

City of Fall River Massachusetts

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

MEETING: November 5, 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,
Bradford L. Kilby, Cliff Ponte, Andrew J. Raposo
and Laura-Jean Sampson

ABSENT: Vice President Linda M. Pereira

IN ATTENDANCE: Seth Thomas Aitken, City Administrator
Brian Bentley, Superintendent,
Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School

President Camara called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by a salute to the flag and announced that the meeting may be recorded with audio or video and transmitted through any medium.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to take item 6 out of order, with Vice President Pereira absent and not voting.

CITATIONS

6. B.M.C. Durfee High School Marching Band – Winners of the A-Group 1 U.S. Bands
Massachusetts Championship, October 26, 2024

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Kilby, it was unanimously voted to adopt the citation, with Vice President Pereira absent and not voting. Councilor Raposo made brief remarks congratulating the B.M.C. Durfee High School Marching Band for their accomplishments, including their titles as Massachusetts Champions and their recent win as National Champions. Joseph Fontinha, Director of Fine and Performing Arts K-12, Fall River Public Schools, made brief remarks regarding the hard work and dedication of the students and staff.

On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Kilby, it was unanimously voted to take item 3a out of order, with Vice President Pereira absent and not voting.

PRIORITY COMMUNICATIONS

- 3a. Notice of approval of debt regarding the Massachusetts School Building Authority Project submitted by the Superintendent-Director of Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School

A motion was made by Councilor Kilby and seconded by Councilor Hart to refer the matter to the Committee on Finance. The City Clerk stated that there was a thirty-day deadline for a response to this matter, and the next Committee on Finance meeting would occur after that deadline has passed. Councilor Kilby then rescinded the motion to refer the matter to the Committee on Finance. On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to waive the rules to allow the Superintendent of Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School to answer questions, with Vice President Pereira absent and not voting.

Councilor Raposo requested clarification regarding the matter presented to the City Council. Brian Bentley, Superintendent, Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School, provided a detailed summary regarding the Massachusetts School Building Authority providing additional funding for construction of the new school, including the \$9,000,000 decrease in City expenditures, and that this additional funding will assist with inclusion of additional amenities for the school, including grandstands and ticket gates for the athletic fields and additional curbing. Mr. Bentley stated that Westport, Somerset and Swansea have taken no action to disapprove of the matter and that this change will benefit all municipalities. Councilor Kilby and Councilor Raposo discussed the receipt of this notice, as the letter was dated October 15, 2024. The City Clerk stated that the notice was received on November 1, 2024, and the agenda was revised to include this matter. Councilor Sampson and Mr. Bentley briefly discussed the decrease in debt for the City of Fall River, and Mr. Bentley explained that the original debt amount was \$110,000,000 and has now been reduced to \$101,000,000. Mr. Bentley also stated that the new school is anticipated to open in September of 2026.

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

PRIORITY MATTERS

1. Mayor and order appropriating \$78,062 from Community Preservation Act funds for the CPA Historic Resources Preservation Projects (for the removal of the façade of the Maritime Museum)

Councilor Ponte asked if this renovation project would assist in the reopening of the Maritime Museum. Christopher Nardi, Chief Operating Officer of Battleship Cove, stated that once the façade is repaired, the museum will be safe to reopen. On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Kilby, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order, with Vice President Pereira absent and not voting.

Approved, November 6, 2024

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

2. Mayor and submitted bid proposals for the former Frank M. Silvia Elementary School at 138 Hartwell Street

A motion was made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte to refer the matter to the Committee on Finance. On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by President Camara, it was unanimously voted to waive the rules to allow the City Administrator to speak on the matter, with Vice President Pereira absent and not voting. Seth Thomas Aitken, City Administrator, stated that Councilor Dionne noticed there was an issue with the bids that

invalidated them. Mr. Aitken explained that the price proposal needed to be sealed and the developmental proposal be evaluated by the bid committee before the price proposal is revealed. Mr. Aitken explained that because the price for one of the bids was listed on the documentation in the agenda packet, the process was flawed and requested that the item be granted leave to withdraw to allow the City to rebid the sale of the property. On a motion made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by Councilor Dionne, it was unanimously voted that the matter be granted leave to withdraw, with Vice President Pereira absent and not voting.

PRIORITY COMMUNICATIONS

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

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4. Proposed Ordinance - Traffic, Miscellaneous

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

Approved, November 6, 2024

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

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

Councilor Ponte stated that since the last meeting he learned that several Department Heads within the City hold a contract position and that he will now be voting in favor of this proposed ordinance. On a motion made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was voted 6 yeas, 2 nays, that the proposed ordinance be passed through second reading and enrollment, with Councilors Dionne and Raposo voting in the negative and Vice President Pereira absent and not voting. On a further motion made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was voted 6 yeas, 2 nays, that the proposed ordinance be passed through ordination, with Councilors Dionne and Raposo voting in the negative and Vice President Pereira absent and not voting.

Approved, November 6, 2024

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

RESOLUTIONS - None

CITATIONS

7. Maria Conceição Almas – Celebration of her 92nd Birthday

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

ORDERS – HEARINGS

Curb Removals

8. Peter Brouns, 170 Last Street – Removal of 8 feet at 170 Last Street

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

Approved, November 6, 2024

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

9. Bristol County Homes Inc., 800 Davol Street – Removal of 26 feet at 552 Bowen Street and Hicks Street

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was voted 7 yeas to adopt the order, with Councilor Ponte abstaining and Vice President Pereira absent and not voting.

Approved, November 6, 2024

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

10. Tyler Carreiro, 116 Gagnon Street – Removal of 8 feet at 116 Gagnon Street

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

Approved, November 6, 2024

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

ORDERS – MISCELLANEOUS

Police Chief's report on licenses:

11. **Taxicab Drivers**

David R. La France Natasha Smith

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

12. City Engineer prepare plans for the acceptance of the following streets:

a. Burt Street from New Boston Road to southerly terminus

b. May Street from Pine Street to Cherry Street

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to refer items 12a and 12b to the Planning Board, with Vice President Pereira absent and not voting.

COMMUNICATIONS – INVITATIONS – PETITIONS

13. Claims

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

14. City Engineer – Street opening less than 5 years at 40 Frederick Street

Councilor Ponte asked if the City Engineer approved of this request and the City Clerk stated yes because the request was filed by the City Engineer. On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to approve the request, with Vice President Pereira absent and not voting.

Approved, November 6, 2024

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

15. Drainlayer Licenses

NP Land Architects Inc.

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

Approved, November 6, 2024

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

16. Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes – September 19, 2024

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

On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to take items 17 through 21 together, with Vice President Pereira absent and not voting.

City Council Minutes

17. Public Hearing – October 22, 2024

18. Committee on Finance – October 22, 2024

19. Committee on Finance – October 30, 2024

20. Regular Meeting of the City Council – October 22, 2024

21. Special Meeting of the City Council – October 30, 2024

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted that the minutes be approved, with Vice President Pereira absent and not voting.

BULLETINS – NEWSLETTERS – NOTICES – None

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Real Estate recommending action:

3b. Order – Request of authorization for Mayor to transfer three (3) parcels of vacant land currently held as Tax Possessions to the Watuppa Water Board

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

Approved, November 6, 2024

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

Committee on Finance recommending action:

3c. Loan Order (increase) – renovations and repairs to the Central Fire Station and construction of an EMS Storage Facility (total amount of \$3,200,000)

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was voted that the order be adopted, with Councilor Cadime opposed and Vice President Pereira absent and not voting.

Approved, November 6, 2024

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

A brief recess was held from 8:04 p.m. to 8:06 p.m. for the purpose of signing the proposed ordinances.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:07 p.m., with Vice President Pereira absent and not voting.

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:

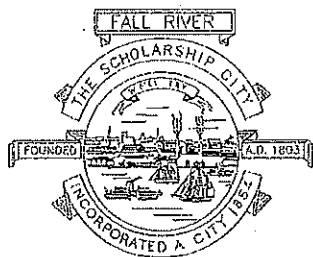
Agenda packet (attached)

A true copy. Attest:



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In City Council, November 19, 2024
Approved.



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ORIGINAL POSTING: NOVEMBER 1, 2024, AT 11:12 A.M.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, ONE GOVERNMENT CENTER
NOVEMBER 5, 2024
REVISED AGENDA

5:30 P.M. COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE

5:55 P.M. PUBLIC HEARINGS (OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE MEETING IF IT RUNS PAST 5:55 P.M.)

Curb Removals

1. Peter Brouns, 170 Last Street, for the removal of curbing as follows:

	Existing Opening	Curbing to be Removed	Curbing to be Added	Combined Opening Proposed After Alteration
170 Last Street	19' 4"	8'	0'	27' 4"

The existing parcel is currently serviced by a 19-foot, 4-inch curb opening on Last Street. The applicant proposes to extend that existing opening by an additional 8 feet. The total opening for the location will be 27 feet, 4 inches. If approval is granted, it should be conditional upon receiving Site Plan Review Approval prior to the start of work.

2. Bristol County Homes Inc., 800 Davol Street, for the removal of curbing as follows:

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

1. Citizen Input
2. *Fiscal Year 2025 Quarter 1 Budget Report (referred 10-22-2024)
3. *Increase to existing loan order for renovations and repairs to the Central Fire Station and construction of an EMS Storage Facility (total amount of \$3,200,000) (referred 10-22-2024)

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ITEMS FILED AFTER THE AGENDA DEADLINE
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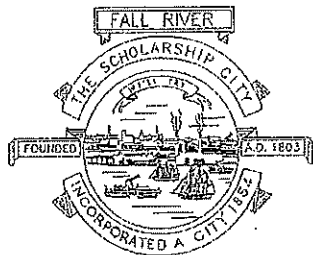
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PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

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October 29, 2024

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

Dear Honorable Council Members:

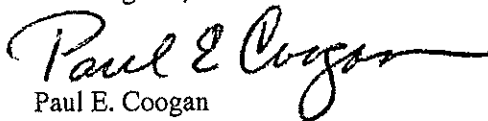
The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) has identified one additional community project and has made recommendations for funding in accordance with the Community Preservation Act (CPA) MGL Chapter 44B Sections 4 to 7.

