

City of Fall River Massachusetts

Office of the City Clerk

INÊS DA SILVA PAULINO LEITE
CITY CLERK

CHELSEA PACHECO
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

MEETING: December 23, 2025 at 6:15 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: State Representatives Carole A. Fiola and Justin Thurber

President Camara called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by a salute to the flag and announced that the meeting may be recorded with audio or video and transmitted through any medium.

PRESENTATION OF CITATIONS

- Citizens for Citizens – 60th Anniversary of Service (1965 – 2025)
President Camara commended the work done by Citizens for Citizens, Inc., and presented the citation to Elizabeth Berube, Executive Director of Citizens for Citizens, Inc. Ms. Berube provided information regarding the services offered by Citizens for Citizens, Inc., including heating and grocery assistance, and thanked the City Council for their support.
- Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School Bengals Varsity Football Team –
2025 Massachusetts Vocational Large School Super Bowl Champions

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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	

Massachusetts State Representatives Carole A. Fiola and Justin Thurber gave brief remarks commending the football team and their championship achievement. President Camara presented a mayoral citation on behalf of Mayor Paul E. Coogan, who was unable to attend the meeting. Luke Bahry, Head Coach, Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School Bengals Football Team, expressed pride regarding the hard work and dedication of the players and their families. Councilor Hart extended his congratulations to the team and complimented Coach Bahry on the excellent skill-building and education he provides to the players.

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

PRIORITY MATTERS

1. Mayor and request for confirmation of the appointment of Paula Costa Cullen to the Library Board of Trustees

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

2. Mayor and request for confirmation of the reappointment of Ann Rocket Sperling to the Library Board of Trustees

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

3. Mayor and request for confirmation of the reappointment of Ronald Caplain to the Library Board of Trustees

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

4. Mayor and request for confirmation of the reappointment of Sharon L. Quinn to the Library Board of Trustees

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

5. Mayor and request for confirmation of the reappointment of Fran Rachlin to the Library Board of Trustees

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

6. Mayor and resubmitted 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 Raposo, it was unanimously voted that the communication be accepted and placed on file and that the order be adopted.

Approved, December 29, 2025

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

7. Mayor and gift order for a donation to the Fall River Fire Department from Firehouse Dogs in the amount of \$10,000.00 to support the department's K-9 program

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 and that the order be adopted.

Approved, December 29, 2025

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

PRIORITY COMMUNICATIONS – None

COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

ORDINANCES – None

RESOLUTIONS

8. Committee on Finance convene with Corporation Counsel and a representative from the Administration to discuss hybrid lists for the hiring of firefighters

Councilor Dionne stated that, while the Fall River Police Department utilizes a hybrid list, it is only used after the civil service list has been exhausted. Councilor Dionne explained that a legal opinion is necessary for the City Council to determine if the Fall River Fire Department is able to use the hybrid list prior to reviewing all candidates within the civil service list, and the resolution will assist with that process. On a motion made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to adopt the resolution.

CITATIONS

9. Laura Bermol-Diaz – Leadership and steadfast commitment to the Flint Village community

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

ORDERS – HEARINGS

Underground Conduit

10. Verizon New England Inc. – Twenty-six (26) feet of conduit at intersection of Lyon Street and Third Street

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

Approved, December 29, 2025

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

ORDERS – MISCELLANEOUS

11. Auto Body Shop License Renewals

Brian Vieira d/b/a Aime's Auto – 5 Laurel Street

Dylan Jarabek d/b/a Top Tier Auto Body – 232 Lapham Street

The City Clerk stated that the Police Chief had recommended disapproval of the renewal application submitted by Dylan Jarabek d/b/a Top Tier Auto Body. On a motion made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to separate the two applicants into separate orders, and to adopt the order with the renewal application for Brian Vieira d/b/a Aime's Auto. On a further motion made by Councilor Cadime and seconded by Councilor Kilby, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order with the renewal application for Dylan Jarabek d/b/a Top Tier Auto Body.

Approved, December 29, 2025

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

12. Auto Repair Shop License Renewals

Ronald Picard d/b/a Theo's Service Center – 35 Oak Grove Avenue

Dylan Jarabek d/b/a Top Tier Auto Body – 232 Lapham Street

The City Clerk stated that the Police Chief had recommended disapproval of the renewal application submitted by Dylan Jarabek d/b/a Top Tier Auto Body. On a motion made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order.

Approved, December 29, 2025

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

13. Police Chief's Report on Licenses

2026 Taxicab Drivers

John Baker

Darrell Carlsen

Sherry Mann

Mikael Raposa

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

14. Fall River Taxi Service, Inc. – New Taxicab Vehicle Applications for License Nos. 19 and 20

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

Approved, December 29, 2025

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

COMMUNICATIONS – INVITATIONS – PETITIONS

15. Claims

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

16. Drainlayer Licenses

Touisset Construction Company

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

Approved, December 29, 2025

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

17. Planning Board Minutes

November 17, 2025 November 24, 2025

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

On a motion made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to take items 18 through 20 together.

City Council Minutes

18. Public Hearings – December 9, 2025

19. Committee on Finance – December 9, 2025

20. Regular Meeting of the City Council – December 9, 2025

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

BULLETINS – NEWSLETTERS – NOTICES

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

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.

ITEMS FILED AFTER THE AGENDA DEADLINE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 23, 2025

PRIORITY MATTERS

7a. Mayor and Library Director to rename the Children's Room at the Fall River Public

Library the David Mello Children's Room at the request of Councilor Ricky T. Tith

Vice President Pereira commended the work David Mello does for the Fall River Public Library and thanked Councilor Tith for working with the Administration and the Library Administrator to rename a section of the library after him. On a motion made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to accept and place on file the communication and adopt the order.

Approved, December 29, 2025

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Ordinances and Legislation recommending:

Grant leave to withdraw:

7b. Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, Miscellaneous

One-way streets

• Pine Street, East, from Seabury Street to Robeson Street

On a motion made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to grant the item leave to withdraw.

All readings with emergency preamble:

- 7c. Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, Handicapped Parking
- Barlow Street, East, 29 feet north of Horton Street
 - Dwelly Street, North, 181 west of Kilburn Street
 - Eastern Avenue, West, 51 feet north of Maynard Street
 - Franklin Street, North, 39 feet west of North Seventh Street
 - Garfield Street, East, 258 feet south of Globe Street
 - June Street, East, 137 feet south of Lincoln Avenue
 - Rodman Street, East, 186 feet south of Oman Street

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

Approved, December 29, 2025

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

First reading:

- 7d. Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, Miscellaneous (referred 12-18-2025)
Handicapped parking removals
- Eastern Avenue, East, 70 feet north of County Street
 - Maple Street, South, 275 feet east of Linden Street
 - Montaup Street, West, 119 feet south of Globe Street
 - President Avenue, South, 126 feet east of Charlotte Street
 - South Oxford Street, West, 395 feet south of Brayton Avenue

On a motion made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to pass the proposed ordinance through first reading.

