of Westport. Councilor Raposo expressed concern that there were no sections within the contract regarding legal procedures due to failure of payment, or even arbitration. Mr. Ferland stated that the City of Fall River could have pursued legal counsel if the matter had warranted such action, but the situation occurred years ago, and the current representatives of each

municipality were working toward remedying the debt. Mr. Aitken stated that from 1986 to 2013, these contracts were frequently updated, but no updated contract has been signed since 2013.

Vice President Pereira expressed concern regarding the overdue bills owed to the City of Fall River and that the recent, tentative agreement between the communities hadn't been presented to the City Council. Vice President Pereira emphasized that this problem developed when the current Administrator of Community Utilities was not working for the City of Fall River, but that it was imperative that the Town of Westport repay their owed fees. A brief discussion regarding Westport's meter maintenance was held between Vice President Pereira and the Administrator of Community Utilities, who explained that the City of Fall River is not responsible for the maintenance of the Town of Westport's water meters and stated that he would provide copies of the correspondence relating to Westport's water meter readings to the Committee members.

Councilor Cadime emphasized that the City of Fall River is not required to provide water service to the Town of Westport, and if the town does not pay their overdue fees in full, the City has the right to discontinue water service. Councilor Cadime expressed concern regarding the Administrations' decision to abate the owed debt as that abatement is not provided to Fall River residents who do not pay their water bills. Councilor Cadime clarified that it is within the power of the Watuppa Water Board to enforce remediation of overdue payments, with appropriate interest rates, and suggested shutting off the water to the Town of Westport if full payment is not received. Councilor Cadime stated that other municipalities need to be held to the same requirements as those who reside in Fall River.

Councilor Dionne inquired as to why Fall River did not use their own meters to measure water use, and instead relied on the Town of Westport to provide usage data. The City Administrator clarified that both communities have their own meters for this usage and compare the collected data to determine the appropriate fee rate but agreed that this data tracking was not properly maintained prior to Mr. Ferland being hired in 2021.

A brief discussion was held between President Camara and the Administrator of Community Utilities regarding water meters, backflow devices and sprinkler meters. Mr. Ferland clarified that he is not aware of all meter types within the Town of Westport, but that the Massachusetts General Laws require that any registered water system include a backflow device. The Administrator of Community Utilities also emphasized that with the current agreement, water rates for the Town of Westport are 70% higher than residential rates in the City of Fall River.

Councilor Sampson expressed concern regarding payment leniency with nearby municipalities, as the towns surrounding Fall River do not provide assistance with other important matters, such as housing challenges, and that these towns should be solely responsible for paying for their water services in full.

Councilor Ponte stated that the Committee on Finance did not support a proposed settlement with the Town of Westport in an amount that is lower than the original amount owed. A motion was made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by Councilor Cadime to send a letter of correspondence from the Committee on Finance to the Watuppa Water Board, the Administration, and the governing bodies of the Town of Westport to encourage amending the current agreement to reflect that total debt amount owed to the City of Fall River, and to provide an update to the Committee on Finance within sixty days. The City Administrator provided information regarding the potential totals of debt payments that could be negotiated and expressed concern that the residents of the Town of Westport would have their water supply discontinued due to a governmental oversight that occurred many years ago, which could affect

the relationship between the neighboring municipalities. Councilor Cadime emphasized the protocol in place for residents who do not pay their water bills, that a notice of a water shut-off tends to encourage residents to rectify any overdue debt, and that the same strategy would work with the Town of Westport.

The City Administrator stated that if the Town of Westport was billed per gallon of water, the overdue debt would amount to a total of \$579,000. Mr. Aitken also stated that if the billing rate was only related to gallons of water discharged, the overdue debt would amount to a total of \$292,000. The City Administrator explained that if both rates were billed, utilizing both principal and an interest rate, the total of overdue debt would be over \$1,000,000. Mr. Aitken emphasized that the legalese of the current contract would not allow for that type of excessive billing to be implemented.

Vice President Pereira and the City Administrator discussed that these overdue payments were first presented to the Administration in early 2024. Vice President Pereira expressed concern that this matter was not presented to the City Council for discussion prior to the creation of the tentative agreement.

Councilor Hart asked for clarification regarding the tentative agreement with the Town of Westport. The City Administrator stated that the total amount of debt owed to the City of Fall River was based on water use per gallon between 2016 and 2020, with an abatement related to water that was discharged. Mr. Aitken clarified that overdue interest charges were not implemented to maintain a positive relationship between the City of Fall River and the Town of Westport.