- Maritime Museum - \$78,062.00 – Remove entire Façade

Your approval of the associated Appropriation Order is respectfully requested.

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

APPROPRIATION ORDER

ORDERED that the following FY 25 supplemental appropriations be provided through the Community Preservation Act (CPA), reserves under the MGL Chapter 44B Sections 4 to 7 in the aggregate, amounting to \$78,062.00 to be appropriated as follows:

Voted: That \$78,062.00 be appropriate from the CPA Fund's Undesignated fund balance

For CPA Administrative Expenditures	\$0
For CPA Open Space/Outdoor Recreation PROJECTS	\$0
For CPA Historic Resources Preservation PROJECTS	\$78,062.00
For CPA Community Housing	\$0

<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$78,062.00</u>
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Note: Please note this is a supplemental CPA appropriation for FY25. The City Council had earlier appropriated \$1,771,482 for various CPA projects. The CPA fund balance is reported at \$3,986,054.92 on June 30, 2024 and is more than sufficient to cover this supplemental appropriations.



**City of Fall River
Massachusetts
Community Preservation Committee**

JOHN BRANDT
Chairman

KRISTEN CANTARA OLIVEIRA
Vice-Chairman

October 22, 2024

Mayor Paul Coogan
One Government Center
Fall River, MA 02722

Dear Mayor Coogan,

The Community Preservation Committee voted on emergency funding for the Maritime Museum at their last meeting, Monday, October 21, 2024.

- Maritime Museum
\$78,062.00

Remove the entire façade from the Maritime Museum site. It will include the removal and safe disposal of the façade's infill panels and the demolition/removal of the supporting steel structure. An architect and structural engineer will supervise/monitor the process to ensure minimal disruption to the Museum's original structure. The need to make repairs to the original brick structure is unknown at this time and will be considered upon completion of the demolition.

A letter needs to come from the mayor approving this funding and for the Auditor to prepare an Appropriation Order for this project.

We need this order to go to the City Council so it can get on the agenda for their next meeting.

Respectfully,

John Brandt, Chair
Fall River Community Preservation Committee



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Mayor

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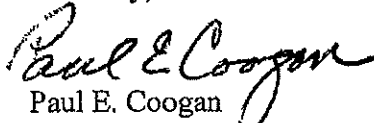
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Member of the Honorable Council
City of Fall River
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Dear Councilor President and Members of the Honorable Council:

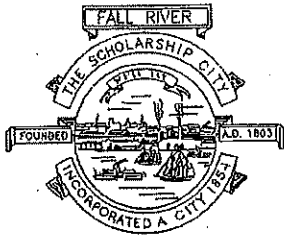
Attached please find a letter from Seth Aitken, City Administrator, regarding the two bids received for the former Frank M. Silvia School at 138 Hartwell Street for your review and consideration.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and if additional information is needed, please contact my office.

Sincerely,


Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

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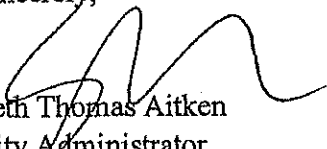
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Dear Councilor President and Members of the Honorable Council:

Attached please find two bid submittals in response to the Request for Proposals for the former Frank M. Silvia School at 138 Hartwell Street for referral to the City Council Committee on Real Estate.

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

Sincerely,


Seth Thomas Aitken
City Administrator

PC/amos

Quote Submission for RFP #25-07 – Sale of Former Silvia School and Annex

BISWAS, LLC
816 Brayton Point Road
Somerset, MA 02725
zafar4usa@gmail.com
617 869-3212

October 24, 2024

Purchasing Department
Room 324, One Government Center
Fall River, MA 02722

RE: Quote Submission for RFP #25-07 – Sale of Former Silvia School and Annex

Dear Ms. Rebekah Pontes,

On behalf of BISWAS, LLC, I am pleased to submit our proposal for the acquisition and redevelopment of the former Silvia School and Annex, located at 138 Hartwell Street, Fall River, MA. We are highly interested in this property due to its potential for impactful urban redevelopment. We have completed our development proposal, which outlines our vision for the property, and believe it aligns with the City of Fall River's goals to enhance the local community through mixed-use development.

Company Overview and Interest

BISWAS, LLC has a strong track record in similar projects, including converting underutilized properties into vibrant spaces for residential and commercial use. We propose to convert the upper floors of the former Silvia School into market-rate housing, while dedicating the ground floor and annex space to exhibition and performance venues. This approach will foster cultural enrichment within the Fall River community and contribute to the ongoing revitalization of the Central Business District.

Financial Capacity

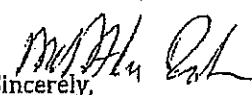
We are confident in securing financing from Rockland Trust Company due to our longstanding relationship in similar projects. Letters of commitment and financial references will be provided in due course to demonstrate our capacity to fund and complete the redevelopment.

Price Proposal

We are offering a purchase price of \$216,000 for the property. Enclosed is a certified check for the \$20,000 bid deposit, as required. We believe this offer is competitive, given the property's current condition and potential for redevelopment.

We are confident that our proposal will provide long-term benefits to the community of Fall River by contributing to its cultural and economic development, while also aligning with the city's development objectives.

Thank you for considering our submission. We look forward to the opportunity to contribute to the revitalization of this historic property and to further discussions with the City of Fall River.


Sincerely,
Md Abu Zafar
Chief Executive Officer
BISWAS, LLC

Attachments:

- Development Proposal
- Price Proposal Form
- Affidavit of Non-Collusion
- Tax Compliance Certification
- Health and Building Code Violation Disclosure
- Affidavit of Non-Conviction of Crimes Related to Arson
- Disclosure of Beneficial Interest
- Clerk's Certificate of Authority



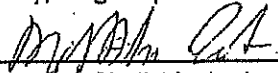
NON-COLLUSION FORM

Applicants submitting a bid, proposal to provide supplies or services to the City or to purchase supplies from the City must complete and submit the following certification of non-collusion for with the bid or proposal.

CERTIFICATE OF NON-COLLUSION

The undersigned certifies, under penalties of perjury, that this bid or proposal has been made and submitted in good faith and without collusion or fraud with any other person.

As used in this certification, the word "person" shall mean any natural person, business, partnership, corporation, union, committee, club or other organization, entity, or group of individuals.


Signature of individual submitting bid, or proposal of services

Md Abu Zafar
Print name of individual submitting bid, or proposal of services

BISWAS, LLC
Name of Business/Vendor

October 24, 2024
Date



CERTIFICATE OF TAX COMPLIANCE

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 62C, Section 49A, the undersigned acting on behalf of the Contractor*, certify under penalties of perjury that to the best knowledge and belief, the Contractor* is in compliance with all laws of the Commonwealth relating to taxes, reporting of employee and contractors, and withholding and remitting child support.

Individual

Signature	Date
Name (please print or type)	Social Security Number
Corporate	
BISWAS, LLC	
Corporate Name (please print or type)	
<i>Md Abu Zafar</i>	October 24, 2024
Signature of Corporate Officer	Date
Md Abu Zafar	LLC Manager
Name of Corporate Officer (please print or type)	Title
20-3297005	
Taxpayer Identification Number	

As used in this certification, the word "Contractor" shall mean any natural person, business, partnership, corporation, union, committee, club, or other organization, entity, or group of individuals.



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TAX STATUS AND HISTORY DISCLOSURE*

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If Proposer is Corporation, LLC or Trust:

Company Name: BISWAS, LLC

BY: Md Abu Zafar

Name of Company Officer (printed)

Signature

October 24, 2024
Date

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Signature _____

Proposer's Name (printed)

Date _____

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HEALTH AND BUILDING CODES VIOLATIONS DISCLOSURE*

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BY:

Md Abu Zafar

Name of Company Officer (printed)

Signature

October 24, 2024

Date _____

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CITY OF FALL RIVER

AFFIDAVIT OF NON-CONVICTION OF CRIMES RELATED TO ARSON

I, Md Abu Zafar, hereby depose and say:

I, BISWAS, LLC, the Purchaser of the Property from the City of Fall River identified as 138 Hartwell Street, Parcel ID# N21-0001, hereby state that neither the Purchaser/Lessee nor any person who would gain equity in the property as a result of the conveyance has ever been convicted of a crime involving the willful and malicious setting of a fire or of a crime involving the aiding, counseling or procuring of a willful and malicious setting of a fire, or of a crime involving the fraudulent filing of a claim of fire insurance.

Signed and sworn to under the pains and penalties of perjury this 24th day of October, 20 24.