7e. Action:

Proposed Ordinance: Strike out §2-131 and §2-132 from City Code re: loan order authorizations

On a motion made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by Councilor Cadime, it was unanimously voted to amend the proposed ordinance by inserting the following amendments: inserting, immediately following "be amended as follows," the following text: "Section 1, By striking out in Section 2-130, which section relates to Publication of proposed loan orders, "shall be published as provided in Section 23 of the Charter" and inserting in place thereof "may be published on the city website."; by inserting "Section 2," immediately before "By striking out, in its entirety, Sections 2-131 and 2-131;" and by striking out "Sections 2-131 and 2-132," and replacing it with "Section 2-131, 2-132 and 2-134." On a further motion made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted that the proposed ordinance be passed through first reading, as amended.

On a motion made by Councilor Dionne and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to lift item 6a(i) from the table.

TABLED MATTERS

6a. Mayor and the following 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 Dionne and seconded by Councilor Cadime, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order.

On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to lift item 6a(ii) from the table.

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

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

Prior to adjournment, Councilor Ponte commended Councilors Kilby and Tith for their service to the City of Fall River and wished them well in their future endeavors. Councilor Ponte also complimented President Camara and Vice President Pereira for their service during the 2024-2025 term of the Fall River City Council. Councilor Hart also made congratulatory remarks regarding the Councilors' work over the past two years.

Councilor Kilby thanked the City Councilors for their support and congratulated the Councilors-Elect for their electoral victories. Councilor Tith stated that he will continue to work hard to help those who live in the City of Fall River.

President Camara commended Councilor Tith for his work during this term and stated that he should continue to run for office as he is dedicated to the City. President Camara also complimented Councilor Kilby for his long-term service to the City of Fall River.

On a motion made by Councilor Kilby and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 6:54 p.m.

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:

Agenda packet (attached)

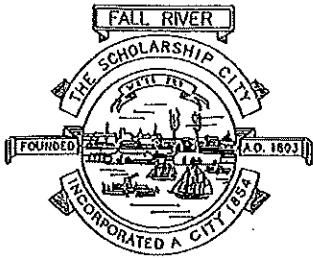
A true copy. Attest:



City Clerk

In City Council, January 27, 2026

Approved.



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ORIGINAL POSTING: DECEMBER 19, 2025, AT 2:10 P.M.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, ONE GOVERNMENT CENTER
DECEMBER 23, 2025
REVISED AGENDA

5:55 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING

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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

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Action:

- 7e. Proposed Ordinance: Strike out §2-151 and §2-152 from City Code re: loan order authorizations (referred 12-18-2025)

TABLED MATTERS

- 6a. Mayor and the following transfers and appropriations: (tabled 11-25-2025)
- i. \$189,682.62 from Reserve Fund to the following Various Departments, Salaries:
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 - ii. \$39,468.42 from Facilities, Salaries to Police, Salaries

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CITY OF FALL RIVER

To the City Council.

Councillors:

The Committee on Ordinances and Legislation, at a meeting held on December 18, 2025, voted unanimously to recommend that the accompanying proposed ordinance be referred to full council for action, with Councilor Hart and Councilor Raposo absent and not voting.



Assistant Clerk of Committees

City of Fall River, *In City Council*

7c

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

That Chapter 2 of the Code of the City of Fall River, Massachusetts, 2018, which chapter relates to Administration, be amended as follows:

By striking out, in its entirety, Sections 2-131 and 2-132, which sections relate to Election required for authorization of certain loan orders and Time limit for implementation of projects approved under Section 2-131, respectively.

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City of Fall River
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Office of the Mayor

PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

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CITY CLERK _____
FALL RIVER, MA

November 20, 2025

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

Dear Honorable Council Members:

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 33B of the Massachusetts General Laws, I recommend the following appropriation transfers to your Honorable Body.

1. \$189,682.62 That the sum of \$189,682.62 be, and the same is, hereby transferred to VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS SALARIES from the RESERVE FUND.
2. \$39,468.42 That the sum of \$39,468.42 be, and the same is, hereby transferred to POLICE, SALARIES from FACILITIES, SALARIES.

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

Best Regards,

Paul Coogan
Mayor

CITY OF FALL RIVER
IN CITY COUNCIL

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Accepted and placed on file

City of Fall River, *In City Council*

ba

November 25, 2025

ORDERED:

That the sum of \$189,682.62 be, and the same is, hereby transferred from Operating Reserve Fund to Various Departments, Salaries:

Blocks	Amounts
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
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Grand Total	\$ 189,682.62

Due to Collective Bargaining Agreement

CITY OF FALL RIVER
IN CITY COUNCIL

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City of Fall River, In City Council

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November 25, 2025

ORDERED:

That the sum of \$39,468.42 be, and the same is, hereby transferred from Facilities, Salaries to Police, Salaries.

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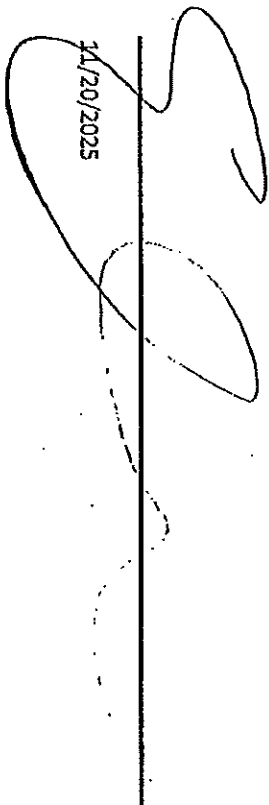
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FY2026 Appropriation/Transfer Number Analysis

Line	Original/Revised Appropriation	Amount Transferred	Adjusted Balance
Reserve for Employee Benefits (1.4.)	\$ 477,868.00	(189,682.62)	\$ 288,185.38
Facilities, Salaries (D.1.)	\$ 1,162,488.00	(39,468.42)	\$ 1,123,019.58
City Clerk, Salaries (A.5.)	\$ 373,343.00	2,797.57	\$ 376,140.57
Elections, Salaries (A.7.)	\$ 358,106.00	4,551.68	\$ 362,657.68
Veterans Benefits, Salaries (A.9.)	\$ 262,128.00	296.80	\$ 262,424.80
Community Maintenance, Salaries (E.1.)	\$ 5,430,732.00	88,292.26	\$ 5,519,024.26
Community Services, Salaries (F.1.)	\$ 2,795,546.00	33,216.84	\$ 2,828,762.84
Police, Salaries (H.1.)	\$ 24,585,635.00	96,171.62	\$ 24,681,806.62
Fire, Salaries (H.6.)	\$ 17,994,956.00	3,824.27	\$ 17,998,780.27

