



City of Fall River Massachusetts

Office of the City Clerk

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CITY CLERK

CHELSEA PACHECO
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

MEETING: December 9, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, One Government Center

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

ABSENT: Councilors Bradford L. Kilby and Ricky T. Tith

IN ATTENDANCE: None

President Camara called the meeting to order at 7:27 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

On a motion made by Councilor Cadime and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was voted to lift item 1 from the table, with Vice President Pereira opposed and Councilors Kilby and Tith absent and not voting.

1. Mayor and request for confirmation of the appointment of Christopher Parayno to the position of Director of Community Maintenance
Vice President Pereira commended the work of the applicant in his previous roles within the City of Fall River and expressed disappointment that the candidate withdrew his application. Councilor Dionne clarified that the City Charter requires the City Council to accept or reject all appointments, and that, although the applicant has withdrawn his candidacy, the request should be rejected. Councilor Cadime stated that the individual did not have the necessary experience for the position of Director of Community Maintenance, and that the City Council is responsible for holding the Administration accountable for choosing ideal candidates.

On a motion made by Councilor Dionne and seconded by Councilor Cadime, it was voted 7 yeas that the request for appointment be rejected, with Councilors Kilby and Tith absent and not voting.

2. Mayor and request for confirmation of the appointment of Paula Costa Cullen to the Library Board of Trustees
Councilor Cadime stated that he needed additional information from the Administration regarding this appointment.

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

3. Mayor and request for confirmation of the reappointment of Jonathan Lima to the Historical Commission

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

PRIORITY COMMUNICATIONS

4. Traffic Commission recommending amendments to the traffic ordinances

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

ORDINANCES – None

RESOLUTIONS

5. Committee on Ordinances and Legislation convene to draft a proposed ordinance requiring City Council approval for any contract renewed, or extended, by the Mayor for contracted employees, Department Heads or Division Managers

Councilor Ponte stated that he disagrees with the legal opinion provided by Corporation Counsel in relation to the City Council's jurisdiction with the confirmation of appointments and contract approvals. Councilor Ponte explained that the City Council should have the power to review, and confirm, all reappointments and contract renegotiations.

On a motion made by Councilor Dionne and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was voted 6 yeas, 1 nay to adopt the resolution, with President Camara voting in the negative and Councilors Kilby and Tith absent and not voting.

6. Committee on Ordinances and Legislation convene to discuss striking out §2-131 of the City Code re: loan order authorizations

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Cadime, it was voted 6 yeas, 1 nay to adopt the resolution, with President Camara voting in the negative and Councilors Kilby and Tith absent and not voting.

7. City Council extends congratulations to the Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School Bengals Football Team for winning the Massachusetts Vocational Large School Super Bowl and declares December 3rd as the Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School Bengals Superbowl Championship Day

Councilor Hart made brief remarks commending the Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School Bengals Football Team on their achievement. On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to adopt the resolution, with Councilors Kilby and Tith absent and not voting.

8. Committee on Ordinances and Legislation convene with Corporation Counsel to discuss amendments to §2-151 of the City Code re: City Council standing committees

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

9. City Council request for a home rule petition to change to Plan E form of government with a City Manager

Councilor Dionne stated that many constituents have expressed frustration with the current form of government, and that this home rule petition would allow the voters to determine the best course of action for the City of Fall River going forward. On a motion made by Vice President Pereira and seconded by Councilor Dionne, it was unanimously voted to adopt the resolution, with Councilor Cadime abstaining and Councilors Kilby and Tith absent and not voting.

CITATIONS

10. Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School Bengals Varsity Football Team –
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Brian DeJesus	Brailyn De Los Santos	Raulson Depina
Owen Dorego	Lucas Eldridge	Channing Evecharria
Jayden Fernandez	Chris Figueroa	Luke Fitzgerald
Gaige Furtado	Tayvon Gardner	Wyatt Gillett
Alexi Gonzalez	Nathan Gonzalez	J.P. Gums
Matt Hart	Chris Haskell	Will Katseff
Davian Kelly	Nathan Lambert	Elijah Lecomte
Anthony Leroux	Adrian Mak	Brady Mak
Ryan Marshall	Kalvin Massey	Peytonn Massey
Zach McKenna	James McKenzie	Logan McKenzie
Jonathan McMakin	Steven Medeiros	Peter Narcisse
Ben Nientimp	Sam Nientimp	Noah Orellano
Cleber Paiva	Owen Picard	Xavyn Rean
Raymond Rego	Justin Roderique	Kevin Solomon
Ajani Sousa	Logan St. Pierre	Mekhi Stewart
Nash Tessier	Chris Thompson	Logan Uon
George Vanasse	Lucas Vieira	Brayden Viveiros

Coaching Staff

Luke Bahry, Head Coach

Adam Bell	David Carpenter	Evan Cook
Nolan Marchand	Jayden Massey	Omi Montanez
Keith Omosefunmi	Josh Ramos	Nick Salmon, III
Nick Salmon, IV	Wilson Valente	

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

11. Citizens for Citizens – 60th Anniversary of Service (1965 – 2025)

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

ORDERS – HEARINGS

Curb Removals

12. Jessica Ortega Urgiles, 53 Adams Street, Newark, NJ, 07105 – Removal of 19 feet for a total opening of 31 feet at 34-36 California Street

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to refer the order to the Committee on Public Works and Transportation, with Councilors Kilby and Tith absent and not voting.

13. Michael and Elizabeth Lamothe, 202 Cambridge Street – Removal of 14 feet for a total opening of 32 feet at 202 Cambridge Street

Vice President Pereira suggested that the order be referred to the Committee on Public Works and Transportation, as residents have expressed concern that this curb removal may have a negative effect on parking spaces on the street. Councilor Dionne stated that the applicant clarified that the curb removal would be occurring on Cambridge Street and that it would open two parking spaces on the street, as he will be able to park on his property. On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Cadime, it was voted to adopt the order, with Vice President Pereira opposed and Councilors Kilby and Tith absent and not voting.

Approved, December 11, 2025

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

ORDERS – MISCELLANEOUS

14. Auto Body Shop License Renewal

David Saber, Eleventh St. Assoc, Inc. d/b/a Saber Auto Body, Inc., 231 Bedford Street

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

Approved, December 11, 2025

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

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Adam Genuario, AMG Enterprises, LLC d/b/a Midas of Fall River, 1439 Plymouth Avenue

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

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Otaliems LLC – Two (2) vehicles

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

COMMUNICATIONS – INVITATIONS – PETITIONS

17. City Engineer – Street opening less than 5 years at 917 Dwelly Street
On a motion made by Vice President Pereira and seconded by Councilor Cadime, it was unanimously voted to approve the street opening request, with Councilors Kilby and Tith absent and not voting.

Approved, December 11, 2025

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

18. Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes – October 16, 2025

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

City Council Minutes

19. Committee on Finance – November 25, 2025

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

20. Regular Meeting of the City Council – November 25, 2025

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

BULLETINS – NEWSLETTERS – NOTICES – None

TABLED MATTERS

On a motion made by Councilor Cadime and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to lift item 21 from the table, with Councilors Kilby and Tith absent and not voting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Ordinances and Legislation recommending:

All readings with emergency preamble

21. Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, Handicapped parking
• Lindsey Street, West, 123 feet north of President Avenue

Stipulation:

MassDOT perform necessary modifications at the Brightman Street and Lindsey Street intersection prior to the proposed ordinance going into effect

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to amend the proposed ordinance by striking out the stipulation, in its entirety, with Councilors Kilby and Tith absent and not voting. On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Cadime, it was unanimously voted that the proposed ordinance be passed through first reading, second reading, passed to be enrolled and passed to be ordained, as amended, with Councilors Kilby and Tith absent and not voting.

Approved, December 11, 2025

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

On a motion made by Councilor Dionne and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to lift item 22 from the table, with Councilors Kilby and Tith absent and not voting.

First Reading

22. Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, Miscellaneous

Section 1

Loading zones

- Lindsey Street, West, 38 feet north of President Avenue, 8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday

Section 2

Handicapped parking removals

- Lindsey Street, West, 20 feet north of President Avenue

Stipulation:

MassDOT perform necessary modifications at the Brightman Street and Lindsey Street intersection prior to the proposed ordinance going into effect

On a motion made by Councilor Cadime and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to amend the proposed ordinance by striking out the stipulation, in its entirety, with Councilors Kilby and Tith absent and not voting. On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Cadime, it was voted 7 yeas to adopt an emergency preamble, with Councilors Kilby and Tith absent and not voting. On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Cadime, it was unanimously voted that the proposed ordinance be passed through first reading, second reading, passed to be enrolled and passed to be ordained, as amended, with Councilors Kilby and Tith absent and not voting.