The Administrator of Community Utilities stated that he has been working with the Administration to analyze the matter, and that the best course of action was to determine, based on the average gallon use of past years, an estimated amount of water that was used by the Town of Westport per year between 2016 and 2020, and charge the municipality accordingly. President Camara emphasized the need to research the amount of water usage in the Town of Westport, which may have increased since 2020. Councilor Cadime stated that he would support a payment plan for the Town of Westport, if needed. Councilor Ponte stated that he would like to amend his original motion regarding sending a letter to all related parties regarding this matter.

On a motion made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by Vice President Pereira, it was unanimously voted to send a correspondence from the Committee on Finance to the Watuppa Water Board, the Administration, and any relevant department within the Town of Westport to reconsider the tentative agreement between the municipalities, and to encourage full repayment of the total debt owed to the City of Fall River for water usage by the Town of Westport, including both the principal balance and appropriate interest, with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting, a copy of which is attached and hereto made a part of these minutes.

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

4. Citizen Input Time after discussion of financial matters

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to waive the rules to allow a non-Fall River resident to speak, with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

Keith Michon Jr, 77 Tryon Avenue, East Providence, Rhode Island –
Fall River Educators Association bargaining with School Committee

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to waive the rules to allow a non-Fall River resident to speak, with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

Alexander Sousa, 48 Blaisdell Avenue, Pawtucket, Rhode Island –
Fall River Educators Association bargaining with School Committee

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to waive the rules to allow a non-Fall River resident to speak, with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

Robert Gorman, 56 Coweaset Drive, Brockton, Massachusetts –
Fall River Educators Association bargaining with School Committee

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Sampson, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:01 p.m., with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

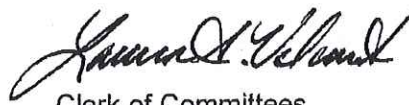
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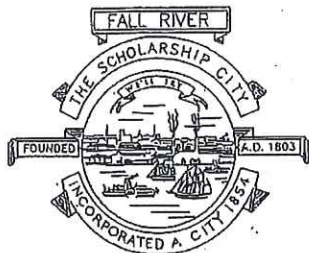
Special Charter Review Committee Report synopsis

Memo re Town of Westport, MA, past-due water account
from the Administrator of Community Utilities

Agreement for drink water services between the City of Fall River and
the Town of Westport, provided by the Administrator of Community Utilities



Clerk of Committees



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Office of the City Clerk

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CITY CLERK

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ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

October 11, 2024

Watuppa Water Board
City of Fall River
One Government Center, Room 326
Fall River, MA 02722

Dear Honorable Board Members:

At a Committee on Finance meeting held on Tuesday, October 8, 2024, on a motion that was made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to send a letter to the Watuppa Water Board to request that the tentative agreement with the Town of Westport, MA, in regards to overdue water bills, be amended to require the payment, in full, that is due to the City of Fall River, including an appropriate interest rate, with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

The City Council Committee on Finance is requesting that this agreement be amended, as the Town of Westport, MA, between the years of 2016 and 2021, made no payments for water services provided by the City of Fall River. The overdue balance owed to the City of Fall River is substantial and full payment, with an appropriate interest rate, should be required to avoid discontinuing these important water services to the residents of the Town of Westport, MA.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the office.

Sincerely,

Alison M. Bouchard
City Clerk

CC: Paul E. Coogan, Mayor, City of Fall River
Seth Thomas Aitken, City Administrator, City of Fall River
James Hartnett, Town Administrator, Town of Westport, MA
Select Board, Town of Westport, MA

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

MEETING: October 8, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, One Government Center

PRESENT: President Joseph D. Camara, presiding;
Councilors Shawn E. Cadime, Michelle M. Dionne, Paul B. Hart,
Linda M. Pereira, Cliff Ponte, Andrew J. Raposo and
Laura-Jean Sampson

ABSENT: Councilor Bradford L. Kilby

IN ATTENDANCE: None

President Camara called the meeting to order at 8:02 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.

PRIORITY MATTERS

1. Mayor and confirmation of the appointment of Tim McCoy to the Conservation Commission

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Sampson, it was voted 6 yeas, 1 nay, to confirm the appointment, with Councilor Dionne voting in the negative, Councilor Cadime voting present and Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

2. Mayor and confirmation of the reappointment of Christopher Boyle to the Conservation Commission

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

3. Mayor and confirmation of the appointment of Donna Valente to the Cultural Council
On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Sampson, it was unanimously voted to confirm the appointment, with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

4. Mayor and confirmation of the following reappointments to the Historical Commission:
 - a. Jason R. Bouchard-Nawrocki

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

- b. Jonathan Lima

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

- c. Joyce B. Rodrigues

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

5. Mayor and quitclaim deed conveying 112 Flint Street (former Davol Street Elementary School, Assessors Lot K-14-0011) from the Flint Neighborhood Association Corp. to the City of Fall River