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

3/1/20/2025





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Rowan Campion	Tyson Campion	Giovanni Carvalho
Micah Clayton	Brayden Correia	Jay Debrito
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

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

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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	

PRIORITY MATTERS

1. *Mayor and request for confirmation of the appointment of Paula Costa Cullen to the Library Board of Trustees (objected to 12-9-2025)
2. *Mayor and request for confirmation of the reappointment of Ann Rocket Sperling to the Library Board of Trustees
3. *Mayor and request for confirmation of the reappointment of Ronald Caplain to the Library Board of Trustees
4. *Mayor and request for confirmation of the reappointment of Sharon L. Quinn to the Library Board of Trustees
5. *Mayor and request for confirmation of the reappointment of Fran Rachlin to the Library Board of Trustees
6. *Mayor and resubmitted Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Fall River and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Council 93, Local 3177
7. *Mayor and gift order for a donation to the Fall River Fire Department from Firehouse Dogs in the amount of \$10,000.00 to support the department's K-9 program

PRIORITY COMMUNICATIONS – None

COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

ORDINANCES – None

RESOLUTIONS

8. *Committee on Finance convene with Corporation Counsel and a representative from the Administration to discuss hybrid lists for the hiring of firefighters

CITATIONS

9. Laura Bermol-Diaz – Leadership and steadfast commitment to the Flint Village community

ORDERS – HEARINGS

10. Underground Conduit
Verizon New England Inc. – Twenty-six (26) feet of conduit at intersection of Lyon Street and Third Street

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ORDERS – MISCELLANEOUS

11. Auto Body Shop License Renewals
Brian Vielra d/b/a Aime's Auto – 5 Laurel Street
Dylan Jarabek d/b/a Top Tier Auto Body – 232 Lapham Street
12. Auto Repair Shop License Renewals
Ronald Picard d/b/a Theo's Service Center – 35 Oak Grove Avenue
Dylan Jarabek d/b/a Top Tier Auto Body – 232 Lapham Street
13. Police Chief's Report on Licenses
2026 Taxicab Drivers
John Baker Darrell Carlsen
Sherry Mann Mikael Raposa
14. Fall River Taxi Service, Inc. – New Taxicab Vehicle Applications for
License Nos. 19 and 20

COMMUNICATIONS – INVITATIONS – PETITIONS

15. *Claims
16. Drainlayer Licenses
Touisset Construction Company
17. Planning Board Minutes
November 17, 2025 November 24, 2025

City Council Minutes
18. *Public Hearings – December 9, 2025
19. *Committee on Finance – December 9, 2025
20. *Regular Meeting of the City Council – December 9, 2025

BULLETINS – NEWSLETTERS – NOTICES

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


City Clerk

ITEMS FILED AFTER THE AGENDA DEADLINE CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 23, 2025

PRIORITY MATTERS

- 7a. *Mayor and Library Director to rename the Children's Room at the Fall River Public Library
the David Mello Children's Room at the request of Councilor Ricky T. Tith

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Ordinances and Legislation recommending:

Grant leave to withdraw:

- 7b. Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, Miscellaneous (referred 12-18-2025)
One-way streets
- Pine Street, East, from Seabury Street to Robeson Street

All readings with emergency preamble:

- 7c. Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, Handicapped Parking (referred 12-18-2025)
- Barlow Street, East, 29 feet north of Horton Street
 - Dwelly Street, North, 181 west of Kilburn Street
 - Eastern Avenue, West, 51 feet north of Maynard Street
 - Franklin Street, North, 39 feet west of North Seventh Street
 - Garfield Street, East, 258 feet south of Globe Street
 - June Street, East, 137 feet south of Lincoln Avenue
 - Rodman Street, East, 186 feet south of Oman Street

First reading:

- 7d. Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, Miscellaneous (referred 12-18-2025)
Handicapped parking removals
- Eastern Avenue, East, 70 feet north of County Street
 - Maple Street, South, 275 feet east of Linden Street
 - Montaup Street, West, 119 feet south of Globe Street
 - President Avenue, South, 126 feet east of Charlotte Street
 - South Oxford Street, West, 395 feet south of Brayton Avenue



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PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

December 2, 2025

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FALL RIVER, MA

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

Dear Council President and Members of the Honorable Council:

I hereby request confirmation from the City Council of the following 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,

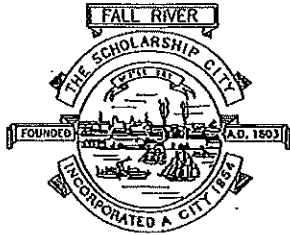
Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

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CITY OF FALL RIVER
IN CITY COUNCIL

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*Objected to and laid on the
table in accordance with the Charter*



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PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

December 18, 2025

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

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FALL RIVER, MA

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Dear Council President and Members of the Honorable Council:

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

Name: Ann Rocket Sperling

Address 147 Read Street
Fall River, MA 02720

Position: Library Board of Trustees

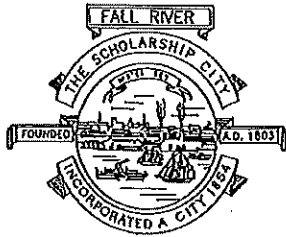
Term: December 5, 2025

Expires: December 5, 2027

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

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December 18, 2025

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Dear Council President and Members of the Honorable Council:

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

Name: Ronald Caplain

Address 295 Albany Street
Fall River, MA 02720

Position: Library Board of Trustees

Term: December 5, 2025

Expires: December 5, 2028

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

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Dear Council President and Members of the Honorable Council:

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

Name: Sharon L. Quinn

Address 375 Eldridge Street
Fall River, MA 02720

Position: Library Board of Trustees

Term: December 6, 2025

Expires: December 5, 2028

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

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December 18, 2025

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Dear Council President and Members of the Honorable Council:

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

Name: Fran Rachlin

Address 1170 Wilson Road
Unit #5
Fall River, MA 02720

Position: Library Board of Trustees

Term: December 5, 2025

Expires: December 5, 2028

Sincerely,

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PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

CITY CLERK
FALL RIVER, MA

December 18, 2025

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

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council:

Consistent with the requirements of MGL Chapter 150E, Section 7, I am resubmitting the recently negotiated Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Fall River and AFSCME Council 93, Local 3177 which represents many Government Center, Water, Parks, Cemeteries, and civilian Police, Fire, and EMS employees. This Agreement will become a part of the contractual obligations of their prior contracts.