Signature

Md Abu Zafar
Printed or typed name

BISWAS, LLC
Company name



PURCHASING

CITY OF FALL RIVER

City of Fall River Disclosure of Beneficial Interest Statement
For Transaction with a Public Agency Concerning Real Property
M.G.L c. 7C, s.38 (formerly M.G.L c. 7, s. 40J)

The undersigned party to a real property transaction with a public agency hereby discloses and certifies, under pains and penalties of perjury, the following information as required by law:

- (1) REAL PROPERTY: 138 Hartwell Street, Fall River, MA
- (2) TYPE OF TRANSACTION, AGREEMENT, or DOCUMENT: RFP #25-07
- (3) PUBLIC AGENCY PARTICIPATING in TRANSACTION: City of Fall River
- (4) DISCLOSING PARTY'S NAME AND TYPE OF ENTITY: BISWAS, LLC
- (5) ROLE OF DISCLOSING PARTY (Check appropriate role):

☐ Lessor/Landlord	☐ Lessee/Tenant
☐ Seller/Grantor	☒ Buyer/Grantee
☐ Other (Please describe): _____	
- (6) The names and addresses of all persons and individuals who have or will have a direct or indirect beneficial interest in the real property excluding only 1) a stockholder of a corporation the stock of which is listed for sale to the general public with the securities and exchange commission, if such stockholder holds less than ten per cent of the outstanding stock entitled to vote at the annual meeting of such corporation or 2) an owner of a time share that has an interest in a leasehold condominium meeting all of the conditions specified in M.G.L. c. 7C, s. 38, are hereby disclosed as follows (attach additional pages if necessary):

NAME

RESIDENCE

Md Abu Zafar

80 JENSEN FARM RD. BRAINTREE, MA 02184

- (7) None of the above- named persons is an employee of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance or an official elected to public office in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, except as listed below (Check "NONE" if NONE):

☐ NONE

NAME:

POSITION:

(8) The individual signing this statement on behalf of the above-named party acknowledges that he/she has read the following provisions of Chapter 7C, Section 38 (formerly Chapter 7, Section 40J) of the General Laws of Massachusetts:

No agreement to rent or to sell real property to or to rent or purchase real property from a public agency, and no renewal or extension of such agreement, shall be valid and no payment shall be made to the lessor or seller of such property unless a statement, signed, under the penalties of perjury, has been filed by the lessor, lessee, seller or purchaser, and in the case of a corporation by a duly authorized officer thereof giving the true names and addresses of all persons who have or will have a direct or indirect beneficial interest in said property with the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any stockholder of a corporation the stock of which is listed for sale to the general public with the securities and exchange commission, if such stockholder holds less than ten per cent of the outstanding stock entitled to vote at the annual meeting of such corporation. In the case of an agreement to rent property from a public agency where the lessee's interest is held by the organization of unit owners of a leasehold condominium created under chapter one hundred and eighty-three A, and time-shares are created in the leasehold condominium under chapter one hundred and eighty-three B, the provisions of this section shall not apply to an owner of a time-share in the leasehold condominium who (i) acquires the time-share on or after a bona fide arm's length transfer of such time-share made after the rental agreement with the public agency is executed and (ii) who holds less than three percent of the votes entitled to vote at the annual meeting of such organization of unit owners. A disclosure statement shall also be made in writing, under penalty of perjury, during the term of a rental agreement in case of any change of interest in such property, as provided for above, within thirty days of such change.

Any official elected to public office in the commonwealth, or any employee of the division of capital asset management and maintenance disclosing beneficial interest in real property pursuant to this section, shall identify his position as part of the disclosure statement. The commissioner shall notify the state ethics commission of such names and shall make copies of any and all disclosure statements received available to the state ethics commission upon request.

The commissioner shall keep a copy of each disclosure statement received available for public inspection during regular business hours.

(9) This Disclosure Statement is hereby signed under penalties of perjury.

BIWAS, LLC

PRINT NAME OF DISCLOSING PARTY (from Section 4, above)

Md Abu Zafar 10/29/24
 AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE of DISCLOSING PARTY DATE (MM / DD / YYYY)

Md Abu Zafar, LLC Manager

PRINT NAME & TITLE of AUTHORIZED SIGNER



CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY/CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

At a duly authorized meeting of the Board of Directors of BISWAS, LLC
(Name of Corporation)

Held on October 24, 2024 It was VOTED that:
(Date)

Md Abu Zafar, LLC Manager
(Name) (Officer)

of this corporation, be and he/she hereby is authorized to submit bids and proposals, execute contracts, deeds and bonds in the name and on behalf of said corporation, and affix its corporate seal hereto; and such execution of any contract, deed or obligation in this corporation's name on its behalf by such (Officer) Md Abu Zafar under seal of the company, shall be valid and binding upon this corporation.

A True Copy,

ATTEST: *Md Abu Zafar*

TITLE: LLC Manager

PLACE OF BUSINESS: 80 JENSEN FARM RD BRAINTREE, MA 02184

DATE OF THIS CERTIFICATE: October 24, 2024

I hereby certify that I am the clerk of the BISWAS, LLC
(Name of Corporation)

That Md Abu Zafar is the duly elected LLC Manager
(Name) (Office)

of said corporation, and that the above vote has not been amended or rescinded and remains in full force and effect as of the date of this contract. Md Abu Zafar
(Clerk)

CORPORATE SEAL:



CITY OF FALL RIVER CONFLICT OF INTEREST CERTIFICATION

October 24, 2024

(Date)

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

Indicate "Y" (Yes) or "N" (No), and if "No," provide details below.

THE RESPONDENT CERTIFIES THAT:

Y 1. The Respondent will immediately disclose, in writing, to the City of Fall River any potential conflict of interest which may occur during the term of any contract awarded pursuant to this solicitation or any fee for service.

Y 2. The Respondent has not paid and will not pay any bonus, commission, fee, gratuity, or other remuneration to any employee or official of the City of Fall River for the purpose of obtaining an award of a contract pursuant to this solicitation. The Respondent further certifies that no bonus, commission, fee, gratuity, or other remuneration has been or will be received from any third party or paid to any third-party contingent on the award of a contract pursuant to this solicitation or any fee for service.

SECTION 2 —DISCLOSURES RFP Respondents & Vendors doing business with the City of Fall River must respond to every statement. Responses submitted without a complete response may be deemed nonresponsive and prohibit the City of Fall River from engaging in goods & services.

Indicate "Y" (Yes) or "N" (No) for Disclosures 1-4, and if "Yes," provide details and attach statement (s).

N 3. State whether the Respondent, or any officer, director, manager, stockholder, member, partner, or other owner or principal of the Respondent or any parent, subsidiary, or affiliate has been subject to suspension or debarment by any federal, state, or municipal governmental authority, or the subject of criminal prosecution, or convicted of a criminal offense within the previous 5 years. If "Yes," provide details.

N 4. State whether the Respondent, or any officer, director, manager, stockholder, member, partner, or other owner or principal of the Respondent or any parent, subsidiary, or affiliate has had any contracts with a federal, state, or municipal governmental authority terminated for any reason within the previous 5 years. If "Yes," provide details.

zafar4usa@gmail.com

(Email address)

(Signature Required)

Md Abu Zafar

(Print Name of Respondent)

816 Brayton Point Road

Somerset, MA 02725

(Address)

617 849-5869

(Phone)

(Vendor #)

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RFP #25-07
SALE OF FORMER SILVIA SCHOOL AND ANNEX

ISSUED: MONDAY SEPTEMBER 23RD, 2024
DEADLINE FOR QUESTIONS: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15TH, 2024
DEADLINE FOR PROPOSALS: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25TH, 2024
PREPARED BY: REBEKAH PONTES - INTERIM PURCHASE AGENT

12.0 MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

In order to be considered responsive, the following Minimum Requirements must be met by a submitted proposal:

	Yes	No
1. Bidder has executed and provided a Non-Collusion Affidavit, Tax Compliance Certification and Sale of Tax Possession Affidavit, and the forms Attached hereto.	<u>X</u>	_____
2. Bidder has submitted a Development Proposal in accordance with the requirements of this RFP.	<u>X</u>	_____
3. Bidder has submitted a Price Proposal in accordance with the requirements of this RFP.	<u>X</u>	_____

RFP #25-07 Sale of Former Silvia School & Silvia Annex

EXHIBIT "A"

COMPARATIVE EVALUATION MATRIX

		HIGHLY ADVANTAGEOUS	ADVANTAGEOUS	NOT ADVANTAGEOUS	UNACCEPTABLE
1	Experience with redevelopment of urban sites	Includes three or more examples of projects involving the redevelopment of urban sites, completed by the development team.	Includes at least one example of a project involving the redevelopment of an urban site, completed by the development team.	Does not include any examples of projects involving the redevelopment of urban sites, completed by the development team.	Does not include any examples of previous projects.
2.	Financial capacity to complete project	Two years' financial statements along with pre-qualification commitments and letters of reference from lenders and potential equity investors, clearly illustrating proposer's capacity to complete all phases of the project.	Financial statements along with letters of reference from lenders and potential equity investors illustrating proposer's capacity to complete all phases of the project.	Letters of interest from lenders and potential equity investors suggesting proposer's potential capacity to complete all phases of the project.	Information provided is insufficient to make a determination.
3.	Project budget	A project budget that identifies estimated costs and sources of funding for major components of the project along with a pro forma profit loss statement for the development proposal.	A project budget that identifies estimated costs and sources of funding for major components of the project.	A project budget that identifies estimated costs for major components of the project.	Information provided is insufficient to make a determination.

RFP #25-07 Sale of Former Silvia School & Silvia Annex

EXHIBIT "A"

COMPARATIVE EVALUATION MATRIX (CONTINUED)

4.	Likelihood of completing the project on schedule and in a timely manner	Proposal illustrates the development team's ability to complete the project within 2 years of executing a purchase and sale agreement and incorporates a commitment to do the same	Proposal illustrates the development team's ability to complete the project within 3-5 years of executing a purchase and sale agreement and incorporates a commitment to do the same	Proposal does not illustrate the development team's ability to complete the project within 6-10 years of executing the purchase and sale agreement and does not include a commitment to do the same.	Information provided is insufficient to make a determination.
5.	Implementation strategy	Proposer will complete all phases of the development process, including construction and leasing/sales	Proposer will sell entitled development sites within the project to site developers and provides examples in which it has completed projects using this approach.	Proposer proposes to sell entitled development sites within the project to site developers but does not provide examples in which it has completed projects using this approach.	Proposal does not describe the proposed implementation strategy
6.	Job creation commitment	Proposer commits to the creation of a maximum number of permanent full time jobs as part of the first phase of the development plan.	Proposer commits to the creation of a maximum number of permanent full time jobs as part of subsequent phases of the development plan	Proposer commits to the creation of less than the maximum number of permanent full time jobs as part of subsequent phases of the development plan.	Proposer does not commit to the creation of permanent full time jobs as part of the development plan
7.	Benefits to adjacent development and neighborhood	Proposal has a master plan type connection to a development plan for the adjacent area development that is fully compatible with neighborhood	Proposal generally describes a connection to a development plan for the area that is fully compatible with neighborhood	Proposed use is marginally compatible with neighborhood	Proposal does not describe the proposed use in context with neighborhood.