Approved, December 11, 2025

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Cadime, it was unanimously voted to lift item 23 from the table, with Councilors Kilby and Tith absent and not voting.

First Reading, as amended

23. Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, One-way streets

- Lindsey Street, Northerly, from President Avenue to Brownell Street

Stipulations:

1. MassDOT perform necessary modifications at the Brightman Street and Lindsey Street intersection prior to the proposed ordinance going into effect
2. "No parking" zones be implemented on Brightman Street and Lindsey Street following a recommendation from the Traffic Commission
3. Traffic be allowed to enter Lindsey Street heading northerly from President Avenue from both easterly and westerly directions

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Cadime, it was unanimously voted to amend the proposed ordinance by striking out the stipulations, in their entirety, with Councilors Kilby and Tith absent and not voting. On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Cadime, it was voted 5 yeas, 2 nays, to adopt an emergency preamble, with Councilors Dionne and Ponte voting in the negative and Councilors Kilby and Tith absent and not voting.

On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Cadime, it was voted that the proposed ordinance be passed through first reading, second reading, passed to be enrolled and passed to be ordained, as amended, with Councilors Dionne and Ponte opposed and Councilors Kilby and Tith absent and not voting.

Approved, December 11, 2025

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

ITEMS FILED AFTER THE AGENDA DEADLINE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 9, 2025

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Ordinances and Legislation recommending:

All readings with emergency preamble

4a. Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, Miscellaneous

Section 1

Stop signs (insert)

- Brightman Street, Westerly, at the intersection of Lindsey Street

Section 2

One way streets (strike-out)

- Brightman Street, Easterly, from Lindsey Street to McDonald Street

Section 3

Parking prohibited at all times (insert)

- Brightman Street, North, 100 feet east of Lindsey Street

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was voted 6 yeas, 1 nay, to adopt an emergency preamble with Councilor Ponte voting in the negative and Councilors Kilby and Tith absent and not voting. On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was voted that the proposed ordinance be passed through first reading, second reading, passed to be enrolled and passed to be ordained, with Councilor Ponte opposed and Councilors Kilby and Tith absent and not voting.

Approved, December 11, 2025

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

Committee on Finance recommending:

Action

4b. Order – Intermunicipal Agreement for Drinking Water Services with the Town of Westport

On a motion made by Councilor Cadime and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was voted 7 yeas to adopt the order, with Councilors Kilby and Tith absent and not voting.

Approved, December 11, 2025

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by President Camara, it was unanimously voted to take items 4c(i) and 4c(ii) together, with Councilors Kilby and Tith absent and not voting.

4c. Loan Orders

i. Phase 23 Water Systems Improvements in the amount of \$4,200,000

ii. Phase 24 Water Systems Improvements in the amount of \$4,700,000

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Dionne, it was voted 7 yeas to adopt the loan orders, with Councilors Kilby and Tith absent and not voting.

Approved, December 11, 2025

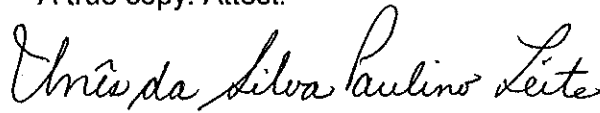
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On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by President Camara, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:06 p.m., with Councilors Kilby and Tith absent and not voting.

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:

Agenda packet (attached)

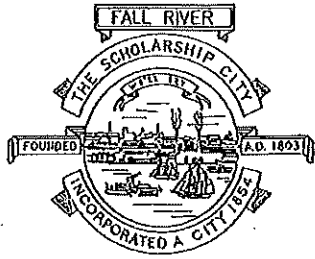
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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Chris da Silva Paulino Leite".

City Clerk

In City Council, December 23, 2025

Approved.



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MEETINGS SCHEDULED
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, ONE GOVERNMENT CENTER
DECEMBER 9, 2025
AGENDA

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

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

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

Curb Removals

1. Jessica Ortega Urgiles, 53 Adams Street, Newark, NJ, 07105, for the removal of curbing as follows:

	Existing Opening	Curbing to be Removed	Curbing to be Added	Combined Opening Proposed After Alteration
34-36 California Street	12'	19'	0'	31'

The existing parcel is served by a 12-foot curb opening. The applicant proposes extending the existing opening by an additional 19 feet. The total opening for the location will be 31 feet.

2. Michael and Elizabeth Lamothe, 202 Cambridge Street, for the removal of curbing as follows:

	Existing Opening	Curbing to be Removed	Curbing to be Added	Combined Opening Proposed After Alteration
202 Cambridge Street	18'	14'	0'	32'

The existing parcel is served by an 18-foot curb opening on Mott Street. The applicant proposes to construct a second 14-foot opening on Cambridge Street. The total opening for the location will be 32 feet.

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

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

1. Citizen Input
2. *Order – Intermunicipal Agreement for Drinking Water Services with the Town of Westport (referred 11-25-2025)
3. *Loan Orders – Phase 23 Water Systems Improvements in the amount of \$4,200,000 and Phase 24 Water Systems Improvements in the amount of \$4,700,000 (referred 11-25-2025)

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

PRIORITY MATTERS

1. *Mayor and request for confirmation of the appointment of Christopher Parayno to the position of Director of Community Maintenance (objected to 11-25-2025)
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OTHER POTENTIAL MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (if received):

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PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

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November 14, 2025

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

Honorable Members of the City Council:

I hereby request the confirmation by the City Council for the following appointment:

Name: Christopher Parayno
Address: 9 Winter St.
Rehoboth, MA 02769
To: Director of Community Maintenance
Effective Date: December 8, 2025
Annual salary: \$105,000.00

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

CITY OF FALL RIVER
IN CITY COUNCIL
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table in accordance with
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December 2, 2025

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

Honorable Members of the City Council:

Please accept this letter as notice that Christopher Parayno, candidate for the Director of Community Maintenance position, has withdrawn from consideration for appointment.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

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December 2, 2025

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

Dear Council President and Members of the Honorable Council:

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

Name: Paula Costa Cullen

Address 214 Read Street
Fall River, MA 02720

Position: Library Board of Trustees

Term: December 5, 2025

Expires: December 4, 2026

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

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

Council President and Members of the Honorable Council:

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

Name: Jonathan Lima

Address: 92 Theodore Street
Fall River, MA 02720

Position: Historical Commission

Effective: December 1, 2025

Term to expire: June 13, 2028

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

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Honorable Council Members:

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

Article: 70
Section: 387 HANDICAP PARKING

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following:

INSERT

Name of Street	Side	Location
Barlow Street	East	Starting at a point 29 feet North of Horton St. For a distance of 20 feet North.

Very truly yours,

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Section: 387

HANDICAP PARKING

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Name of Street	Side	Location
Dwelly Street	North	Starting at a point 181 feet West of Kilburn St. For a distance of 20 feet West.

Very truly yours,


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Article: 70

Section: 387

HANDICAP PARKING

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Name of Street
Eastern Avenue

Side
West

Location
Starting at a point 51 feet North of Maynard St.
For a distance of 20 feet North.

Very truly yours,

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Name of Street	Side	Location
Franklin Street	North	Starting at a point 39 feet West of N. Seventh St. For a distance of 20 feet West.

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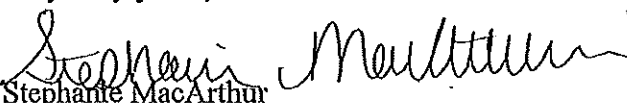
Article: 70
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By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following:

INSERT

Name of Street	Side	Location
Garfield Street	East	Starting at a point 258 feet South of Globe St. For a distance of 20 feet South.

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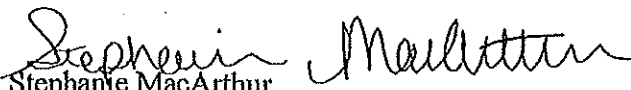
HANDICAP PARKING

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following:

INSERT

Name of Street	Side	Location
June Street	East	Starting at a point 137 feet South of Lincoln Ave. For a distance of 20 feet South.

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HANDICAP PARKING

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Name of Street	Side	Location
Rodman Street	East	Starting at a point 186 feet South of Oman St. For a distance of 20 feet South.

Very truly yours,


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

By striking out in proper alphabetical order the following.

Name of Street	Side	Location
Eastern Avenue	East	Starting at a point 70 feet North of County Street. For a distance of 20 feet North.