The Administration values the Council's feedback regarding this Agreement, and we met with the Union's bargaining committee to discuss the concerns raised at the November 25, 2025 City Council meeting. The Administration and Union agree that ratification of this Agreement as negotiated and approved by both Parties is in the best interests of all parties. We are confident that actions will be taken after ratification to address your concerns.

The Administration is grateful to Local 3177 for their willingness to collaborate and reach consensus on an Agreement which is favorable to both our employees and the constituents of the City of Fall River. I respectfully request you grant an appropriation necessary to fund the cost items contained therein. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

City of Fall River, *In City Council*

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ORDERED, that the funding of the cost items contained in the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Fall River and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Council 93, Local 3177, is hereby approved.

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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE CITY OF FALL RIVER

AND

AFSCME COUNCIL 93, LOCAL 3177

This MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT is entered into by and between the City of Fall River (hereinafter "the City") and the AFSCME Council 93, Local 3177 ("Union");

WHEREAS, the City and the Union are parties to a collective bargaining agreement for the period July 1, 2024 through and including June 30, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, the City and the Union have, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 150E negotiated a successor contract for the aforementioned agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of mutual covenants and promises, the Parties agree that the following changes will be made to the Parties' July 1, 2024 through and including June 30, 2025 agreement:

1. Article XII: Holidays

Change Last paragraph to:

Cemeteries: On Memorial Day Weekend (Saturday, Sunday, and Monday) and any special occasions that are scheduled outside the regular work day/work week, the Clerk may be allowed to open the office to assist the public (with grave locations, genealogy, restroom access, etc.) at the sole discretion of the Director.

2. Article XXIII: Miscellaneous Provisions

Section C: Move to Article X Union Representatives

Section F: Move to Article XXIV (refer to Water Department)

Section J: Parking Move to Article XXXVII

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3. Article XXVI: Severance Benefit

Strike and replace the paragraph beginning "Accrued Sick Leave" as follows:

- Accrued Sick Leave – Up to sixty (60) days' buy back of accrued sick days, plus a buy back of 2% of all accrued sick days above Sixty (60) days. Employees hired after 7/1/2024 will only be eligible for payment of accrued sick leave if 1) they complete a minimum of four (4) complete years of service with the City; and 2) they are not terminated for cause. Employees hired after ratification of this agreement will not be eligible for payment of any accrued sick leave.

4. Article XXVIII: Clothing Allowance and Car Allowance

Strike and replace section 2 as follows:

- 2. Inspectors shall have their choice of either accepting a \$1,200.00 auto allowance, or in lieu of auto allowance or mileage, shall have access to a pool of vehicles for official City Use only. Assignment and scheduling of said vehicles for those electing this option shall be at the sole discretion of the City and shall be based on business necessity. Inspectors electing to have access to the vehicle pool shall receive the \$1,200.00 annual auto allowance on a monthly pro-rated basis if they need to use their personal vehicle instead.

Inspectors utilizing their personal vehicles for official use shall be allotted \$200.00 per month for fuel obtained from City pumps at the Department of Community Maintenance. Each inspector must identify the year, make, model, and license plate number for the personal vehicle authorized to obtain fuel from the City pumps. Inspectors will be provided with information regarding price and fuel usage, and will be responsible for submitting a monthly log to their supervisors for review. Usage will be reviewed by the City on a monthly, semi-annual, annual, or as needed basis and any overages will need to be reimbursed by the employee to the City. The City will never be responsible for any amount over \$200.00/month, even if the average monthly cost is less than \$200.00/month. Employees suspected of abusing the \$200.00/month allotment will lose access to the City fuel pumps. The City reserves the right to eliminate access to the City fuel pumps and revert to a \$200.00/month allowance through payroll at any time.

Reimbursement for authorized use of a personal vehicle for City business shall be determined by current IRS rate.

5. Article XXX: Term of Agreement

Effective July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2028

6. Article XXXIV: Wages

3. Raises: There shall be an across-the-board increase in all wages earned by members of this bargaining unit as follows:

Effective July 1, 2025:	2.5%
Effective July 1, 2026:	2.5%
Effective July 1, 2027:	2.5%

Dispatchers

Add 3 Steps to existing wage scale. New bi-weekly pay scale reflective of the 2.5% COLA will be:

Step 1:	\$1,675.52
Step 2:	\$1,787.61
Step 3:	\$1,899.68
Step 4:	\$2,011.76
Step 5:	\$2,123.84
Step 6:	\$2,235.92

Reclassification:

Engineering: 11A upgraded to 12A

Health: 11A upgraded 12A

Water Department 10A upgraded to 11A

Collector: Senior Accountant 11A upgraded to 12A

Head Administrative Clerk Print Services upgraded to 12A

The Union shall agree to the modification of two (2) 12A positions in the Treasurer's office from Union to non-union management positions and allowance to perform their current duties in addition to expanded duties without dispute. The City agrees to hire one (1) additional EMS Billing Clerk and one (1) additional Fire Apparatus Repairman.

EMS Billing Clerks

Rename Position to EMS Billing and Coding Compliance Clerk

Use updated job description (attached)

Pay Grade: 12A (with Certifications)
11A (without Certifications)

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Cemetery/Trees

Rename Supervisor of Tree Operations to Supervisor of Cemeteries and Trees.
Revised Job description will follow. Position will be paid the same rate as
Working Foreman Facilities.

New Classification:

22B – Water Maint. Worker I Hydrant Specialist (Pay consistent with 22Bs)

Eliminate Grade 11B

6. Reclassification. Delete section 6 in entirety

7. Appendix C: Stipends

- MA Backflow Tester – Increase from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00
- Police and Fire Mechanics

Certification pay for each certificate obtained change to:

\$200.00 (not to exceed \$1,000.00)

- Snow Removal Stipend

Only those positions outlined below shall be eligible for the snow removal incentive pay.