A motion was made by Vice President Pereira and seconded by Councilor Sampson to adopt the order. Councilor Dionne expressed concern regarding the process in which the decision was made to transfer ownership of this property to the City of Fall River and stated that it is possible that other potential buyers were not adequately considered. Vice President Pereira provided a summary of neighborhood discussions regarding the future use of the building, including the potential development of veterans housing, and that the Committee on Real Estate had addressed this matter in the past. Councilor Raposo stated that Gates of Hope, Inc., a non-profit organization which helps those experiencing financial hardship, will be displaced due to this property transfer and expressed that he would like the City to help them find a new location for this organization. Councilor Sampson added that this organization will be required to relocate no matter what party obtains the property. On a motion made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by Councilor Cadime, it was unanimously voted to refer the matter to the Committee on Finance, with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

PRIORITY COMMUNICATIONS

6. Traffic Commission recommending amendments to the traffic ordinances
On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to refer the recommendations to the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation, with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

ORDINANCES – None.

RESOLUTIONS

7. Committee on Health and Environmental Affairs convene with representatives from Gates of Hope Incorporated and a representative of the Administration to discuss options to help Gates of Hope Incorporated continue their work for the citizens of the Flint Neighborhood

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

8. Committee on Finance convene with representatives from the Fall River Housing Authority and a representative from the Administration to discuss options regarding potential use of the vacant Watuppa Heights property, and to discuss the legal challenges that the property presents

President Camara suggested that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Real Estate, instead of the Committee on Finance, as this is a real estate matter. Councilors Ponte and Raposo both stated that the intention of the resolution was to allow the Committee on Finance to hold the first discussion regarding the matter with all nine Councilors, and following the collective decision of the Committee, the resolution could then be referred to the Committee on Real Estate for further action. On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to adopt the resolution, with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

9. Committee on Finance convene with the City Administrator, the Executive Director/Chief Financial Officer of the Community Development Agency, and any other interested parties to discuss financial resources that would assist the City of Fall River in providing additional shelter facilities with adequate staffing

On a motion made by Councilor Dionne and seconded by Councilor Cadime, it was unanimously voted to request that representatives from all shelter facilities within the City of Fall River be invited to discuss this matter when the resolution is placed on a future agenda, with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting. On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to adopt the resolution, with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

10. Committee on Health and Environmental Affairs convene with a representative of the Board of Park Commissioners, the City Administrator, and a representative of the Fall River Police Department to discuss concerns regarding unauthorized use of public parks

President Camara made brief remarks regarding the importance of residents calling the Fall River Police Department if they see anyone drinking alcohol in public parks. Councilor Raposo stated that residents have contacted the Board of Park Commissioners and the City Council regarding this matter. On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Vice President Pereira, it was unanimously voted to adopt the resolution, with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

CITATIONS

11. Sergeant Frank Andrade – Unit Commander of the Fall River Young Marines
On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Vice President Pereira, it was unanimously voted to adopt the citation, with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

12. Fall River Community Development Agency – Excellence in assisting those in need
On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Vice President Pereira, it was unanimously voted to adopt the citation, with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

ORDERS – HEARINGS

Curb Removals:

13. Roll The Dice LLC, 657 Quarry Street – Removal of 35 feet at 2492 South Main Street
On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by President Camara, it was voted 7 yeas to adopt the order, with Councilor Ponte abstaining and Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.
Approved, October 9, 2024
Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

ORDERS – MISCELLANEOUS

14. **Police Chief's report on licenses:**

Taxicab Drivers

Teresa A. Menezes Brian Araluce Steven Breault Henri Menard

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

15. **Auto Body Shop License Renewal:**

Steven Melo d/b/a Choice Collision Center, Inc., 645 Brayton Avenue

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

Approved, October 9, 2024

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

16. Auto Repair Shop License Renewals:

John Cordeiro d/b/a J & J Auto Repair, Inc., 635 Warren Street
Manuel Felix d/b/a Felix Auto Collision Center, 1201 Slade Street

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

Approved, October 9, 2024

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

COMMUNICATIONS – INVITATIONS – PETITIONS

17. Claims

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

18. Structure on or over a public way application – Board of Elections Department to hang banners across South Main Street (downtown), at the intersection of Bedford Street and Rock Street, and on Pleasant Street from October 25, 2024, to November 5, 2024
Councilor Ponte requested additional information regarding the banners that will be hung by the Board of Election Commissioners. The City Clerk explained that the banners would be visible from October 25, 2024, to November 5, 2024, with general information regarding the state and federal election. On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to approve the application, with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

City Council Minutes

19. Committee on Finance – September 24, 2024

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

20. Regular Meeting of the City Council – September 24, 2024

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

BULLETINS – NEWSLETTERS – NOTICES – None

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Sampson, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:25 p.m., with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

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Alison M. Bouchard

City Clerk