Very truly yours,


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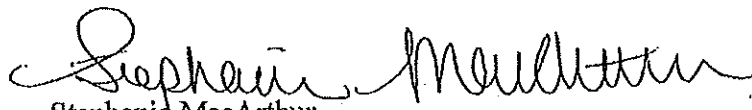
Section: 387

Handicapped Parking

By striking out in proper alphabetical order the following.

Name of Street	Side	Location
Maple Street	South	Starting at a point 275 feet East of Linden Street. For a distance of 25 feet Easterly.

Very truly yours,


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Name of Street	Side	Location
Montaup Street	West	Starting at a point 119 feet South of Globe Street. For a distance of 25 feet Southerly.

Very truly yours,


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Handicapped Parking

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Name of Street	Side	Location
President Avenue	South	Starting at a point 126 feet East of Charlotte Street. For a distance of 20 feet Easterly.

Very truly yours,

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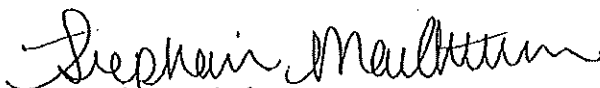
That Chapter 70 of Revised Ordinances be amended in the following Section:

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Section: 387 Handicapped Parking

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Name of Street	Side	Location
S.Oxford Street	West	Starting at a point 395 feet South of Brayton Avenue. For a distance of 25 feet Southerly.

Very truly yours,


Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

City of Fall River, *In City Council*

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(Councilor Cliff Ponte)

WHEREAS, clear policy guidance is necessary to ensure accountability, transparency, and continuity of essential municipal services when contracted employees reach the end of their current contracts, and

WHEREAS, the City Charter and City ordinances do not currently include a requirement for City Council approval, or review, prior to the renewal or extension of contracts for contracted employees, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of Fall River and its' residents to establish City Council oversight of all contractual employment arrangements that involve City funds or operations, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation convene to draft a proposed ordinance requiring that any contract renewed, or extended, by the Mayor for contracted Department Heads or Division Managers shall also require formal City Council approval before such renewal or extension becomes effective, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation shall include, within the proposed ordinance, all currently contracted employees, and all Department Heads or Division Managers under contract, to ensure the requirement of City Council confirmation for any renewal, or extension, of such contracts.

(Filed 12-1-2025)

City of Fall River, *In City Council*

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(Councilor Shawn E. Cadime)

WHEREAS, §2-131, of the City Code currently states that "No order authorizing the issuance of bonds, notes or certificates of indebtedness in the amount of \$5,000,000 or to exceed \$20,000,000 within a fiscal year, or in excess thereof, for any purpose, shall become effective until and unless the order is submitted to a vote of the registered voters of the City for adoption or rejection at a general or special City election," and

WHEREAS, this provision restricts the City Council's lawful jurisdiction to authorize borrowing that is funded within existing operating budgets and that does not require an override or tax increase through a debt exclusion, and

WHEREAS, requiring a citywide referendum for borrowing that does not impose a debt exclusion places unnecessary procedural constraints on the City's ability to effectively conduct fiscal planning, manage capital projects, and respond promptly to operational and infrastructure needs, and

WHEREAS, the mandatory election requirement creates avoidable delays in implementing time-sensitive capital improvements, adversely affecting public safety, public works, education, and other essential municipal functions, and

WHEREAS, special elections required solely for the purpose of approving bond authorizations generate additional, unbudgeted municipal expenses and administrative burdens, divert staff capacity, and delay critical investments in City services, and

WHEREAS, the City Council is already subject to public meeting laws, appropriation procedures, public hearings, and fiscal oversight requirements that ensure transparency, public input, and financial accountability in the borrowing process, and

WHEREAS, the removal of §2-131 will not diminish voters' rights to participate in budgetary oversight through the annual budget process, charter requirements, or ballot initiatives provided under state law, and

WHEREAS, eliminating this provision will modernize the City's financial practices, align borrowing procedures with standard municipal governance across the Commonwealth, and enhance the City's ability to manage operations effectively and responsibly, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation convene to discuss striking out §2-131, in its entirety, to allow all future bond authorizations to follow the procedures established by the City Charter and Massachusetts General Laws, without the additional referendum requirement currently imposed by §2-131.

(Filed 12-2-2025)

City of Fall River, *In City Council*

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(Councillor Paul B. Hart)

WHEREAS, the Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School Bengals football team won the Massachusetts Vocational Large School Super Bowl, defeating their opponent by the remarkable score of 31-6, on December 3, 2025, marking the first championship victory in the school's history, and

WHEREAS, this outstanding accomplishment reflects the hard work, dedication, and teamwork of the players, coaches and support staff, who have brought pride to the Greater Fall River community with this championship season, and

WHEREAS, this impressive victory of the Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School Bengals football team has inspired students, families, alumni, and residents of Fall River, as it demonstrates the positive outcome of perseverance and sportsmanship, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fall River City Council hereby extends its heartfelt congratulations to the Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School Bengals' football team and staff for their remarkable victory and historic first-ever Super Bowl championship, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that December 3rd be officially named by the City of Fall River as the Diman Vocational Technical High School Bengals Superbowl Championship Day.

(Filed 12-4-2025)

City of Fall River, *In City Council*

(Vice President Linda M. Pereira)

WHEREAS, §2-151 of the City code, which relates to Standing committees established, has not been recently reviewed or revised, and

WHEREAS, the duties and responsibilities of the City Council committees must reflect the needs of the City of Fall River, and appropriate updates and changes may be necessary from time to time, and

WHEREAS, the goal of the City Council is to include residents, business owners and City employees in various discussions that will affect the wellbeing of the City of Fall River, and title clarity of the standing committees will assist with communicating their roles and duties, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation convene with Corporation Counsel to discuss potential adjustments to the titles and number of required committee members listed within §2-151 and draft a related proposed ordinance, if necessary, to make any required amendments.

(Filed 12-2-2025)

City of Fall River, In City Council

(Councilor Michelle M. Dionne)

WHEREAS, the Mayor, with collaboration from the City Council may, through a home rule petition, request that the General Court approve a question be placed on the November 2026 ballot asking the voters of Fall River if they wish to change to a Plan E form of government with a City Manager, and

WHEREAS, such an initiative cannot take effect without voter approval, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council send a request to the Mayor to submit an order for approval to the Council to move forward with the aforementioned home rule petition.

(Filed 12-4-2025)



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

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PAUL E. COOGAN

Mayor

DANIEL AGUIAR

Director of Engineering & Planning

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CITY CLERK
FALL RIVER, MA

MEMO

TO: Fall River City Council

FROM: Daniel Aguiar, City Engineer *DA*

DATE: December 1, 2025

RE: 5 Year Street Opening Request-917 Dwelly Street

The Engineering Department is in receipt of a permit request regarding the proposed installation of utility services associated with the construction of a new single-family dwelling at 917 Dwelly Street.

This section of Dwelly Street sits at the westerly terminus of our five-year street opening moratorium and is set to expire in 2026. As part of the applicant's Site Plan Review Approval for the houses constructed in this neighborhood requires complete curb to curb roadway restoration, this location can easily be incorporated into project completion.

Attached are the following items:

1. Cover letter from owner
2. Pending Street Opening Permit
3. Site Plan

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

November 28, 2025

Robert Kfoury
224 Montgomery Circle
Fall River, MA 02720

Cell: (508) 958-0800

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

Subject: Roadway Cutting at 917 Dwelly Street, Fall River, MA 02721

The Honorable City Council Members,

I am writing to you to get a resolution and closure to a single-family house that I am constructing at 917 Dwelly Street, Fall River MA.

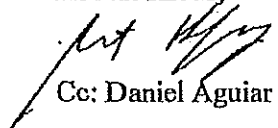
Please be advised that the house construction is complete with the exception of the sewer connection to the existing municipal sewer system in the roadway. The City Engineering Department is in full agreement with the design and installation; but since the 5-year moratorium on opening roadway surfaces will expire in about four (4) months, I was advised to get permission from your Council to cut the roadway and install the sewer line.

If allowed, the work will be done properly as required, so that the house becomes habitable.