Parks Laborers
Cemetery/Trees Laborers
Facilities Maintenance Laborers and Tradespeople
Traffic Maintenance Workers
Fire Mechanics
Police Mechanics
Police Electricians
Water Laborers

To be eligible, laborers must work a minimum of twelve (12) total hours during the snow/ice removal season (October 1 through April 1), employees with a CDL must work a minimum of sixteen (16) total hours during the snow/ice removal season and they shall not refuse or miss more than seven (7) overtime calls for snow/ice removal. Snow removal is defined as the process of physically removing snow (shoveling/snow blowing/plowing) or treating ice (salting/sanding) on public or certain City owned roads, driveways, sidewalks, parking lots and paths. If an employee responds back to the department as available to work within 15 minutes

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of a message left on an answering machine, it shall not be counted as a missed call. If an employee has worked an 8-hour overtime shift, he/she shall be exempt from the missed call provision for 16 (sixteen) hours. If any employee works 125 hours or more overtime for snow/ice removal during the season, then they shall be exempt from the seven-refusal limit noted above. Any overtime calls that would result in an employee working more than 16 hours are exempt from the refusal limit. An employee with a CDL must have a fully active license and a copy must be given to management as of May 1.

Payment of the stipend shall be made by April 30 of the following year. This schedule is to allow for proper budgeting each year for stipend payments. Said employee must be willing and able to utilize said license as requested by the department. Refusal to utilize said license will result in loss of incentive pay.

Employees with CDL:

For zero refusals the compensation shall be \$2,500.00

For seven or less the compensation shall be \$2,250.00

Employees without CDL:

For zero refusals the compensation shall be \$1,250.00

For seven or less the compensation shall be \$1,000.00

At the conclusion of the season, if enough qualifying hours are not attainable for any employee, the Union's Business Agent and the City's Administrator or his/her designee shall meet and discuss the eligibility for individuals to be paid the snow removal stipend.

8. New Article:

The Parties agree to establish the Modified Duty Policy attached hereto.

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This Agreement is subject to ratification by the American Federation of State, County, And Municipal Employees, Local 3177 and full funding by the City Council.

Signed and Agreed to this 30TH day of OCTOBER, 2025.

FOR THE CITY

Paul Coogan 10/31/25
Paul Coogan, Mayor Date

FOR THE UNION

Rui Santos
Rui Santos, President, Local 3177 Date

Scott E. Taveira
Scott Taveira, Staff Rep., Local 3177 Date

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City of Fall River
AFSCME 93 Local 3177
Modified Duty Policy

This policy will be effective when the FY26-28 AFSCME Collective Bargaining Agreement is ratified. The parties agree to evaluate the effectiveness of the policy and bargain over any potential changes no later than March 1, 2026.

This policy works in conjunction with the City of Fall River's leave benefits and the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Fall River and the AFSCME Council 93 Local 3177. This policy covers an employee's ability to return to work after experiencing an injury, illness, or disability, until they can be cleared to return to work without restrictions by their treating physician.

Definition: Modified Duty is an assignment which is for a specified and limited period and fulfills a necessary job function appropriate to the employee's skills and level of experience as determined by the employer; and which the employee can perform without violating any medical restriction imposed as a result of a temporary disability, personal sickness, or injury; and for which the employee is compensated at his or her normal rate of pay and benefits.

Modified Duty assignments will be addressed on a case-by-case basis. The employee and department head will outline the temporary and limited job-related tasks that the employee may perform while on Modified Duty. These tasks must be approved by the Human Resources Director and the employee's treating physician.

This Modified Duty policy will run concurrent with all other applicable leave benefits. Employees who are unable to perform their full job duties must provide supporting medical documentation from their treating physician. If the employee's injury, illness, or disability renders the employee unable to perform their full duties, they may qualify for Modified Duty as defined in this section. The department head or their designee, in consultation with the Director of Human Resources, may require the employee to perform certain Modified Duty assignments on a temporary basis. Failure of an employee to report for Modified Duty assignments shall terminate the employee's eligibility for City provided injury leave benefits.

In all instances, it is the responsibility of the employee's treating physician to certify leave due to injury, illness, or disability; to certify whether the employee is able to perform Modified Duty assignments on a temporary basis; and to certify when the employee is able to return to work without restrictions. An employee must adhere to all restrictions certified by their treating physician.

Modified Duty assignments are not guaranteed and may be requested by either the employer or the employee. The employer will not request light duty before forty-five (45) calendar days from the date of injury, illness, or disability. The availability and duration of such assignments are limited by departmental needs as defined by the employee's department head. In the event an employee's request for Modified Duty is denied, they will continue to follow the City's normal leave guidelines. While on Modified Duty, an employee may be required to provide periodic updates from their treating physician to remain on Modified Duty.

The employee will notify their department head or Human Resources as soon as practicable of all changes to their medical condition. If the employee's treating physician determines an employee's condition is permanent, the employee is not eligible for a Modified Duty assignment.

If a Modified Duty assignment ends, and all available leave programs are exhausted, the employee will meet with their department head and the Director of Human Resources to determine next steps.



PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

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CITY CLERK
FALL RIVER, MA

December 17, 2025

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

Dear Council President and Members of the Honorable Council,

I respectfully request your approval to accept a donation of \$10,000.00 to support the Fall River Fire Department's K9 program for training and equipment.

Thank you for your consideration with this request.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

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City of Fall River, *In City Council*

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ORDERED, that under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53A, the Fall River Fire Department, and the same is hereby, authorized to accept a gift donation from Firehouse Dogs in the amount of \$10,000.00 to support the department's K-9 program.



FIRE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF FALL RIVER

December 17, 2025

Honorable Mayor Coogan,

Firehouse Dogs, a local nonprofit organization, would like to donate \$10,000.00 to support the department's K-9 program, with funds to be used more specifically for the training and equipment necessary to certify Sophie as a Search and Rescue K-9. I am requesting permission to accept this generous donation.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey P. Bacon".

Chief Bacon

Jeffrey P. Bacon • Fire Chief

140 Commerce Drive • Fall River, MA 02720

TEL (508) 324-2740 • FAX (508) 672-5993 • EMAIL firechief@frfd.org

City of Fall River, In City Council

(Councilor Michelle M. Dionne)

WHEREAS, laws have changed to allow for a hybrid list to be created for the purpose of hiring firefighters, and

WHEREAS, it appears that the hybrid list will be used for hiring purposes before exhausting the Civil Service List that is in place, and

WHEREAS, such action appears to be in direct violation of Sections 30-52 and 30-53 of the Code of the City of Fall River, Massachusetts, which refer directly to M.G.L. Chapter 31, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that Corporation Counsel and a member of the Administration be invited to a Committee on Finance meeting to discuss the matter and render a legal opinion, prior to using the hybrid list, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Corporation Counsel also advise if it will be necessary for the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation to convene to modify and/or make changes to said ordinances prior to advancing with using the hybrid list.