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Company Name: _____

BY: _____
Name of Company Officer (printed)

Signature

Date

If Proposer is an Individual or Partnership:

Sunny Aroustanian
Signature

Sunny Aroustanian
Proposer's Name (printed)

10-24-24
Date

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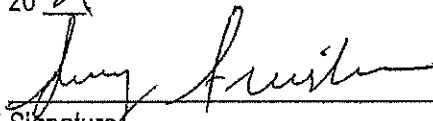


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Signed and sworn to under the pains and penalties of perjury this 24th day of October, 2024


Signature

Sunny Arustemian
Printed or typed name

(Individual)
Company name



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TAX STATUS AND HISTORY DISCLOSURE*

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(4) DISCLOSING PARTY'S NAME AND TYPE OF ENTITY:

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RESIDENCE

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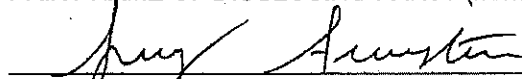
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Sunny Aroutstian 

PRINT NAME OF DISCLOSING PARTY (from Section 4, above)



AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE of DISCLOSING PARTY

10-24-21

DATE (MM / DD / YYYY)

Sunny Aroutstian

PRINT NAME & TITLE of AUTHORIZED SIGNER



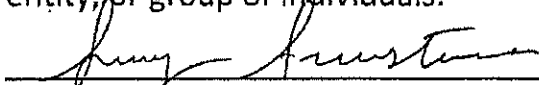
NON-COLLUSION FORM

Applicants submitting a bid, proposal to provide supplies or services to the City or to purchase supplies from the City must complete and submit the following certification of non-collusion for with the bid or proposal.

CERTIFICATE OF NON-COLLUSION

The undersigned certifies, under penalties of perjury, that this bid or proposal has been made and submitted in good faith and without collusion or fraud with any other person.

As used in this certification, the word "person" shall mean any natural person, business, partnership, corporation, union, committee, club or other organization, entity, or group of individuals.



Signature of individual submitting bid, or proposal of services

Sunny Arustemion

Print name of individual submitting bid, or proposal of services

Innovare

Name of Business/Vendor

10-24-24

Date

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF SF-LLL, DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

This disclosure form shall be completed by the reporting entity, whether sub awardee or prime Federal recipient, at the initiation or receipt of a covered Federal action, or a material change to a previous filing, pursuant to title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. The filing of a form is required for each payment or agreement to make payment to any lobbying entity for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with a covered Federal action. Complete all items that apply for both the initial filing and material change report. Refer to the implementing guidance published by the Office of Management and Budget for additional information.

1. Identify the type of covered Federal action for which lobbying activity is and/or has been secured to influence the outcome of a covered Federal action.
2. Identify the status of the covered Federal action.
3. Identify the appropriate classification for this report. If this is a follow-up report caused by a material change to the information previously reported, enter the year and quarter in which the change occurred. Enter the date of the last previously submitted report by this reporting entity for this covered Federal action.
4. Enter the full name, address, city, State, and zip code of the reporting entity. Include Congressional District, if known. Check the appropriate classification of the reporting entity that designates if it is, or expects to be, a prime or subaward recipient. Identify the tier of the sub awardee, e.g., the first sub awardee of the prime is the 1st tier. Subawards include but are not limited to subcontracts, subgrants and contract awards under grants.
5. If the organization filing the report in item 4 checks "Sub awardee," then enter the full name, address, city, State, and zip code of the prime Federal recipient. Include Congressional District, if known.
6. Enter the name of the federal agency making the award or loan commitment. Include at least one organizational level below agency name, if known. For example, Department of Transportation, United States Coast Guard.
7. Enter the Federal program name or description for the covered Federal action (item 1). If known, enter the full Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for grants, cooperative agreements, loans, and loan commitments.
8. Enter the most appropriate Federal identifying number available for the Federal action identified in item 1 (e.g., Request for Proposal (RFP) number; Invitations for Bid (IFB) number; grant announcement number; the contract, grant, or loan award number; the application/proposal control number assigned by the Federal agency). Included prefixes, e.g., "RFP-DE-90-001."
9. For a covered Federal action where there has been an award or loan commitment by the Federal agency, enter the Federal amount of the award/loan commitment for the prime entity identified in item 4 or 5.
10. (a) Enter the full name, address, city, State, and zip code of the lobbying registrant under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 engaged by the reporting entity identified in item 4 to influence the covered Federal action.

(b) Enter the full names of the individual(s) performing services, and include full address if different from 10(a). Enter Last Name, First Name, and Middle Initial (MI).
11. The certifying official shall sign and date the form, print his/her name, title, and telephone number.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act, as amended, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control Number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is OMB No. 0348-0046. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-0046), Washington, DC 20503.

Approved by OMB

0348-0046

Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352 (See reverse for public burden disclosure)

1. Type of Federal Action: a. contract _____ b. grant _____ c. cooperative agreement _____ d. loan _____ e. loan guarantee. _____ f. loan insurance	2. Status of Federal Action: a. bid/offer/application. _____ b. initial award _____ c. post-award	3. Report Type: a. initial filing _____ b. material change _____ For material change only: Year _____ quarter _____ Date of last report _____
4. Name and Address of Reporting Entity: _____ Prime _____ Sub awardee _____ Tier _____, If Known: Congressional District, if known:	5. If Reporting Entity in No. 4 is Sub awardee, Enter Name and Address of Prime: Congressional District, if known:	
6. Federal Department/Agency: 	7. Federal Program Name/Description: CFDA Number, if applicable: _____	
8. Federal Action Number, if known: 	9. Award Amount, if known: \$	
10. a. Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant <i>(if individual, last name, first name, MI):</i>	b. Individuals Performing Services <i>(including address if different from No. 10a)</i> <i>(last name, first name, MI):</i>	
11. Information requested through this form is authorized by title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. This disclosure of lobbying activities is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed by the tier above when this transaction was made or entered into. This disclosure is required pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352. This information will be reported to the Congress semi-annually and will be available for public inspection. Any person who fails to file the required disclosure shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.	Signature: <u><i>Sandy Droustamien</i></u> Print Name: <u>Sandy Droustamien</u> Title: <u>Indiana</u> Telephone No.: <u>518-785-7421</u> Date: <u>10-24-21</u>	
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CITY OF FALL RIVER

REQUIRED FOR FEDERALLY FUNDED
PROJECTS

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CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions.

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents of all sub-awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, sub-grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub-recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of the fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, United States Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Organization: Sunny Arvestation

Street address: 82 Hartwell Street

City, State, Zip: Fall River, MA 02721

Sunny Arvestation
CERTIFIED BY: (type or print)

Individual

TITLE:

Sunny Arvestation
(signature)

10-24-72
(date)



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CITY OF FALL RIVER CONFLICT OF INTEREST CERTIFICATION

10-24-24
(Date)

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

Indicate "Y" (Yes) or "N" (No), and if "No," provide details below.

THE RESPONDENT CERTIFIES THAT:

☒ 1. The Respondent will immediately disclose, in writing, to the City of Fall River any potential conflict of interest which may occur during the term of any contract awarded pursuant to this solicitation or any fee for service.

☒ 2. The Respondent has not paid and will not pay any bonus, commission, fee, gratuity, or other remuneration to any employee or official of the City of Fall River for the purpose of obtaining an award of a contract pursuant to this solicitation. The Respondent further certifies that no bonus, commission, fee, gratuity, or other remuneration has been or will be received from any third party or paid to any third-party contingent on the award of a contract pursuant to this solicitation or any fee for service.

SECTION 2 —DISCLOSURES RFP Respondents & Vendors doing business with the City of Fall River must respond to every statement. Responses submitted without a complete response may be deemed nonresponsive and prohibit the City of Fall River from engaging in goods & services.

Indicate "Y" (Yes) or "N" (No) for Disclosures 1-4, and if "Yes," provide details and attach statement (s).

☒ 3. State whether the Respondent, or any officer, director, manager, stockholder, member, partner, or other owner or principal of the Respondent or any parent, subsidiary, or affiliate has been subject to suspension or debarment by any federal, state, or municipal governmental authority, or the subject of criminal prosecution, or convicted of a criminal offense within the previous 5 years. If "Yes," provide details.

☒ 4. State whether the Respondent, or any officer, director, manager, stockholder, member, partner, or other owner or principal of the Respondent or any parent, subsidiary, or affiliate has had any contracts with a federal, state, or municipal governmental authority terminated for any reason within the previous 5 years. If "Yes," provide details.

SunnyScutoSole@yahoo.com
(Email address)
[Signature]
(Signature Required)
Sunny ScutoSole
(Print Name of Respondent)

82 Hartwell Street 02721
(Address)
508-789-7421
(Phone)

(Vendor #)



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City of Fall River
Purchasing Department
One Government Center
Fall River, MA 02722
508-324-2000

VENDOR CERTIFICATION FORM

Project Number: (IFB, RFP, RFQ, WQ) # RFP #25-07
Please acknowledge the project addenda(s) if applicable.