Thank you for your understanding and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert Kfoury



Cc: Daniel Aguiar

CITY OF FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS

STREET OPENING APPLICATION AND PERMIT - WATER

Location To Be Opened:		Permit Number:	Date: <u>11-13-25</u>
Street: <u>917 DWELLY ST</u>			
Assessor's Plot and Lot Number: A.P. <u>B-17</u>		Lot: <u>14</u>	Check #:
Applicant:		24-Hour Contact Person:	
Name:	<u>Carstul</u>	Name:	
Address:	<u>90 DRCADIA</u>	Phone:	
City, State, Zip:	<u>Swansea, MA</u>	Mobile:	
Phone:	<u>508-989-3370</u>		
Property Owner Information:		Contractor must contact 48 hours in advance:	
Name:	<u>Bob FLOWERY Ref</u>	Water Dept: 508-324-2721 for inspection services and connections.	
Address:	<u>550 Broad St</u>	Engineering Dept: 508-324-2512 for backfill and/or patching operations.	
City, State, Zip:	<u>Fall River</u>		
Phone:	<u>508-958-0800</u>		
Excavation Information:		Size of Opening:	Existing Surface:
Purpose:	<u>NEW HOME</u>	Length: <u>20'</u>	<u>Sidewalk</u>
Size Pipe:	<u>1'</u>	Width: <u>2'</u>	<u>Roadway</u>
Pipe Material:	<u>PLASTIC</u>	Depth: <u>5'</u>	Pr. Prop:
Type Connection:	<u>TAP</u>	Dig. Safe No: <u>2025 4400841</u>	
Est. Start Date:	<u>11-16-25</u>		
Est. Completion Date:	<u>11-17-25</u>		

I (We) hereby agree to be bound by the provisions of the ordinances of the City of Fall River governing openings in or under municipal streets and to such special conditions, restrictions and regulations as may be imposed by the City Engineer.

Signature of Applicant: Mike O'Leary Date: 11-13-25
 Contact Police Chief's office at 508-324-2787 to arrange for police detail.

(to be completed by Engineering Division)

Surface Repairs Required:	Inspection Dates:
Temporary Patch:	Excavation:
Permanent Patch:	Connection:
Flowable Fill:	Temporary Patch:
Infrared Patch:	Permanent Patch:
Other (see below):	Roadway less than 5 yrs old: Yes ☐ No ☐
Special Conditions:	

Inspection Notes:

The applicant is hereby authorized to make an opening in or under named street at the location designated, provided that all work is performed in accordance with the applicant's plans, the City ordinances, specifications and regulations governing street openings, and any special conditions set forth above or as may be imposed during the performance of the authorized work.

Director of City Engineer: _____ Date: _____

CITY OF FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS

STREET OPENING APPLICATION AND PERMIT - SEWER

Location To Be Opened		Permit Number	Date: 7/13/25
Street: 917 DOWELL ST			
Assessor's Plot and Lot Number: A.P. 3-17 Lot 14		Check # 5784	
Applicant		24 Hour Contact Person	
Name: Coastal	Name:		
Address: 90 Arcadia Rd	Phone:		
City, State, Zip: Swansea MA	Mobile:		
Phone: 508 989 3371			
Property Owner Information		Contractor must call Engineering Division at 508-324-2512 to request inspection services at least 24 hours in advance of all excavation, connection, backfill and/or patching operations.	
Name: BOB KFOURRY GR			
Address: 360 Arcadia St			
City, State, Zip: Fall River MA			
Phone: 508 958 0800			
Excavation Information		Size of Opening	Existing Surface
Purpose: New Home	Length: 30'		
Size Pipe: 6"	Width: 3'		
Pipe Material: PVC	Depth: 12'		
Type Connection: Saddle	Dig Safe No: 2025 4400841		
Est. Start Date: 11-16-25	DEP 314 Permit Required: Yes No		
Est. Completion Date: 11-17-25	DEP 314 Submitted: Yes No		
I (We) hereby agree to be bound by the provisions of the ordinances of the City of Fall River governing openings in or under municipal streets and to such special conditions, restrictions and regulations as may be imposed by the City Engineer.			
Signature of Applicant: Mike Aubry		Date: 11-13-25	
Contact Police Chief's office at 508-324-2787 to arrange for police detail.			
(to be completed by Engineering Division)			
Surface Repairs Required		Inspection Dates	
Temporary Patch		Excavation	
Permanent Patch		Connection	
Flowable Fill		Temporary Patch	
Infrared Patch		Permanent Patch	
Other (see below)		Roadway less than 5 yrs old: Yes No	
Special Conditions			
Inspection Notes:			
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		Date:	

CITY OF FALL RIVER
Trench Permit Issued By
Engineering Division
One Government Center
Fall River, MA 02722
Phone: (508) 324-2512

Permit Number: _____
Date Issued: _____
Expiration Date: _____

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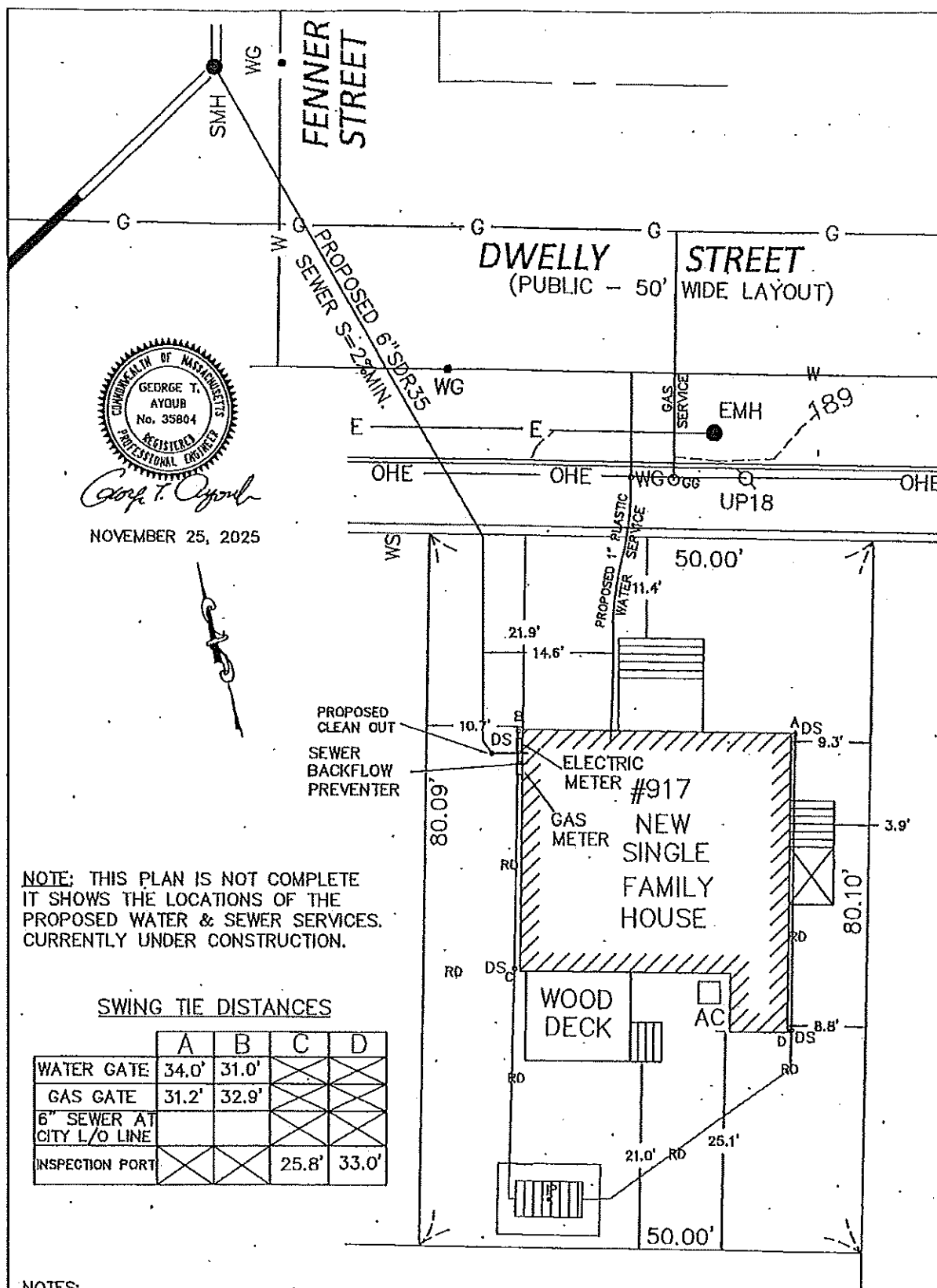
TRENCH PERMIT

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 82A §1 and 520, CMR 7.00 (as amended) of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Section 66-431 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Fall River

THIS PERMIT MUST BE FULLY COMPLETED PRIOR TO CONSIDERATION

Name Of Applicant <u>Coastal</u>	Phone
Street Address: <u>90 Broadway Rd</u>	Mobile Phone <u>508.989.3370</u>
City or Town: <u>Swansea</u> State: <u>ma</u> Zip: <u>02777</u>	Check No
Name of Excavator (If Different from Applicant)	Phone
Street Address	Mobile Phone
City or Town State Zip	
Name of Owner(s) of Property <u>BOB KFOELKE GRK</u>	Phone
Street Address: <u>917 DWELLY 550 Locust</u>	Mobile Phone
City or Town State Zip <u>Fall River</u> <u>ma</u>	
Dig Safe # <u>2025 4400841</u>	
Holsters License: <u>HE156304</u> License Grade: <u>2A</u> Expiration Date: <u>4-12-27</u>	
Description, Location and Purpose of proposed trench: Please describe the exact location of the proposed trench and its purpose (include a description of what is or is intended to be laid in proposed trench (e.g. pipes/cables lines etc...)) <u>Water & sewer</u> <u>917 dwelly st</u>	
Insurance Certificate # <u>SELECTIVE # 82396477</u> Required Insurance: General Liability in the amount of \$100,000 per person and \$300,000 per claim	
Name and Contact Information of Insurer: <u>Mike Aubrey Baycoast insurance</u>	
Policy Expiration Date: <u>12/30/25</u>	
Name of Competant Person (as defined by 520 CMR 7.02): <u>Mike Aubrey</u>	

NOTE: A copy of the holster's license and a copy of the insurance certificate must be attached to this permit.