(Filed 12-18-2025)



City of Fall River
Notice of Claim

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CITY CLERK: #25-82
FALL RIVER, MA

1. Claimant's name: CSM, LLP o/b/o USAA a/s/o Bethany Francis
2. Claimant's complete address: c/o CSM, LLP; 2929 N Central Expwy, Ste 320, Richardson, TX, 75080
3. Telephone number: Home: _____ Work: 469-304-9301
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: 10/31/2025 - 6:58 AM Amount of damages claimed: \$ \$3,305.77
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):
Maple St & Linden St, Fall River
7. Circumstances of the Incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
On October 31, 2025, USAA's Insured was traveling near Maple St & Linden St in Fall River, MA, when their vehicle collided with a Fall River Police Department vehicle (2025 Ford, MA MPF741), driven by Jhonathan Delgado. The City of Fall River employee failed to yield the right of way and caused the collision.
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
Garrison Property and Casualty Insurance Company - c/o CSM, LLP

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: 12/05/2025

Claimant's signature: [Signature]

Obidee Passmore o/b/o
CSM, LLP o/b/o USAA
a/s/o Bethany Francis

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.

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FRPD

Date: 12/9/25

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City of Fall River
Notice of Claim

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CITY CLERK #25-83
FALL RIVER, MA

1. Claimant's name: Carla Vanessa Perez Chuqui
2. Claimant's complete address: 242 E Main St #3 Fall River, MA 02724
3. Telephone number: Home: 774-888-7213 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: 11/13/2025 Amount of damages claimed: \$ _____
6. Exact location of the incident: (Include as much detail as possible):
EASTON SCHOOL FALL RIVER
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
Carla Chuqui's vehicle was parked, other vehicle scratched the driver's door.
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: 11-26-25

Claimant's signature: [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.

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School dept

Date: 12/10/25



City of Fall River
Notice of Claim

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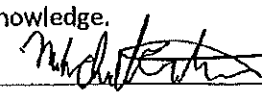
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CITY CLERK
FALL RIVER, MA

1. Claimant's name: Michael Contente
2. Claimant's complete address: 61 Bedard Street
3. Telephone number: Home: 401-340-0347 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: November 17th 20:00 Amount of damages claimed: \$ 645.00
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):
Intersection of Tremont and Bedford Street
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
two tires on my vehicle were destroyed after hitting an exposed manhole cover.
The attached images show the cover and its location, and evidence that it was
neither covered by a cone, nor indicated by any "elevated structures ahead" etc. sign
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: 12/12/25

Claimant's 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

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Date: 12/15/25



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1. Claimant's name: Sherry Mayette
2. Claimant's complete address: 445 Reading St Fall River, MA
3. Telephone number: Home: 774-294-3496 Work: same
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: November 20th 2025 at 4:16 pm Amount of damages claimed: \$ Unknown at this time will proceed
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):
Ray street (southbound side) at Durfee High School rear entrance, Fall River, MA
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
See attached form
8. Have you submitted a claim to any insurance company for damages arising from this incident? If so, name and address of insurance company: ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Date: December 17th 2025

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Pothole Damage Claim from November 20th 2025

Vehicle Information:

Vehicle was operated by Sherry Mayette
445 Reading St.
Fall River, MA 02720

sherrymayette@gmail.com

774-294-3496

Vehicle was a 2023 Nissan Sentra, New Jersey registration A19SKZ.

Vehicle owned by Enterprise rent a car
Ean holdings LLC

Address: 14002 East 21st st. Tulsa, OK 74134 STE 1500

Date of accident: November 20th 2025 at 4:15 pm

I was traveling in the southbound lane on Ray Street at the rear entrance of Durfee High School in Fall River, MA. I suddenly observed 2 large potholes and a large chunk of asphalt lying on the asphalt directly in my path. I was unable to safely swerve around the large potholes due to oncoming traffic in the northbound lane and curbing to my right side. The vehicle that I was operating struck the 2 large potholes and large chunk of asphalt with the undercarriage of the vehicle. I heard and felt a large crash and then dragging. I stopped immediately and observed the entire underneath Engine Splash Guard to be completely hanging on by only 1 fastener of the 25 fasteners that attach it. The engine splash guard was completely destroyed and ripped along with all fasteners. I took pictures of the potholes and asphalt in the travel lane. I contacted Enterprise rental and advised them. The following day, I contacted the City of Fall River department and advised them of the large pothole and chunks and the pothole was fixed within 2 days. I am currently awaiting an estimate of the cost of damages from Enterprise rental car.

Enterprise Rental Claim # 23389853

Email address is DRU3@EHI.com

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CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARINGS

MEETING: December 9, 2025 at 5:55 p.m.
Council Chamber, One Government Center

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

ABSENT: Councilors Bradford L. Kilby, Cliff Ponte and Ricky T. Tith

IN ATTENDANCE: Nick Cecilio, 44 California Street
Michael Lamothe, 202 Cambridge Street

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

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

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.

The President asked if any proponents were present, and no one came forward. The President then asked if any opponents were present, and Nick Cecilio, 44 California Street, came forward. Mr. Cecilio stated that there has been ongoing construction at 34-36 California Street. Mr. Cecilio stated that there is often debris in his yard and he's concerned that this curb removal will not be properly performed, leading to issues with the surrounding street and sidewalk.

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.

The President asked if any proponents were present, and Michael Lamothe, 202 Cambridge Street, came forward. Mr. Lamothe explained that the proposed 14-foot opening on Cambridge Street will help to increase available parking spaces on the street, as he will move his two vehicles onto his property. The President then asked if any opponents were present, and no one came forward.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Dionne, it was unanimously voted to close the hearings at 6:06 p.m., with Councilors Kilby, Ponte and Tith absent and not voting.

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:

Agenda (attached)

A true copy. Attest:

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City Clerk

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MEETING: December 9, 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,
Linda M. Pereira, Cliff Ponte and Andrew J. Raposo

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Paul Ferland, Administrator of Community Utilities
Emily Arpke, Director of Financial Services
Ian Schachne, Treasurer/Collector
James V. Terrio, Jr., Chair, Watuppa Water Board

President Camara called the meeting to order at 6:07 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
Sara Carvalho, 38 June Street – Homeless
Jordan Silvia, Highland Avenue – Homeless

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

Councilor Dionne and Paul Ferland, Administrator of Community Utilities, discussed the water rates for Westport, MA, in the proposed intermunicipal agreement. Mr. Ferland explained that there is a rate reduction incentive for Westport, and that once they have reached a certain amount of water per gallon use their rate will decrease. The Administrator of Community Utilities stated that this rate decrease will help encourage the expansion of water usage throughout the town, increasing the revenue for the City of Fall River. Councilor Dionne expressed concern that residents of Fall River are responsible for additional fees that are not included in the agreement with Westport and the Administrator of Community Utilities clarified that the Town of Westport pays the water bills to the City of Fall River, not the individual Westport residents.