Addenda #1 _____, Addenda #2 _____, Addenda #3 _____, Addenda #4 _____

COMPANY NAME: Sunny Aroutamian

STREET ADDRESS: 82 Hartwell Street Fall River, MA 02721

MAILING ADDRESS: 82 Hartwell Street Fall River, MA 02721

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: Fall River, MA 02721

COUNTY: Bristol

TELEPHONE: 508-789-7421

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE AND TITLE: [Signature]

EMAIL ADDRESS: SunnyScutoSole@yahoo.com



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CERTIFICATE OF TAX COMPLIANCE

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 62C, Section 49A, the undersigned acting on behalf of the Contractor*, certify under penalties of perjury that to the best knowledge and belief, the Contractor* is in compliance with all laws of the Commonwealth relating to taxes, reporting of employee and contractors, and withholding and remitting child support.

Individual

[Signature] 10-24-24
Signature Date

Sunny Aronson
Name (please print or type) Social Security Number

Corporate

Corporate Name (please print or type)

Signature of Corporate Officer Date

Name of Corporate Officer (please print or type) Title

Taxpayer Identification Number

As used in this certification, the word "Contractor" shall mean any natural person, business, partnership, corporation, union, committee, club, or other organization, entity, or group of individuals.



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CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY/CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

At a duly authorized meeting of the Board of Directors of _____
(Name of Corporation)

Held on _____ it was VOTED that:
(Date)

(Name) (Officer)

of this corporation, be and he/she hereby is authorized to submit bids and proposals, execute contracts, deeds and bonds in the name and on behalf of said corporation, and affix its corporate seal hereto; and such execution of any contract, deed or obligation in this corporation's name on its behalf by such (Officer) _____ under seal of the company, shall be valid and binding upon this corporation.

A True Copy,

ATTEST: _____

TITLE: _____

PLACE OF BUSINESS: _____

DATE OF THIS CERTIFICATE: _____

I hereby certify that I am the clerk of the _____
(Name of Corporation)

That _____ is the duly elected _____
(Name) (Office)

of said corporation, and that the above vote has not been amended or rescinded and remains in full force and effect as of the date of this contract. _____
(Clerk)

CORPORATE SEAL:

CITY OF FALL RIVER
MASSACHUSETTS

Traffic & Parking Division



Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

October 28, 2024

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

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Honorable Council Members:

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

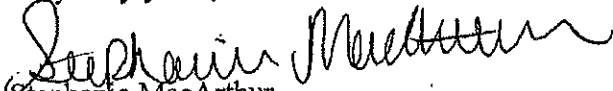
Article: 70
Section: 387 Handicapped Parking

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following:

INSERT

Name of Street	Side	Location
Fourth St	West	Starting at a point 41 feet North of Wade St For a distance of 20 feet North.

Very truly yours,


Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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Article: 70
Section: 387 Handicapped Parking

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following:

INSERT

Name of Street	Side	Location
Bay St	East	Starting at a point 133 feet North of Pokross St For a distance of 20 feet North.

Very truly yours,


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Director of Traffic & Parking

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Article: 70
Section: 387 Handicapped Parking

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following:

INSERT

Name of Street	Side	Location
Hamlet St	North	Starting at a point 159 feet East of East Main St For a distance of 20 feet East

Very truly yours,


Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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Article: 70
Section: 387 Handicapped Parking

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following:

INSERT

Name of Street	Side	Location
Mason St	East	Starting at a point 328 feet South of Pleasant St For a distance of 20 feet South.

Very truly yours,


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

Article: 70

Section: 387

Handicapped Parking

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following:

INSERT

Name of Street	Side	Location
Sprague St	North	Starting at a point 257 feet East of Bay St For a distance of 20 feet East.

Very truly yours,


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

Article: 70
Section: 387 Handicapped Parking

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following:

INSERT

Name of Street	Side	Location
Swindells St	East	Starting at a point 34 feet North of Pleasant St For a distance of 20 feet North.

Very truly yours,

Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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

Article: 70
Section: 387 Handicapped Parking

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following:

INSERT

Name of Street	Side	Location
Winter Street	West	Starting at a point 108 feet North of Franklin St For a distance of 20 feet North.

Very truly yours,

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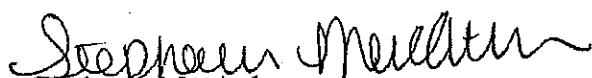
Article: 70
Section: 387 Handicapped Parking

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following:

INSERT

Name of Street	Side	Location
Woodman St	North	Starting at a point 69 feet West of Bay St For a distance of 20 feet West.

Very truly yours,


Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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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
IN CITY COUNCIL

OCT 22 2024

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first reading*

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
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City of Fall River
Notice of Claim

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CITY CLERK 24-83
FALL RIVER, MA

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1. Claimant's name: STEPHEN GOMES
2. Claimant's complete address: 721 OAK GROVE AVENUE, FALL RIVER, MA 02720
3. Telephone number: Home: 508 567-3963 Work: _____
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
PROPERTY DAMAGE TO 6 MORRIS ST DUE TO BROKEN SEWER PIPE
5. Date and time of accident: 3/2024 Amount of damages claimed: \$ 21,000.00
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):
6 MORRIS ST, FALL RIVER, MA
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
ROAD CONSTRUCTION WAS BEING PERFORMED IN FRONT OF 6 MORRIS ST BY CITY ASSIGNED CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTORS BROKE A SEWER PIPE CAUSING DAMAGE TO 6 MORRIS ST
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: 10/15/2024

Claimant's signature: Stephen Gomes By Attorney [Signature]

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

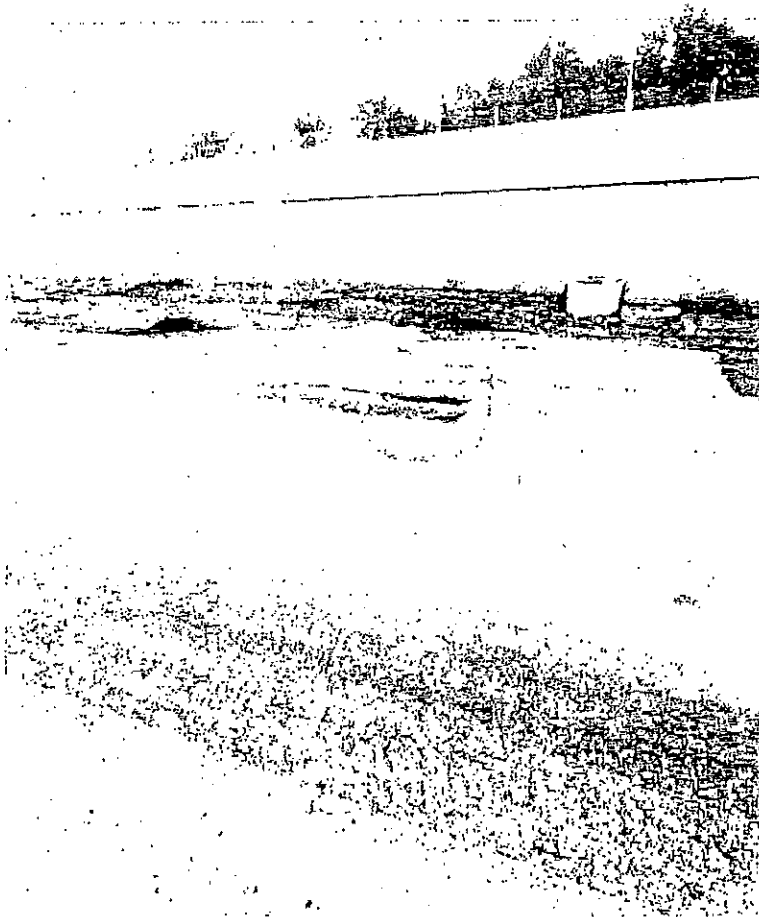
Date: 10/18/24

Letter 13

At approximately 6:15am on August 1, 2024, traveling southbound on Davol St. in Fall River, MA, I struck a large pothole that damaged and punctured my passenger side tires. A AAA tow truck came and picked up the car to take it to my mechanics shop in Middletown, RI, where they recommended 4 new tires. Attached are pictures of both the pothole and damaged tires, which had the side wall blown out and another with a pinch hole. Also attached is the invoice from the mechanics shop for the 4 new tires.

Haydon Gilmore,

12 South Drive, Middletown, Rhode Island 02842.



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FALL RIVER, MA

✓ City Clerk ✓ Law ✓ Council ✓ DCM

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City of Fall River
Notice of Claim

2024 OCT 24 A 10:54
#24-85

1. Claimant's name: Christopher MacKenzie CITY CLERK FALL RIVER, MA
2. Claimant's complete address: 282 Montauk St Apt 2 Fall River, MA 02724
3. Telephone number: Home: 508 933 0975 Work: _____
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
Auto accident
5. Date and time of accident: 10/22/24 1334 Amount of damages claimed: \$1000.00
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):
Beth Rd Tiverton, RI
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
Vehicle was parked on Beth Rd in Tiverton, RI on 10/22/24 and Fall River ES side swiped the rear drivers side while reversing out of Beth Rd
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: 10/24/24 Claimant's signature: Christy MacKenzie

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

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October 24, 2024

Oak Grove Cemetery / Cemeteries & Tree Division
765 Prospect St
Fall River, MA 02720

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Claim # 24-86
CITY CLERK
FALL RIVER, MA

RE: Claim Number: AOIN23110067
Policy Holder: Bruno Elias Borges
Insurance Company: Incline Casualty Company
Date of Loss: 11/27/2023
Amount of Loss: \$15,781.35

Dear Oak Grove Cemetery / Cemeteries & Tree Division:

North American Risk Services, Inc. (NARS) is the third party administrator for Incline Casualty Company. We have made payments to Bruno Elias Borges bringing our total subrogation demand amount to \$15,781.35.

Our investigation shows that your insured was the proximate cause of this accident.