NOTE: THIS PLAN IS NOT COMPLETE
IT SHOWS THE LOCATIONS OF THE
PROPOSED WATER & SEWER SERVICES.
CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

NOTES:

1. ALL GUTTERS AND DOWNSPOUTS HAVE BEEN CONNECTED TO THE ROOF RECHARGE SYSTEM.
2. GUTTERS, DOWNSPOUTS, AND RECHARGE SYSTEM MUST BE INSPECTED AND CLEANED AT LEAST TWICE PER YEAR (JUNE & DECEMBER)
3. ASSESSOR'S REFERENCE: B-17-14, LOT AREA = 4,004.7 SQ. FT. OR 0.1 ACRES
TOP OF FOUNDATION ELEVATION: 198.95
4. FILE NUMBER: 3P-21-534
5. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS NOT LOCATED IN A DESIGNATED FLOOD HAZARD ZONE, AS DEPICTED ON THE CURRENT FEMA FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP PANEL NUMBER: 25005C0341G MAP REVISED: JULY 16, 2014
6. I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOUNDATION AS SHOWN COMPLIES WITH A VARIANCE AND A SPECIAL PERMIT GRANTED BY THE FALL RIVER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ON MARCH 15, 2018 AND RECORDED AT THE BRISTOL COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN BOOK 9496, PAGE 98.

AS-BUILT SITE & UTILITIES PLAN

OWNER: ROBERT KFOURY
ADDRESS: 422 NORTH MAIN STREET
FALL RIVER, MA 02720

LOCATION: 917 DWELLY STREET
ASSESSOR'S MAP B-17 LOT 14
FALL RIVER, MA 02721

DATE: NOVEMBER 25, 2025 SCALE: 1" = 10'

DRAWN BY: GEORGE T. AYOUB, PE, LSIT
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COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MEETING: November 25, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, One Government Center

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

ABSENT: None

IN ATTENDANCE: Attorney Rene G. Brown, Chair, Special Charter Review Committee
Timothy Campos, Clerk, Special Charter Review Committee
Emily Arpke, Financial Analysis and Compliance Manager
Nicholas A. Macolini, Director of Human Resources

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

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

1. Citizen Input
Richard Branco, No address provided – City Charter

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

2. Special Charter Review Committee Report
Attorney Rene G. Brown, Chair, Special Charter Review Committee, and Timothy Campos, Clerk, Special Charter Review Committee, provided a detailed overview of updates to the final draft of the report presented by the Committee, including changes related to recall provisions, adjustments to restrictions of an individual holding two City positions at the same time, and the number of signatures that are required for candidates to qualify for inclusion on an election ballot. Attorney Brown emphasized that the purpose of the Committee was to provide recommendations to the elected body that will formally amend the City Charter in 2027, and Mr. Campos stated that they had worked diligently to consider feedback from elected officials, City employees and the public since the last draft of the report was presented to the Committee on Finance in 2024.

Attorney Brown gave a brief synopsis of items that were considered for recommendation, but ultimately were not included in the final draft, including amending the City Council positions from at-large to ward-based positions, and potentially limiting election eligibility to those who have been convicted of a felony. The Chair of the Special Charter Review Committee emphasized that a legal assessment was completed by various attorneys prior to the report being finalized and stated that some of the proposed amendments were deemed unlawful based on existing Massachusetts General Laws (M.G.L.s) and previous judicial decisions. Mr. Campos explained that a recommended protocol, which was deemed legal, has been created to address an elected official being charged with a felony, but that they would not be removed from office until they are found guilty.

Councilor Ponte requested clarification regarding the next step for these recommendations. A brief discussion was held between Councilor Ponte, Attorney Brown and Mr. Campos regarding the options for the Committee's report, which include keeping it on file to assist with future decisions related to amendments to the City Charter, or following a detailed process to hold a special election for the voters to vote upon changes to the City Charter. Mr. Campos provided an outline the latter process, which would include submission of the report to the Attorney General for municipal law review, and then potentially scheduling a special election, but emphasized that the 2026 election would contain many ballot questions from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, which may be confusing for voters. The Clerk of the Special Charter Review Committee suggested delaying a potential special election for the City Charter amendments to the 2027 election cycle. Councilor Ponte and Attorney Brown discussed portions of the existing City Charter that would be overturned in court if challenged, such as the current limitations of an individual holding multiple City positions.

Councilor Ponte, the Chair and the Clerk of the Special Charter Review Committee held a detailed discussion regarding the City Council's approval of contracts, the "cooling off period" of one year before former elected officials may be employed by the City in another position, and the proposed protocol changes for Mayoral vacancies. Attorney Brown explained that there are sections in the existing Charter that require City Council approval of Mayoral appointments and Councilor Ponte stated that the sections should be amended to require City Council approval of Mayoral appointments, as well as contract renewals. Councilor Cadime clarified that, while the City Charter "cooling off period" is listed as one year, the state requirement is only six months, and the Charter could be amended to reflect that instead. Mr. Campos provided a detailed overview of the Mayoral vacancy protocol, including different provisions based on permanent vacancies, temporary vacancies and illness-related vacancies. Councilor Ponte emphasized the need for clarification regarding the City Council President, who would temporarily serve as the Mayor until a special election, and their ability to return to the City Council following the swearing in of the new Mayor-elect.

Councilor Dionne emphasized that the Special Charter Review Committee's purpose is to present recommendations, post them accordingly on the City website for the public and then place the report on file with the City Clerk for future reference. Councilor Dionne stated that the City Council should not attempt to schedule a special election in relation to these recommendations and provided a detailed overview of the scope of the Special Charter Review Committee's duties. Attorney Brown and Mr. Campos stated that the appointments to the Committee occurred later than required in the current City Charter, but that the Committee members worked diligently to follow all protocols once in session. Councilor Dionne commended their work but stated that the ten-year review would occur in 2027 and action should not be taken on this matter until then.

Attorney Brown stated that the goal of the Committee was to provide detailed insight into various portions of the City Charter that require clarification and adjustments to conform to legal requirements and Mr. Campos emphasized that the report should be a living document, open to adjustments and amendments based on that ongoing changes and needs within the City of Fall River. Councilor Dionne agreed that the report presented by the Special Charter Review Committee clarified many sections of the existing City Charter and that the recommendations would be very beneficial for future reference.

Councilor Cadime expressed concern regarding the temporary Mayoral position of the City Council President and stated that clarification is needed to allow the City Council President to return to the City Council following a special Mayoral election. Councilor Cadime also asked that clarification be provided as to whether the tenth-place City Council election candidate would serve in the City Council President's position temporarily, or if the ninth seat in the City Council would remain vacant to allow the City Council President to return to their elected position.

A brief discussion was held by the members of the Committee on Finance regarding the appropriate action that should be taken for the Special Charter Review Committee Report. Councilor Ponte expressed concern that, after two years of work developing this report, this matter would be filed for future reference with no action to amend the existing City Charter. Attorney Brown stated that the duty of the Special Charter Review Committee was to provide recommendations for future amendments.

On a motion made by Councilor Dionne and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to recommend that the report be accepted and placed on file, and that a copy of the report be posted on the City's website for public access.