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Councilor Dionne and Mr. Ferland also discussed commercial water use in Westport, which has many restaurants and a hotel. Mr. Ferland stated that additional development on Route 6 will assist with generating revenue for Fall River as it will increase water usage. The Administrator of Community Utilities clarified that towns near Westport, such as North Dartmouth, MA, may be interested in participating in an intermunicipal agreement as well.

Councilor Cadime and Mr. Ferland discussed the estimates of water use within the proposed intermunicipal agreement, which is a higher percentage rate than what Westport currently uses. Mr. Ferland explained that, within the new agreement, the Town of Westport will be required to use at least 20,000,000 gallons per year, but that there is no minimum requirement for each month, and more water may be used in the summer versus the winter. Councilor Cadime and the Administrator of Community Utilities discussed that, while Corporation Counsel had approved the proposed intermunicipal agreement, there are sections that could benefit from language amendments.

Councilor Cadime expressed concern regarding Section 7.1.8 within the agreement, which relates to disputed payments from the Town of Westport, and suggested that the language be amended to restrict the contested invoice period to only thirty (30) days, unless written correspondence is received. Mr. Ferland stated that this could be adjusted but clarified that Westport will be vigilant about providing updates to the Watuppa Water Board, in relation to this new agreement, and stated that the Town of Westport will be responsible for their own water quality maintenance. President Camara asked where the usage rate would be measured and Mr. Ferland clarified that the meter is located at the Fall River/Westport town line.

Councilor Ponte arrived at 6:25 p.m.

Councilor Raposo and the Administrator of Community Utilities discussed potential expansion of water services to additional communities. Mr. Ferland explained that a section within the agreement includes the option for Westport to allow for expansion to neighboring towns.

Councilor Ponte and Mr. Ferland discussed the need to improve the language within the agreement to reflect the legal action that would be taken if the Town of Westport does not pay their bills in a timely manner. Mr. Ferland explained that any matters related to non-payment would be addressed by the Law Department. James V. Terrio, Jr., Chair, Watuppa Water Board, stated that, with the payment issues that have occurred in the past, the current members of the Watuppa Water Board, as well as Mr. Ferland, have worked diligently to deter that issue in the future. Mr. Terrio also indicated that, in certain circumstances, the City of Fall River could turn off the water services to the Town of Westport. Councilor Ponte commended the work done by Mr. Terrio but emphasized the need for stronger legal language within the agreement, as the members of the Watuppa Water Board may be different in ten years when the agreement expires.

Councilor Hart commended the Administrator of Community Utilities and the Chair of the Watuppa Water Board for their work to create intermunicipal agreements. A brief discussion was held regarding the history of water use changes due to mill closures in the City of Fall River. Mr. Ferland stated that the best process of achieving more revenue for the City, now that these commercial businesses are no longer in operation, will be creating more intermunicipal agreements with neighboring municipalities for water services.

Councillor Dionne and Mr. Ferland discussed the current intermunicipal agreements with nearby communities, and the expiration of these agreements. Mr. Ferland stated that when the contract expires, the districts can continue the water service with yearly extensions, and he stated that the agreement with Freetown, MA, has not yet expired due to the length of the contract. The Administrator of Community Utilities also provided information regarding the updated, ultrasonic water meter that was installed at the Fall River and Westport, MA, town line, which is very accurate with reading large volumes of water. Mr. Ferland also clarified that the rates within the contract with Westport would be adjusted based on the current water rates in Fall River, and that the Town of Westport would always be charged 150% of the City's rate.

President Camara asked for more information regarding the Tiverton, RI, intermunicipal agreement with the City of Fall River, and Mr. Ferland explained that their contract is currently year-to-year. President Camara stated that there should be a limitation placed on the indefinite year-to-year agreements once the original contract expires.

A brief discussion was held between Councillor Cadime, Councillor Ponte and Mr. Ferland regarding the following sections within the proposed agreement that could be amended, including language adjustments in Section 4, by striking out "thereafter" and inserting in place thereof "for no more than 5 years.," in Section 7.1.8, by striking out "must" in the first sentence, and inserting in place thereof "shall,," and by striking out, in the third sentence "will be demanded," and inserting in place thereof "as billed shall be made and shall not be further contested." Mr. Ferland agreed with the suggested changes and stated that Corporation Counsel would need to review, and approve, the contract with the amendments.

On a motion made by Councillor Raposo and seconded by Councillor Hart, it was unanimously voted to recommend that the order, with the recommended agreement changes, be referred to full Council for action, with Councillors Kilby and Tith absent and not voting.

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

Paul Ferland, Administrator of Community Utilities, provided a brief overview of how the funding from the proposed loan orders would be utilized, including repairing and replacing various portions of the roof at the Water Treatment Plant, and updating the Programmable Logic Controller computer system, which has not been updated since 2005. Mr. Ferland explained that the Water Systems Improvement projects have been successful and stated that the most recent loan order for Phase 22 allowed the City to replace most of the remaining lead water pipes.

Councillor Ponte and Mr. Ferland discussed the Capital Improvement Plans for the Water Division, which include roof repairs, wall repairs and lighting replacements in and around various buildings. Councillor Ponte stated that the roof repair cost estimate of over \$2,000,000 seems very high. Mr. Ferland explained that the roof is very large and Emily Arpke, Director of Financial Services, clarified that there are many steps to this repair process due to the size and quality required for the roof. Mr. Ferland provided information regarding the anticipated debt of the proposed loan orders, including the \$0.12 rate amortization, and the current debt of the Water Enterprise Fund, which totals roughly \$700,000. Councillor Ponte asked if there are any inactive projects with unused funds that could be utilized for the roof repair costs and Ms. Arpke and Mr. Ferland explained that most of the unused funding is within the accounts of the Sewer Enterprise Fund and cannot be transferred. Councillor Ponte and Mr. Ferland discussed the long-term maintenance plans to preserve these planned repairs. The Administrator of Community Utilities explained that they will obtain warranties for the new equipment and require

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annual inspections of the new roof using a drone apparatus, which will assist with regular maintenance. Mr. Ferland also explained that historic debt of the Water Enterprise Fund will begin to fall off the debt list and that the debt rate will not be affected by the current borrowed funds. Ms. Arpke stated that the City will structure the debt appropriately so the debt schedule will not affect the current allocated budget and clarified that, once authorized, this loan order will not need to be completely bonded. Mr. Ferland stated that the necessary funding may be assisted with grant capital, but the loan orders will ensure the success of these projects.