Attached are the supporting documents. After you have had an opportunity to review this matter, please forward a settlement draft made payable to Incline Casualty Company, as subrogee of Bruno Elias Borges.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Tricia Gilder
Associate Adjuster
(800) 315-6090 X1122
tgilder@narisk.com

Attachments

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City of Fall River
Notice of Claim

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CITY CLERK 24-87
FALL RIVER, MA

1. Claimant's name: Jose Quinones
2. Claimant's complete address: 100 Green St. Apt. 401 Fall River Ma 02720
3. Telephone number: Home: 774-528-7734 Work: _____
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
Auto accident
5. Date and time of accident: Approx 1:00pm 10-22-2024 Amount of damages claimed: \$ 2599.81
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):
pleasant St and canty (Happy Garden)
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
Police had sirens on I pulled over to let him go by
and I hit a big pot hole
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
New England Insurance 101 Prescient Ave. Suite 101 Fall River Ma

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: 10-23-2024

Claimant's signature: Jose Y. Michelle Quinones

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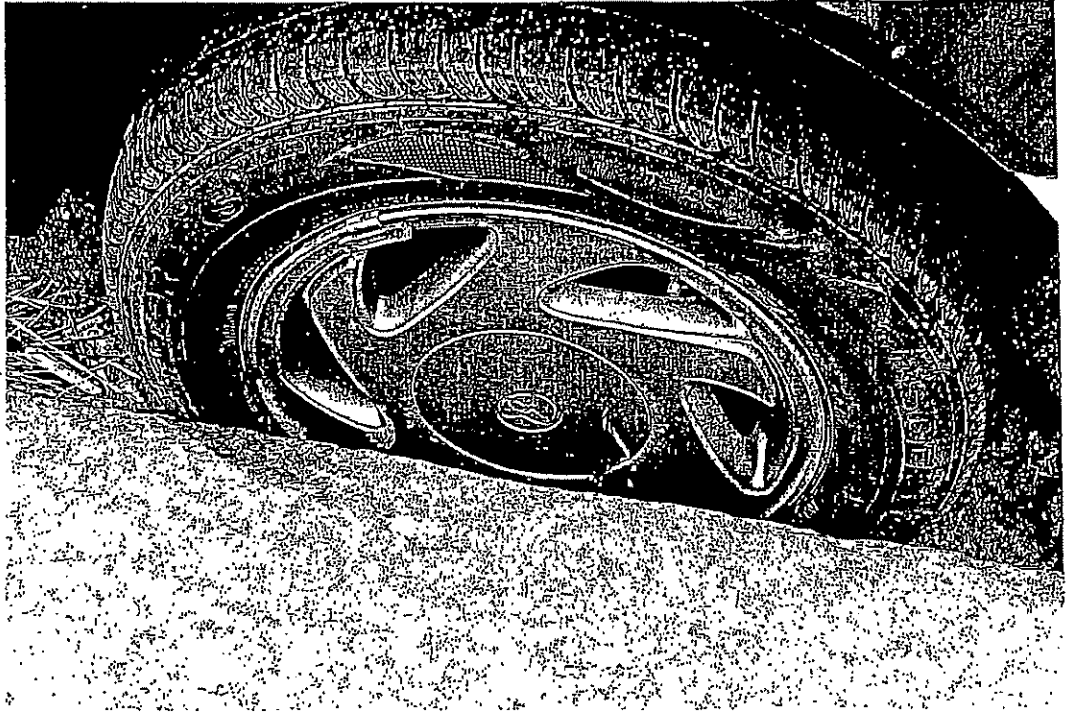
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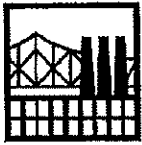
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FALL RIVER, MA





**DEPARTMENT OF
ENGINEERING - PLANNING**
CITY OF FALL RIVER

PAUL E. COOGAN

Mayor

DANIEL AGUIAR

Director of Engineering & Planning

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FALL RIVER, MA

MEMO

TO: Fall River City Council
FROM: Daniel Aguiar, City Engineer
DATE: October 18, 2024
RE: Parcel C-15-7, 40 Frederick Street-5 Year Street Opening Request

The Engineering Department is in receipt of a letter requesting the ability to connect water, sewer and electric utility service to the single -family dwelling being constructed at 40 Frederick Street. Frederick Street was reconstructed within the last 5 years (2019) with the moratorium ending January 1, 2025. The property is not currently served by any utility.

All permits granted from the Engineering Department will require complete restoration of the roadway. This restoration will be singular in nature encompassing all trenches and shall be reconstructed from curb to curb.

Attached are the following items:

1. Cover letter from property owner.
2. Site Plan Approval Letter
3. Tax Certification

I respectfully request that the matter be considered at the next available City Council meeting. I am available at your convenience to discuss the matter if need be. Thank you for your attention.

One Government Center • Fall River, MA 02722
TEL (508) 324-2512 • FAX (508) 324-2564 • EMAIL engineering@fallriverma.gov

October 14, 2024

Dear City Council Members of Fall River,

In writing this to you, we are in hopes of enjoying the holidays this year together in our new home at 40 Frederick Street in Fall River. We have been patiently waiting for the year to be able to build our very first house. This year, luck has favored us!

Being current residents of Fall River we have grown to know and love Fall River. We are both local business owners...seeing the growth of small businesses and the effort to keep the city well maintained has made us more appreciative of living in this area.

With determination we are working diligently on making sure our house is built for the holidays to help us maintain our local businesses and keep our family together. However, we have reached an issue that is holding up our house building completion timeframe. That is the road moratorium on Frederick Street, Fall River. This moratorium is due to end on Jan 1, 2025.

With less than 3 months left on the moratorium, we are asking for your permission to allow us to do an early excavation of Frederick Street to hook up the sewer, water and electricity.

We are more than accepting of paying for any road repairs to the city's code and standards. These repairs will be done immediately after all hook ups are completed.

The excitement of being new home owners and becoming permanent residents of Fall River just in time for Christmas is weighing on us. We hope you consider our request and appreciate your time!

Thank you,

Casey Michalowski

Casey Michalowski

(401-261-6451) casey.cse@gmail.com

Morgan Garcia

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(774-400-4533) morgang13@gmail.com

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

MEETING: October 22, 2024, at 5:55 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: Bridget Almon, Director of Financial Services
Daniel Lane, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Assessors
Richard Gonsalves, Chair, Board of Assessors
Richard B. Wolfson, Secretary, Board of Assessors
Nancy L. Hinote, Member, Board of Assessors

The President called the meeting to order at 5:58 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 Cadime absent and not voting.

Tax Classification

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

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

On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to reopen the hearing at 6:02 p.m., with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.

The President asked if any proponents were present, and the Board of Assessors came to the table. Richard Gonsalves, Chair, Board of Assessors, reconvened the recessed meeting of the Board of Assessors at 6:04 p.m.

Mr. Gonsalves provided a brief overview of the City's revenue growth from the previous two years and stated that over 3.6 million dollars of tax revenue was accounted for via certified receipts in the past year. Mr. Gonsalves explained that most of this growth came from utilities, such as gas, electricity, and construction. Mr. Gonsalves further stated that growth was observed with commercial properties, with many companies completing their Tax Increment Finance (TIF) agreements. The Chair of the Board of Assessors explained that there was residential growth as well, with residential taxes totaling \$50,511,211.00, which resulted in \$580,374.00 in tax revenue. Mr. Gonsalves stated that the original assessment of residential revenue was calculated to be \$1.2 million dollars, but it was later identified that it was the total value of both residential and commercial/industrial revenue. The Chair of the Board of Assessors further explained that taxable personal property generated \$2,379,476 of revenue, emphasizing that utilities generated the most growth and that this is a trend that has carried over from the previous two years.

Councilor Ponte asked for clarification regarding the specifics of calculating the growth of utilities. Mr. Gonsalves explained that much of the growth value was due to the installation of underground pipelines, wires and the energy complex on Davol Street. Mr. Gonsalves gave a brief explanation of the correspondence between utility companies and the City to calculate property value. Councilor Ponte and Mr. Gonsalves discussed the lifespan of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Agreements and value growth that can be attributed to these partnerships. Mr. Gonsalves explained that the TIF Agreement with the Amazon Fulfillment Center provided significant growth in the past fiscal year. Councilor Ponte asked what the total was for the financial growth assessment for the City with the Amazon TIF Agreement, and Daniel Lane, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Assessors, stated that there was \$300,000 documented in real estate growth. Mr. Gonsalves explained that the total gross growth assessment was between \$12,000,000 and \$13,000,000 dollars. A brief discussion was held between Councilor Ponte and Mr. Gonsalves regarding the new ownership of Saint Anne's Hospital, additional TIF agreements that are currently active within the City of Fall River, and updated capitalization rates that estimate the potential investment returns related to real estate.

On a motion made by Nancy L. Hinote, Member, Board of Assessors, and seconded by Mr. Gonsalves, it was voted 3 yeas to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Assessors at 6:13 p.m.

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

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to close the hearings at 6:13 p.m., with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:

Agenda (attached)

A true copy. Attest:

Elison M. Bouchard
City Clerk

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MEETING: October 22, 2024, at 6:00 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: Seth Thomas Aitken, City Administrator
Kenneth Fredette, Assistant Corporation Counsel
Faith Bon Jovi, 168 Quequechan Street
Carlos Cesar, 367 Frost Street
Michael Dion, Executive Director/Chief Financial Officer of the
Community Development Agency
Sherri Ellis, Chief Executive Officer, SSTAR
Sarah Meyers, M.D., SSTAR
Sheila Chasse, Director of Housing and Basic Needs,
Catholic Social Services

The chair called the meeting to order at 6:14 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

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

Aaron and Christina Shemenski, 159 Church Pond Drive, Tiverton, RI –
Vandalism/security/safety issues, Boardwalk Crossing Plaza

Collin Dias, 560 Ray Street – Section 9-18 of the City Charter
Kelly Buchanan, 16 Bradford Avenue – Illegal encampments; not enforcing ordinance
Devon Molina, 162 O'Grady Street – Skatepark
Courtney Ross, 934 County Street – Skatepark

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.