3. Transfers and appropriations

Councilor Ponte requested clarification regarding the funding transfer of \$39,468.42 from Facilities, Salaries to Police, Salaries. Emily Arpke, Financial Analysis and Compliance Manager, explained that various duties, such as streetlight repair, were transferred from the Facilities Division to the Fall River Police Department, and that this funding transfer would cover salary adjustments for these employees who are members of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Council 93, Local 3177. Ms. Arpke clarified that the transfer of capital will not be utilized to fund overtime salaries for police officers, it will be used to fund the Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLAs) for the Fall River Police Department's engineer and engineering apprentice. Councilor Ponte asked what the funds were allocated for within the Facilities Division accounts and the Financial Analysis and Compliance Manager explained that it was originally budgeted to fund a position that is currently vacant. Ms. Arpke provided a brief overview of the budgetary increases within municipal office funds, the Emergency Medical Services Enterprise Fund, the Sewer Enterprise Fund and the Water Enterprise Fund that are in response to the COLAs within the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA).

Councilor Cadime and Nicholas A. Macolini, Director of Human Resources, held a lengthy discussion regarding salary differences for dispatchers, as those who work within the Mobile Integrated Health (MIH) receive higher pay than those who assist with emergency response calls. Mr. Macolini explained that the MIH dispatchers are part of a separate bargaining union, so the pay rates are not identical, but that the MOA includes additional grades for these employees, which will assist in increasing the compensation for first-response dispatchers. Councilor Cadime emphasized that he will not support the AFSCME, Council 93, Local 1377, MOA until adjustments are made to provide equal compensation to all dispatchers, as those

dealing with emergency situations should be paid no less than those who work as non-emergency dispatchers with the MIH. Councilor Cadime also stated that these agreements should be presented to the City Councilors in advance to allow proper vetting prior to voting upon the item.

Councilor Ponte agreed with Councilor Cadime's concerns and emphasized the inequity of pay between the two dispatching units. Mr. Macolini explained that, while he understands the Councilors' concerns, the changes within this MOA, which allow for additional pay grades, will assist with increasing the income of these employees over time. The Director of Human Resources explained that this will assist with retainment of employees, which is another challenge that the City faces with emergency dispatchers, and reiterated that AFSCME, Council 93, Local 3177, had reviewed this MOA and voted for its approval. Councilor Cadime stated that emergency dispatchers receive a much larger call volume per day and handle high-risk medical situations frequently while the MIH dispatchers work to transport medically stable patients to nearby care facilities and hospitals. Councilor Ponte agreed that this was unfair to emergency dispatchers and that he would not support the current agreement.

Vice President Pereira stated that she learned the emergency dispatchers receive an average of 250 calls per day, while MIH receives roughly 75 calls per day, and that the MIH dispatchers are being paid approximately \$1.25 more per hour. Vice President Pereira suggested approving the AFSCME, Council 93, Local 3177, MOA, to avoid employees having their COLA delayed, but adding additional step stipulations for dispatchers to increase their paygrades sooner. The Financial Analysis and Compliance Manager stated that she could obtain more data regarding the cost of adjusting the pay of the emergency dispatchers to match the MIH rates to provide the necessary financial adjustment the City would need to make to meet the requests of the Committee members. On a motion made by Councilor Dionne and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted that the Committee hold a recess to allow Ms. Arpke to collect this related financial data.

A recess was held from 7:07 p.m. to 7:19 p.m.

Ms. Arpke explained that the MOA would require a \$100,000 funding increase to match the current rates for the MIH dispatchers' salaries. Mr. Macolini and Ms. Arpke emphasized that the City would need to renegotiate the agreement with the union leaders prior to this change being made. The Financial Analysis and Compliance Manager also stated that most dispatchers who handle emergency service calls are not Step 1 employees, and that they are Step 3 or Step 4 employees, and that those rates are higher than the existing MIH dispatcher rates.

Councilor Raposo and the Director of Human Resources discussed the necessary certifications and requirements for dispatchers. Mr. Macolini explained that, currently, the emergency dispatchers have higher requirements for certifications than the MIH team, but that the Department of Emergency Medical Services is working to increase education and certification requirements for their MIH dispatchers.

Councilor Cadime stated that the AFSCME, Council 93, Local 3177, MOA should be rejected by the City Council and renegotiated to provide adequate pay for the emergency dispatch employees. Councilor Cadime and Ms. Arpke held a brief discussion regarding current, and anticipated, Free Cash totals that could be utilized to fund this rate increase. Councilor Cadime emphasized that the Fiscal Year 2026 Municipal Budget totals over \$450,000,000, and that the \$100,000 increase for fair compensation for all dispatchers was not an unachievable increase to the budget.

Ms. Arpke and Mr. Macolini stated that this would delay the new MOA presentation until after January 1, 2026, due to the AFSCME, Council 93, Local 3177's requirements to publicly post their meetings, tally a new vote and come to agreement with the proposed changes. Councilor Cadime requested confirmation that all eligible employees would receive retro pay from July 1, 2025, once an agreement is reached and Mr. Macolini confirmed that this would occur.

On a motion made by Councilor Kilby and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.

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


Clerk of Committees

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

MEETING: November 25, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, One Government Center

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

ABSENT: None

IN ATTENDANCE: Alan J. Rumsey, Corporation Counsel
Nicholas A. Macolini, Director of Human Resources
Al Oliveira, Director of City Operations

President Camara called the meeting to order at 7:25 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

On a motion made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to lift item 1 from the table.

1. Mayor and request for confirmation of the appointment of Emily Arpke to the position of Director of Financial Services

A motion was made by Councilor Kilby and seconded by Councilor Hart to confirm the appointment. On a motion made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to waive the rules to allow Attorney Alan J. Rumsey, Corporation Counsel, to answer questions.

Councilor Ponte requested clarification regarding the City Council's jurisdiction in relation to the approval of new contracts for an existing employee, as the City Council confirms the appointment in relation to the expiration date of the associated contract. Councilor Ponte stated that, in his opinion, once the contract expires, the Mayor should present a new confirmation to the City Council for the appointment with a new, updated contract, which would require another confirmation. Attorney Rumsey stated that the text within the City Charter only includes the confirmation of the individual and does not include approval of the terms of the employee's contract, which is under the jurisdiction of the Mayor.

A lengthy discussion was held between Councilor Ponte and Attorney Rumsey related to various methods that are utilized to continue employment of individuals when a new contract is written and agreed upon and that the City Council, per the City Charter, is only responsible for confirming the initial appointment of the employee, not each individual contract. Councilor Ponte suggested that the City Council could make a motion that an individual's appointment be resubmitted to the legislative body following the expiration of the original contract and Attorney Rumsey explained that that type of action would not be enforceable. Attorney Rumsey suggested that the City Council submit a resolution related to that request going forward for the Mayor to consider.

Councilor Cadime and Attorney Rumsey discussed contract laws and whether the individual remains an employee of the City once the original contract has expired. Attorney Rumsey stated that the employee is not terminated, unless advised to resign by the Mayor, and that they are still compensated with their pay and benefits until the new contract is renewed. Councilor Cadime emphasized that his interpretation of this process is that the individual is no longer employed by the City once the contract ends and that the City Council should have the power to re-confirm the individual. Attorney Rumsey clarified that the City Council's jurisdiction is to confirm the appointment of the person only as the approval of the contract is a function of the Executive Branch. Councilor Cadime stated that Boards and Commissions of Fall River require reappointments to be confirmed by the City Council and Attorney Rumsey stated that members of these bodies are defined differently within the City Charter than City employees.

Vice President Pereira made brief remarks regarding former employees who did require reappointments by the City Council but agreed with Attorney Rumsey that a separate resolution should be filed by the Councilors to discuss this matter further.

Councilor Dionne and Attorney Rumsey discussed the City Charter, §2-10, which relates to City Council confirmation of certain appointments. Councilor Dionne stated that this section refers to all types of appointments and Attorney Rumsey clarified that there are different requirements for employees versus board and commission members, such as residency requirements. Attorney Rumsey also stated that the term-ending dates for board and commission members are staggered, and, as a result, those reappointments are presented to the City Council for confirmation. Corporation Counsel emphasized the need for consistency with employees, as well as the Mayor's decision to continue an individual's employment based on competency and qualifications.

Councilor Cadime stated that the individual listed for this appointment should be offered a one-year contract with the requirement that the City Council confirms any future re-appointments to this position but based on the legal opinion provided by Attorney Rumsey, the Mayor is not required to follow that request. Corporation Counsel emphasized that he is providing a legal opinion based on how the City Charter is written. Councilor Kilby agreed with Councilor Cadime and stated that the contract is based on the individual that the City Council confirms.