Councillor Raposo said that a memo also lists that the funding will be utilized "in other water system related work," and requested clarification. Mr. Ferland stated that the loan orders would also assist with general maintenance expenses within the Water Division. Mr. Ferland also provided clarification regarding the various phases of the Water Improvement Plans, which have been ongoing for over twenty-five years.

Vice President Pereira and the Administrator of Community Utilities discussed the process for submitting a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the necessary roof repair. Mr. Ferland stated that the RFP process cannot begin until the funding is secured, and Vice President Pereira stated that the actual cost for that repair may be lower than the amount currently anticipated. Mr. Ferland agreed but stated that the cost will depend on the current market for that type of renovation.

Councillor Cadime stated that he supports the projects and the proposed loan orders. Councillor Cadime provided a summary of his resolution that would allow the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation to discuss amending City code §2-131, which relates to Election required for authorization of certain loan orders, as these types of loans assist with infrastructure improvements that should be under the jurisdiction of the City Council and the current ordinance requires special elections when these loan orders are over certain limits. President Camara and Councillor Cadime discussed that these requirements are not in place in other municipalities. President Camara expressed concern regarding the removal of that limitation, as the debt from these loans could affect taxpayers. Ms. Arpke stated that the City has not borrowed from the General Fund in over four years, and Councillor Cadime emphasized the need to focus on more efficient debt leveraging practices going forward. Vice President Pereira stated that the existing ordinance was amended to allow the City Council to authorize the loans in larger amounts.

On a motion made by Councillor Raposo and seconded by Councillor Hart, it was unanimously voted to recommend that the loan orders be referred to the City Council for action, with Councillors Kilby and Tith absent and not voting.

On a motion made by Councillor Raposo and seconded by Councillor Dionne, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:21 p.m., with Councillors Kilby and Tith absent and not voting.

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


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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

Councillor 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 Councillor Dionne, it was unanimously voted to adopt the resolution, with Councillor Cadime abstaining and Councillors Kilby and Tith absent and not voting.

CITATIONS

10. Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School Bengals Varsity Football Team – 2025 Massachusetts Vocational Large School Super Bowl Champions

Players

Kyran Aguiar	Cayden Amaral Aguiar	Quincy Badger
Julian Baillie	Henry Bettencourt	Ryan Botelho
Rowan Campion	Tyson Campion	Giovanni Carvalho
Micah Clayton	Brayden Correia	Jay Debrito
Brian DeJesus	Brailyn De Los Santos	Raulison 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

15. **Auto Repair Shop License Renewals**

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

Jacinto Silva d/b/a Tech Service Center, Inc., 70 William Street

Joseph M. Zaccheo d/b/a Sullivan Tire Co., Inc., 456 Rodman Street

Marco Vinicio Rojas Fernandez d/b/a Rojas Auto Sales, 2291 South Main Street

Paul J. Amarello d/b/a Ray's Auto Sales, Inc., 707 Brayton Avenue

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

16. **Police Chief's Report on Licenses**

2026 Taxicab Drivers

Joseph A. Gonsalves

Louis Levesque

2026 Private Livery Drivers

Otis Aliemeke

Wayne Allen Delisle

Gavin Migel McGregor

Larince Seide

2026 Private Livery Vehicles

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

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

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)

A true copy. Attest:

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City Clerk



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PO Box 9690
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Town Clerk
One Government Center
Fall River, MA 02722

November 13, 2025

File Number: 60010612294
Date of Loss: July 14, 2025
Owner/Insured: Michael Paiva
Street: 540 Cherry St Apt 7
Town: Fall River
Type of Loss: Homeowners

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FALL RIVER, MA

To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised that we insure the above named individual(s). A claim has been made for Damage to Real Property and as the insurer, we are presently in the process of adjusting the loss.

We are mandated to comply with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 139 and as such, if there are any present liens on the above property, please notify us within 10 days of receipt of this letter. If we do not hear from you, we will be under no obligation to pay you any portion of this claim.

Sincerely,

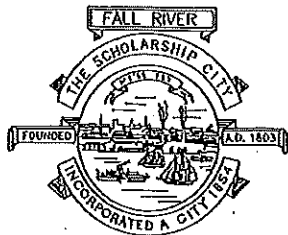
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Claims Department
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Date: 11/18/25

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City of Fall River
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PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor
November 19, 2025

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CITY CLERK _____
FALL RIVER, MA

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

Dear Council President and Members of the Honorable Council,

On August 4, 2025, I received via email the following request from Councilor Ricky Tith. I am writing to inquire about potential recognition for Mr. David Mello, a distinguished Librarian and Artist. With nearly 39 years of dedicated service to our community, Mr. Mello has served as the Supervisor of Children's Services at the Fall River Public Library for over 30 years. He is a cherished figure, and my children have greatly benefited from his engaging storytelling and creative children's events. Given his outstanding contributions, I believe Mr. Mello deserves formal recognition for his tireless work, which could be achieved by honoring him with a plaque display at the library or dedicating a section of the library in his name.

This request was forwarded to Library Administrator, Fellisha Desmarais, for a vote of the Library Board of Trustees. This request was unanimously approved by the Library Board of Trustees at their meeting on November 12, 2025.

I am now submitting this request to the Honorable Council for your review and consideration. If additional information is needed, please reach out to my office. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

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City of Fall River, In City Council

ORDERED, that the Children's Room at the Fall River Public Library, located at 104 North Main Street, be renamed the David Mello Children's Room in recognition of his over 30-year tenure as the Supervisor of Children's Services at such library.

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PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

FELISHA DESMARAIS
Library Director
FDesmarais@sailsinc.org

December 19th, 2025

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

Dear Mayor Coogan:

I would like to formally notify you that the Library Board of Trustees, have voted unanimously in support of Councilor Tith's request to the Mayor; to Honor *Mr. David Mello*, Children's room supervisor in dedicating a section of the library, in his name for his outstanding contributions in his tenure at the Fall River Public Library.

At the Library Board of Trustees Meeting held Nov. 12th, 3pm, on a motion by Trustee *James Gibney* and Seconded by Trustee *Melissa Panchley*, the Board voted unanimously to "Rename the FRPL Children's Room the David Mello Children's Room; contingent on the City's approval through their process in consideration to appropriate restrictions and procedure on naming City Property."

Sincerely,

Felisha Desmarais
Library Director