Councilor Sampson requested additional information regarding the historic timeline for the sale of this property, specifically when the Flint Neighborhood Association owned the parcel, as the Councilors had received a copy of a letter from individuals who had intended to purchase the property prior to the ownership transfer to the City of Fall River. Seth Thomas Aitken, City Administrator, clarified that the City purchased the former Davol Street Elementary School in September 2024. Mr. Aitken explained that the letter presented to the Councilors referenced negotiations, which took place in August 2024, between the Flint Neighborhood Association and another potential buyer.

Carlos Cesar, 367 Frost Street, stated that he was the President of the Flint Neighborhood Association when the property was sold to the City of Fall River, but is no longer President. Mr. Cesar provided a detailed summary of the Flint Neighborhood Association's intention to assist a food pantry, Gates of Hope, Inc., located at 112 Flint Street, during the property transition, and that, ultimately, the goal was not achieved with the final sale agreement. Councilor Sampson emphasized that the owner of the property is now the City of Fall River, and while Mr. Cesar's intentions were admirable, he made the decision to sell the former Davol Street Elementary School. Councilor Sampson also stated that the City had the necessary resources to develop additional housing on the lot.

The City Administrator stated that during the sale agreement meetings, the topics Mr. Cesar addressed as major concerns were parking and tax-related matters. Mr. Aitken also clarified that the Administration was not aware of previous discussion, such as a former purchase and sales agreement from a potential buyer, listed within the correspondence that was shared with City Councilors. The City Administrator explained that the City did inspect the property following the sale and the building was deemed fit for storage purposes, but business could not take place within the facility due to safety concerns.

Councilor Ponte offered to work with Gates of Hope, Inc., to find a new location for the organization, at no cost. Faith Bon Jovi, 168 Quequechan Street, a representative of Gates of Hope, Inc., stated that their budget was limited and, while they had worked to achieve small amounts of grant funding, the cost of rental units was larger than what the organization could afford. Councilor Ponte emphasized that there are many vacant storefronts in the City that he will research, but ultimately the Committee should focus on granting permission to the Administration to begin the Request for Proposals (RFP) process to sell 112 Flint Street.

A brief discussion was held between Councilor Dionne and the City Administrator regarding affordable and low-income housing developments within Fall River. Mr. Aitken stated that the RFP for the sale of the former Davol Street Elementary School will require the buyer to include a specific percentage of affordable housing units within their proposal, but that it is not economically feasible to require the entire building to be affordable or low-income rental units.

Vice President Pereira requested clarification regarding legal discussions that occurred prior to the City's purchase of the building. Kenneth Fredette, Assistant Corporation Counsel, provided a summary of discussions that were held with both Mr. Cesar, and the former legal counsel for the Flint Neighborhood Association. Mr. Fredette stated that, originally, the Association's attorney filed for a hearing to delay the sale, which was then waived by Mr. Cesar and the purchase and sale agreement with the City of Fall River was signed shortly thereafter.

On a motion made by Vice President Pereira and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to refer the matter to the full Council for action, with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.

3. Resolution – Convene with the City Administrator, 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

Michael Dion, Executive Director/Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the Community Development Agency (CDA), provided an executive summary statement and presentation related to homelessness, shelters and non-profit organizations within the City of Fall River, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. Mr. Dion emphasized that homelessness is an issue throughout the country and will continue to be a concern, especially with the increased costs of housing. The Executive Director/CFO of the CDA also clarified that the City provides assistance to those with Substance Use Disorder (SUD), but does not provide supplies, such as syringes, to those who use illegal substances.

Councilor Raposo and Mr. Dion discussed adding additional beds to existing shelters, such as First Step Inn, operated by Steppingstone, Inc. Mr. Dion emphasized that there are financial challenges related to adding more beds and increasing staffing levels to care for additional shelter residents, and that the City is currently negotiating with organizations regarding such expenses.

Councilor Sampson and the Executive Director/CFO of the CDA discussed the Timeo Center and the addition of beds within that facility. Mr. Dion clarified that, due to the square footage within that location, it would be very difficult to exceed more than the thirty beds that are currently offered. Sherri Ellis, Chief Executive Officer, SSTAR, and Sarah Meyers, M.D., SSTAR, provided information regarding the challenges of obtaining shelter staff and supplemental services to those living within a shelter facility. Dr. Meyers stated that many shelters have multiple steps and qualifications that an individual must meet to be allowed into the facility, such as sobriety and surrendering their personal property, which creates more obstacles for people in need. Mr. Dion clarified that there are no shelters within Fall River that will work with those who suffer from addiction to alcohol, so those individuals are taken to local hospitals instead. Mr. Dion also explained that there is no plan to open a facility that provides related services. Dr. Meyers stated that those with SUD are more likely to suffer from hypothermia, injury, and death if they are living outside. Mr. Dion and Dr. Meyers explained that the overall goal is to place individuals in long-term housing, with additional support services and active case management.

Councilor Ponte emphasized the hard work and dedication of those who provide services and resources related to homelessness within the City of Fall River and stated that the number of organizations addressing this challenge surpasses the amount in most municipalities within the Commonwealth.

Vice President Pereira and Mr. Dion discussed the, now closed, encampment that was located off Rodman Street, near the Quequechan River Rail Trail, and the potential development of additional housing, such as accessory dwelling units. Mr. Dion explained that the City worked with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation regarding this matter, as the encampment was very close to Interstate 195, which is state property, and presented safety concerns. Sheila Chasse, Director of Housing and Basic Needs, Catholic Social Services, stated that the organization worked to find legitimate rental units within the City for those in need, as well as

assisting them with obtaining employment. Mr. Dion emphasized that these types of employment programs result in higher success rates for those who need assistance. Ms. Ellis provided additional information regarding SSTAR's newly expanded psychotherapy program, which allows Dr. Meyers to begin medical assessments with individuals outside of the practice facility.

Councilor Dionne and Mr. Dion discussed the overall goal to reduce homeless encampments within the City, as well as funding resources to assist with this goal. Mr. Dion emphasized that services are offered to those in need as frequently as possible, as those who refuse services could return in the future. The Executive Director/CFO of the CDA also explained that the City has been utilizing new software to collect data regarding those who are living outside, and that data collection provides updates when individuals pursue treatment or assistance. Mr. Dion stated that the CDA has applied for, and received, numerous state grants to assist with this matter. Ms. Chasse also explained that Catholic Social Services has programs to provide additional housing for younger individuals between the ages of 18 and 24, and housing for those with disabilities. Mr. Dion stated that there are currently eighty (80) beds that will be available during the winter months and that there are approximately 140 people experiencing homelessness within the City. Dr. Meyers emphasized that there may be additional individuals who are living in their vehicles and parking in places where they may not be noticed, but overall, the organizations are working together to assist those in need.

4. Transfers and appropriations
No discussion was held.

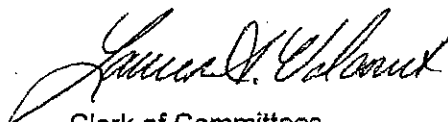
On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by President Camara, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:38 p.m., with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:

Agenda packet (attached)

Correspondence addressed to Councilor Dionne related to a former, proposed purchase and sale agreement of 112 Flint Street, from Pam Laliberte and Ronald Oliveira

Executive summary and presentation related to homelessness, shelters and non-profit organizations within the City of Fall River, provided by Michael Dion, Executive Director/Chief Financial Officer of the Community Development Agency


Clerk of Committees

Executive Summary

Homelessness in Massachusetts and in Fall River is an issue that needs constant attention. Massachusetts is ranked #7 out of top 10 states with the largest homeless population in the United States. Massachusetts has 15,507 total homeless population, with 222 homeless per 100,000 residents. I attached to this package the top 10 cities with homelessness to show that this is a nationwide problem and not just a problem pertinent to Fall River. In the last Point-in-Time Count (February 2024) the City of Fall River counted 140 unsheltered homeless individuals living on the streets. We have worked very hard to establish a relationship with them and to know where they are located.

The city combats homelessness with very scarce resources. The First Step Inn shelter is at capacity on a year-around basis. The First Step Inn recently increased from 20 to 30 beds and we are currently working on them increasing to 50 beds all year round. Since First Step Inn operates at capacity it requires the community to open an Overflow Shelter in the cold winter months that has a capacity of 30 individuals.

I have worked for 6 different mayors over 29 years and I can report that this administration has done the most for our homeless population. We work daily to make sure that no one is left out in the cold. We provide warming centers at both our shelters, and we open additional emergency shelters for storms and very cold days.

FRCDA has partnered with many non-profits, and we are using best practices to help people out of homelessness. I have attached a list of the partner agencies that have been working to reduce homelessness. The government cannot solve this issue alone. The communication between government and the private sector has never been better.

In the past 5 years, Fall River has worked tirelessly to prevent homelessness. I have attached what we have accomplished during the Coogan Administration, from the development of a permanent overflow shelter to the establishment of the FAST Team. We are researching all grant possibilities, applying for those grants, purchasing amenities that are needed, and making sure that our employees have the tools to do their job.

Encampments have been a big issue in the City of Fall River. The city and its partners have worked on numerous occasions to close encampments throughout the city. The city uses the best practices design by the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness. The city uses the 7 principals for addressing encampments. This tool has provided the city guidance and is how we are dealing with encampments.