Vice President Pereira stated that the City Council placing contract limitations on individuals will affect their desire to work for the City, and that many positions are currently vacant. Councilor Ponte stated that he spoke with the Mayor, and requested a one year contract, to allow the individual to obtain additional mentorship prior to a long-term employment commitment. Councilor Dionne agreed with Councilor Ponte, but stated that, based on the legal opinion provided to the City Council, there is no provision to enforce that request.

On a motion made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by Councilor Kilby, it was voted 5 yeas, 4 nays, to add that the appointment be confirmed with a one year contract to include a stipulation that the renewal of said contract be subject to the City Council approval, with President Câmara, Vice President Pereira and Councilors Cadime and Dionne voting in the negative.

On a further motion made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was voted 6 yeas, 3 nays, to confirm the appointment with the above stipulations, with Vice President Pereira and Councilors Cadime and Dionne voting in the negative.

2. Mayor and request for confirmation of the appointment of Christopher Parayno to the position of Director of Community Maintenance

On a motion made by Councilor Cadime and seconded by Councilor Dionne, it was voted 3 yeas, 6 nays to reject the appointment, with Councilors Cadime, Dionne and Ponte voting in the affirmative and the motion failed to carry.

On a further motion made by Councilor Cadime and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to waive the rules to ask Nicholas A. Macolini, Director of Human Resources, and Al Oliveira, Director of City Operations, questions about this matter.

A lengthy discussion was held between Councilor Cadime, Mr. Macolini and Mr. Oliveira regarding the necessary qualifications for the position of Director of Community Maintenance, the experience of the candidate in other nearby municipalities, and the candidate's former employment with the City of Fall River. The Director of Human Resources stated that the candidate is knowledgeable of MUNIS software, has experience with collective bargaining agreement discussions and is a strong team leader. The Director of City Operations explained that the candidate has experience supervising roadwork crews, day-to-day operations within other municipalities, and has experience with Planning regulations. Councilor Cadime expressed concern that the candidate does not have Community Maintenance experience and stated that there are ongoing issues within the department, including lack of email communication and unfinished maintenance of various City structures, such as the Library and fire stations. Mr. Oliveira emphasized that he is currently operating multiple divisions without leadership assistance, and the hiring of this candidate will distribute the workload and will help with efficiency due to the current lack of Division Managers in various offices. Councilor Cadime stated he would not confirm this appointment, as the candidate does not have adequate experience within Community Maintenance tasks and was employed previously but pursued employment within another municipality after receiving in-depth training from the City of Fall River. Councilor Cadime also emphasized the need for Mr. Oliveira to speak with the candidate's former supervisor who performed this training prior to his departure.

Vice President Pereira stated that the candidate had experience with City Planning and pursued another employment opportunity to become a City Planner. Vice President Pereira also explained that his former co-workers within the Cemeteries Division admired his leadership. Vice President Pereira emphasized that the City has numerous vacant positions for leaders of departments and divisions.

Councilor Cadime reiterated the amount of training that was implemented for this candidate during their previous employment with the City of Fall River and expressed concern that the candidate would not remain in the City long-term if appointed to a new leadership position. The Director of City Operations stated that his goal is to train the candidate to ensure he remains an employee of the City and the Director of Human Resources stated that the Mayor is requesting confirmation of this candidate, who will be offered a 3-year contract.

Councilor Ponte emphasized the need to explore employment opportunities for those who already work for the City and have experience in their division or department where leadership positions are vacant. Councilor Ponte agreed with Councilor Cadime that commitment is important for the long-term success of the City and requested that the contract be presented to the City Council prior to a formal vote. Councilor Ponte and Mr. Oliveira discussed the lack of progress within the divisions he oversees and emphasized the need to hold employees accountable for their performance. The Director of City Operations explained that the candidate has the necessary education and previous experience to perform the duties of the Director of Community Maintenance position, and that training takes time. Councilor Ponte stated that the City needs to focus on improving employment culture, and internal hiring will assist with achieving that goal. Councilor Ponte stated that he would object to the confirmation of the candidate's appointment.

Councilor Raposo expressed concern regarding the lack of communication regarding the candidate's requested confirmation and stated that time was not allotted appropriately to allow City Councilors to thoroughly review the candidate's qualifications. Councilor Raposo asked that Mr. Oliveira prepare a detailed description of his training plan for the individual who is hired for this position to present at a future meeting, as this matter will most likely be tabled by an objection.

A brief discussion was held between Councilor Cadime and Mr. Macolini regarding the protocol utilized when an employee moves from one department or division to another. Mr. Macolini confirmed that the supervisors will usually hold a discussion regarding the individual's former, and future, work and anticipated employment performance.

A motion was made by Vice President Pereira and seconded by Councilor Hart to confirm the appointment. On a roll call vote, Councilors Cadime and Dionne voted in the negative. Councilors Hart, Kilby and Pereira voted in the affirmative. Councilor Ponte objected and the matter was laid on the table in accordance with the Charter.

3. Mayor and request for confirmation of the appointment of Christopher Murphy to the position of City Auditor

On a motion made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was voted 9 yeas to confirm the appointment.

4. Mayor and request for confirmation of the reappointment of Kristen Cantara Oliveira to the Community Preservation Committee

On a motion made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was voted 9 yeas to confirm the reappointment.

5. Mayor and solicitation proposal for Request for Proposals #26-03, Sale of the former Davol School located at 112 Flint Street

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to refer the item to the Committee on Real Estate.

6. Mayor and order re: Intermunicipal Agreement for Drinking Water Services with the Town of Westport

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to refer the order to the Committee on Finance.

7. Mayor and the following Loan orders:

- a. Phase 23 Water Systems Improvements in the amount of \$4,200,000
- b. Phase 24 Water Systems Improvements in the amount of \$4,700,000

The City Clerk stated that Bond Counsel has recommended amending the loan orders by striking out "BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount, and" in both loan orders. On a motion made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to amend both loan orders by striking out the second paragraph of each, in its' entirety. On a further motion made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted that the loan orders be authorized to be published and referred to the Committee on Finance, as amended.

8. Mayor and the following:

- a. Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Fall River and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Council 93, Local 3177

On a motion made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by Councilor Cadime, it was voted 7 yeas, 2 nays, to reject the request to fund the cost items contained in the Memorandum of Agreement and refer it back to the Administration and the Collective Bargaining Unit, requesting that the Administration and AFSCME Council 93, Local 3177, discuss adjustments to salaries for non-Mobile Integrated Health (MIH) dispatchers, with Vice President Pereira and Councilor Hart voting in the negative.

- b. Transfers and appropriations:

- i. \$189,682.62 from Reserve Fund to the following Various Departments, Salaries:

• City Clerk	\$2,797.57
• Elections	\$4,551.68
• Veterans Benefits	\$296.80
• Community Maintenance	\$88,292.26
• Community Services	\$33,216.84
• Police	\$56,703.20
• Fire	\$3,824.27

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

- ii. \$39,468.42 from Facilities, Salaries to Police, Salaries

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

PRIORITY COMMUNICATIONS

- 9. Chair of the Board of Election Commissioners and copy of certified results from the Municipal Election held on November 4, 2025

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

ORDINANCES

Second reading and enrollment

11. Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, One-way streets

- Maple Street, Westerly, from June Street to North Main Street

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

Approved, November 26, 2025

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

Second reading and enrollment, as amended

12. Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, Miscellaneous

Section 1

Parking prohibited at all times (strike out)

- Dwelly Street, North, 58 feet west of Scott Street

Section 2

Parking prohibited during certain hours:

- Dwelly Street, North, 58 feet west of Scott Street,
 7:30 A.M. – 9:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday

Section 3

Passenger zones

- Bank Street, South, 34 feet east of North Main Street,
 6:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M., Monday through Friday

Section 5

Handicapped parking removals

- Crawford Street, East, 20 feet south of Larouche Street

On a motion made by Councilor Kilby and seconded by Vice President Pereira, it was voted that the proposed ordinance be passed through second reading and enrollment, as amended, with Councilors Ponte and Raposo opposed. On a further motion made by Vice President Pereira and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was voted that the proposed ordinance be passed to be ordained, as amended, with Councilors Ponte and Raposo opposed.

Approved, November 26, 2025

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

RESOLUTIONS

13. Committee on Public Works and Transportation convene with Director of Traffic to discuss need for traffic study to be conducted at intersection of William Street and Broadway

A motion was made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte to adopt the resolution. Councilor Raposo stated that he had received multiple emails from residents regarding the safety of this intersection, and Councilor Ponte agreed. Councilor Dionne stated that many intersections in this area are very congested, with the intersection of Broadway and Bradford Avenue being the most concerning and stated that there are no pedestrian signals in that area. Councilor Dionne suggested amending the resolution to include all intersections on Broadway, from Columbia Street to Middle Street. On a motion made by Councilor Dionne and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to amend the resolution by inserting, in the third paragraph, immediately following "intersection," the following: "as well as all intersections on Broadway from Columbia Street to Middle Street," and, in the fourth paragraph, striking out "intersection." and inserting, in its place, "intersections." On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to adopt the resolution, as amended.

14. Committee on Finance convene with the Chair of the Board of Elections, the Administration, and a representative of the Fall River Commission on Disability to discuss election cycle trends within new polling facilities

Councilor Dionne made brief remarks regarding the recent changes to various polling places and stated that fewer voters have participated in some districts following these changes. Councilor Dionne also stated that the transportation methods utilized for the Bristol Community College campus are not ideal, and many older individuals, who need transportation assistance, may have chosen not to participate in the elections due to these issues, leading to the lower voter turn out. On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Vice President Pereira, it was unanimously voted to adopt the resolution.

15. Committee on Finance convene with the Administration to develop a comprehensive plan and cost estimate to perform performance audits of all City departments

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

16. Committee on Ordinances and Legislation convene to discuss changing the roles and titles of the Committee on Real Estate to the "Committee on Real Estate, Facilities and Housing" and the Committee on Human Services, Housing, Youth, Elder and Veterans' Affairs to the "Committee on Veterans, Youth, Elder Affairs, and Human Services."

Vice President Pereira suggested that the resolution be amended to include a review of all existing Committees and liaison positions, but after a brief discussion with the City Clerk, it was determined that a new resolution for that task would be most effective. Councilor Ponte stated that the Committee on Real Estate should be more involved with assisting those who are seeking housing, including those experiencing homelessness and veterans. On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to adopt the resolution.

CITATIONS

17. John and Evelyn Narcizo – 70th Wedding Anniversary

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

ORDERS – HEARINGS – NoneORDERS – MISCELLANEOUS18. Auto Body Shop License Renewals

Ian M. Pankowski d/b/a Classic Auto, 270 Shove Street

Joseph Jennings d/b/a Jennings Garage, 64 Judson Street

Wayne Pereira d/b/a Fall River Auto Body and Sales, Inc., 155 Williston Street

*On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Dionne, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order.**Approved, November 26, 2025**Paul E. Coogan, Mayor*19. Auto Repair Shop License Renewals

Robert P. Fortier d/b/a Fortier's Auto Sales and Service, Inc., 605 Globe Street

Ian M. Pankowski d/b/a Classic Auto, 270 Shove Street

Elie Bouramia d/b/a North End Auto Service & Sales, Inc., 3293 North Main Street

Joseph Jennings d/b/a Jennings Garage, 64 Judson Street

Francis B. May d/b/a Brad's Auto Service, 156 President Avenue

Roger E. Khoury d/b/a Andrade's Automotive Service, LLC, 46 McGowan Street

Toni El Khoury d/b/a TNK Gas and Auto Repair, Inc., 402 Brightman Street

Antonio Pinto d/b/a T&P Auto Repair & Sales, 2553 South Main Street

Faouzi Raad, Michael & Tia, Inc. d/b/a Fawzi's Auto, 256 Bedford Street

Rodrigo Tacach d/b/a Tacach Auto Repair, Inc., 192C Eighteenth Street

Elio Younes d/b/a Coastal Fuel, Inc., 1082 North Main Street

*On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Vice President Pereira, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order.**Approved, November 26, 2025**Paul E. Coogan, Mayor*20. Police Chief's Report on Licenses2026 Taxicab Drivers

Melissa Carvalho

Luis Costa

Cristian R. Cunin Choro

Derek Dagwan

Simone Desnoyers

Richard Huchel

Shawn Pereira

Derek Santos

Dorothy Ward

2026 Private Livery Drivers

Adel Mazouni

2026 Private Livery Vehicles

Princess Limousine, LLC – Ten (10) vehicles

*On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order.*COMMUNICATIONS – INVITATIONS – PETITIONS21. Claims*On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to refer the claims to Corporation Counsel.*

22. City Engineer – Street opening less than 5 years at Robeson Street
(between Bedford Street and Pine Street)

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Vice President Pereira, it was unanimously voted to approve the street opening request.

Approved, November 26, 2025

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

23. Drainlayer Licenses

Aguilar Landscaping, Inc.

Sweeney Excavating, Corp.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Vice President Pereira, it was unanimously voted to approve the drainlayer license applications.

Approved, November 26, 2025

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

24. Planning Board Minutes

September 10, 2025

October 8, 2025

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

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to take items 25 through 27 together.

City Council Minutes

25. Public Hearings – November 12, 2025

26. Committee on Finance – November 12, 2025

27. Regular Meeting of the City Council – November 12, 2025

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

BULLETINS – NEWSLETTERS – NOTICES

28. Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities, Notice of public hearing and request for comments re: Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid for approval of its 2022-2024 Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plan Term Report (D.P.U. 25-123)

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

29. Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities, Notice of public hearing and request for comments re: Petition of Libert Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp. d/b/a Liberty for approval of its 2022-2024 Three Year Energy Efficiency Plan Term Report (D.P.U. 25-128)

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

A brief recess was held from 8:48 p.m. to 8:50 p.m. for the signing of ordinances.

ITEMS FILED AFTER THE AGENDA DEADLINE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE: NOVEMBER 25, 2025

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Finance recommending:

Action

10a. Special Charter Review Committee Report

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Vice President Pereira, it was unanimously voted that the report be accepted and placed on file, and that a copy of the report be posted on the City's website.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:51 p.m.

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:

Agenda packet (attached)

A true copy. Attest:



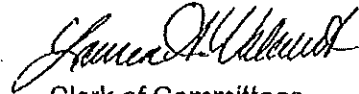
City Clerk

CITY OF FALL RIVER

To the City Council

Councillors:

The Committee on Ordinances and Legislation, at a meeting held on November 12, 2025, voted unanimously to recommend the accompanying proposed ordinance, accompanied by an emergency preamble, be passed through first reading, second reading, passed to be enrolled and passed to be ordained, with Councillors Cadime and Hart absent and not voting.


Clerk of Committees

City of Fall River, In City Council

EMERGENCY PREAMBLE

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

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

CITY OF FALL RIVER
IN CITY COUNCIL

NOV 12 2025

Adopted, 8 yeas

City of Fall River, In City Council

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

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

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

Name of Street	Side	Location
Lindsey Street	West	Starting at a point 123 feet north of President Avenue, for a distance of 20 feet northerly

Stipulation:

Massachusetts Department of Transportation perform all necessary modifications for the Brightman Street and Lindsey Street Intersection

CITY OF FALL RIVER
IN CITY COUNCIL

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CITY OF FALL RIVER

To the City Council

Councillors:

The Committee on Ordinances and Legislation, at a meeting held on November 12, 2025, voted unanimously to recommend that the accompanying proposed ordinance be passed through first reading, with Councilors Cadime and Hart absent and not voting.


Clerk of Committees

City of Fall River, In City Council

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

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

Section 1

By inserting in Section 70-385, A, which sub-section relates to Loading zones, the following:

Name of Street	Side	Location	Hours/Days
Lindsey Street	West	Starting at a point 38 feet north of President Avenue for a distance of 60 feet northerly	8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday

Section 2

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

Name of Street	Side	Location
Lindsey Street	West	Starting at a point 20 feet north of President Avenue, for a distance of 25 feet northerly

Stipulation:

Massachusetts Department of Transportation perform all necessary modifications for the Brightman Street and Lindsey Street intersection

CITY OF FALL RIVER
IN CITY COUNCIL

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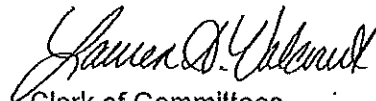
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CITY OF FALL RIVER

To the City Council

Councillors:

The Committee on Ordinances and Legislation, at a meeting held on November 12, 2025, voted unanimously to recommend the accompanying proposed ordinance be passed through first reading, as amended, with Councillors Cadime and Hart absent and not voting.


Clerk of Committees

City of Fall River, In City Council

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

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

Section 1

By inserting in Section 70-281, which section relates to One-way streets, the following:

Name of Street	Direction of Travel	Location
Lindsey Street	Northerly	From President Avenue to Brownell Street

Stipulations:

1. Massachusetts Department of Transportation perform necessary modifications at the Brightman Street and Lindsey Street Intersection
2. "No parking" be implemented on Brightman Street (at Lindsey Street) and Lindsey Street (at Brightman Street) by the Traffic Commission
3. Traffic be allowed to enter Lindsey Street, heading northerly, from President Avenue from both easterly and westerly directions

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IN CITY COUNCIL

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