For the past couple of years, the city and private landlords (National Grid, Mass DOT) has been closing encampments down. We have partnered with others to close the Lewiston Street, Plymouth Avenue (TACO Bell), Brayton Avenue, and Pleasant Street. We are currently working to close down Brayton Avenue again and Cook Pond (Liberal Club). I am providing you with statistics concerning Brayton Avenue and Cook Pond (Liberal Club). Also, in late November and early December we will be working on Middle Street (Kennedy Park) encampment. The city has even sent individuals back to where they originated from via airplane, bus or car. We have sent people to Florida, Atlanta, Ohio and New York.

The creation of the FAST team has been a game changer. They are a team of individuals that are working to make a difference in our opioid and homelessness problem. The FAST team is made up of a Homeless Outreach Director, two Recovery Coaches, a Police Officer, a Statistician and a Clinician. The FAST team is grant funded and has been working for the past three years. With the creation of the FAST team, we also have implement Julota. Julota is a software program the provides the FAST team with a continuum of care for homeless individuals. Julota tells us where a homeless person is living, what services were provided to them and how the FAST team has been servicing them. This software is so important in our dealing with this issue. I have attached a list of homeless people that we encounter and what services they were provided with for the months of August, September and October 2024.

We are currently operating "Enhancements without Encampments", a transition from homelessness to sober living. We are working each case individually and the program has been very successful. I have provided you with statistics of the program. We have 12 homeless individuals living in Sober Houses, 23 individuals in treatment, 8 that were successful in the program and 12 that we were not successful with and hope there is a possible return to the program.

All of this is possible because we were able to apply for grants without any money from the city budget. Over the past 5 years the city and its partners have committed a substantial amount of money. We have committed close to 4 million dollars to reduce homeless and we have just been successful in the Connect & Protect Grant in the amount of \$550,000 from the Department of Justice. I have attached a spreadsheet showing our commitment to homelessness over the past five years.

Just like other communities, our work is not done. With the current housing market, homelessness is here to stay. This year, The City and Steppingstone will continue to operate the First Inn Shelter and will service 50 homeless individuals, we will open and Overflow Shelter to house 30 individuals in the cold winter months, we will continue to partner with First Baptist Church and Christ the Rock Church for emergencies and work

with EHOLC on family homelessness. I will end by saying we will always have homelessness in this city, but we have acknowledged it and as you can see, we are working on it.

Sincerely

Michael P. Dion
Executive Director/CFO

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MEETING: October 30, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, One Government Center

PRESENT: President Joseph D. Camara, presiding;
Councilors Michelle M. Dionne, Paul B. Hart, Bradford L. Kilby,
and Andrew J. Raposo

ABSENT: Vice President Linda M. Pereira and Councilors Shawn E. Cadime,
Cliff Ponte and Laura-Jean Sampson

IN ATTENDANCE: Bridget Almon, Director of Financial Services
Daniel Lane, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Assessors
Richard Gonsalves, Chair, Board of Assessors

The chair called the meeting to order at 5:00 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 - None
2. Board of Assessors re: establishment of Fiscal Year 2025 tax factor and tax levy
Councilor Kilby asked if the Administration's recommendation for the tax factor for Fiscal Year 2025 was 1.75. Bridget Almon, Director of Financial Services, confirmed that 1.75 was the recommendation. Councilor Dionne noted that there was significant new growth in personal property in the past year and asked for clarification regarding how it was achieved. Richard Gonsalves, Chair, Board of Assessors, briefly explained how several gas, electric and road construction companies have grown significantly in the past two years, and this development helped to fuel the new growth. The Chair of the Board of Assessors also explained that a Form of List (Massachusetts State Tax 2HF Form) is submitted to all business owners within the City, and that the document assists in identifying new taxable items, as well as a price list for the appreciation of those items. Mr. Gonsalves also clarified that if business owners had questions or concerns about the determined valuations, a discussion would be held between business representatives and the Board of Assessors.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Dionne, it was unanimously voted to refer the matter to the full Council for action, with Vice President Pereira and Councilors Cadime, Ponte and Sampson absent and not voting.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Dionne, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 5:05 p.m., with Vice President Pereira and Councilors Cadime, Ponte and Sampson absent and not voting.

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



Assistant Clerk of Committees

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.
3. Mayor and proposed transfer of 78 Thomas Street (Assessor's Parcel ID #K-14-0061) from the City of Fall River to the Community Development Agency for rehabilitation and sale through the First Time Homebuyer Program
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.

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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:

11. Proposed Ordinance - Traffic, Miscellaneous

Section 1.

Parking prohibited during certain hours

- Snell Street, South, 41 feet east of Dover Street, for a distance of 155 feet easterly Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Section 2.

Loading, service and passenger zones

- Hartwell Street, West, 267 feet south of Fifth Street, for a distance of 47 feet southerly Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Section 3.

Handicapped parking removals

- Alden Street, West, 823 feet north of East Warren Street
- Cherry Street, North, 240 feet east of North Main Street
- Harrison Street, West, 484 feet north of Alden Street
- Hunter Street, East, 127 feet south of Hope Street
- John Street, West, 76 feet north of Rodman Street
- Morton Street, West, 20 feet south of Brightman Street
- Mott Street, West, 152 feet north of Cambridge Street
- Orswell Street, North, 285 feet west of Stafford Road
- Pine Street, North, 57 feet west of Winter Street
- Pitman Street, East, 214 feet north of Harrison Street
- 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 years, 3 days, 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 REPORTSCommittee 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:

Alison M. Bouchard

City Clerk

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

MEETING: October 30, 2024, at 5:05 p.m.
Council Chamber, One Government Center

PRESENT: President Joseph D. Camara, presiding;
Councilors Michelle M. Dionne, Paul B. Hart, Bradford L. Kilby,
and Andrew J. Raposo

ABSENT: Vice President Linda M. Pereira and Councilors Shawn E. Cadime,
Cliff Ponte and Laura-Jean Sampson

IN ATTENDANCE: None

President Camara called the meeting to order at 5:05 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.

POTENTIAL MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (if received):

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Finance recommending action:

1. Board of Assessors re: establishment of Fiscal Year 2025 tax factor and tax levy
On a motion made by Councilor Dionne and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to set the Fiscal Year 2025 tax factor and levy at the rate of 1.75, and to adopt the orders establishing the levy and determining the percentages to be borne by each class of real property and personal property, with Vice President Pereira and Councilors Cadime, Ponte and Sampson absent and not voting.
Approved, October 31, 2024
Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Dionne, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 5:07 p.m., with Vice President Pereira and Councilors Cadime, Ponte and Sampson absent and not voting.

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:
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A true copy. Attest:

Alison M. Bouchard

City Clerk

mailed 10/15/24
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**Greater Fall River Vocational School District
Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School**

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October 15, 2024

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

Dear President Camara,

Enclosed, please find the notice of approval of debt regarding Diman's MSBA Project. The project's budget was increased and approved by a vote of the Greater Fall River Vocation School District Committee at the October 10, 2024 meeting. This notice provides the Mayor and the City Council with thirty days from October 10, 2024 within which you may, but do not have to, hold a City Council meeting, to express disapproval of the debt. If no action is taken within the thirty days, the debt is considered approved.

Sincerely,

Brian S. Bentley
Superintendent-Director

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**GREATER FALL RIVER VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
DIMAN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL
CERTIFICATE OF THE SECRETARY**

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am the duly appointed Secretary of the Greater Fall River Vocational School District (Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School), Fall River, Massachusetts (the "District") and that, as such, I keep and have custody of the records of the meetings of the Greater Fall River Vocational School District School Committee (the "Committee"). I further certify that, a meeting of the Committee duly called and held on Thursday, October 10, 2024, after proper notice given the public and to each member of the Committee, which meeting was attended by five (5) of the six (6) members of the Committee, constituting a quorum, the following votes were unanimously adopted by the vote of five (5) members voting in the affirmative, zero (0) members voting in the negative and zero (0) members abstained from the vote:

A motion was made by Mr. DiBiasio, seconded by Dr. Nehra and voted unanimously that:

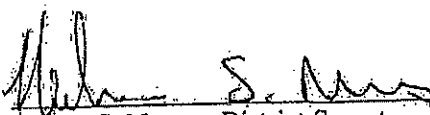
Pursuant to the agreement establishing the Greater Fall River Vocational School District, and the provisions of Section 6(d) of 703 of the Acts of 1962, as amended, I hereby notify you that the following is a true copy of the vote passed by the Regional District School Committee at a meeting held on October 10, 2024:

VOTED: That the Greater Fall River Vocational School District Committee hereby appropriates the amount of \$11,733,686 for the purpose of paying costs of designing, engineering, constructing and equipping the New Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School and related athletic facilities located at 251 Stonehaven Road, Fall River, MA 02723 including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"), which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children of at least 50 years and for which the District may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended at the direction of the Greater Fall River Vocational School Committee. This appropriation is in addition to and supplements an original appropriation in the amount of \$293,479,760 as voted by the School Committee on February 10, 2022, thereby resulting in a total appropriation for the Project in the amount of \$305,213,446. To meet this appropriation the District is authorized to borrow said amount, under and pursuant to Chapter 703 of the Acts of 1962, as amended, the District Agreement, as amended, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The District acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need as determined by the MSBA, and any Project costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District; provided further that any grant that the District may receive from the MSBA shall not exceed the lesser of (1) seventy-nine and seventy-seven one hundredths percent (79.77%) of eligible, approved Project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA. No amounts shall be borrowed pursuant to this vote in the event that a member city or town of the District shall express disapproval of the debt authorized by this vote within sixty (60) days of the date of October 10, 2024.

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FURTHER VOTED: That within seven (7) days from the date on which this vote is adopted the Secretary be and hereby is instructed to notify the city council of the city and the board of selectmen of each town comprising the District as to the amount and general purposes of the debt herein authorized, as required by the District Agreement and by Chapter 703, Section 6(d) of the Acts of 1962, as amended.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said District, this 15th day of October, 2024,



Helena S. Neves, District Secretary

