

City of Fall River Massachusetts

Office of the City Clerk

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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

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

ABSENT: None

IN ATTENDANCE: None

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

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

CITATIONS

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

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

PRIORITY MATTERS

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

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

PRIORITY COMMUNICATIONS

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

ORDINANCES

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

Second Reading and Enrollment

8. Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, Miscellaneous

Section 1

Parking Prohibited at all times (insert)

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

Section 2

Handicapped Parking (strike outs)

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

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

Approved, June 11, 2025

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

9. Proposed Ordinance – Appointment of Chief of Police

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

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RESOLUTIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ORDERS – HEARINGS

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

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COMMUNICATIONS – INVITATIONS – PETITIONS

15. Claims

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

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

City Council Minutes

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

17. Public Hearing – May 27, 2025

18. Committee on Finance – May 27, 2025

19. Committee on Finance – May 28, 2025

20. Committee on Finance – May 29, 2025

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

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

BULLETINS – NEWSLETTERS – NOTICES

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

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

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

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

PRIORITY MATTERS

5a. Proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Municipal Budget

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

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

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

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

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

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

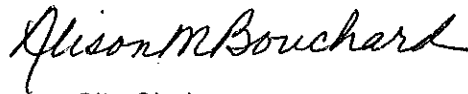
On a motion made by Vice President Pereira and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:44 p.m.

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:

Agenda packet (attached)

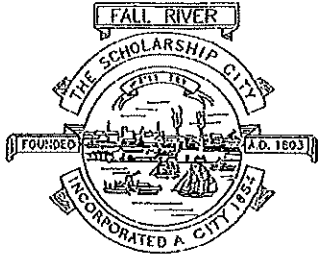
Lowney Private Investigation Report re: Department of Community Maintenance

A true copy. Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Glison M. Bouchard". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "G".

City Clerk

In City Council, June 24, 2025
Approved.



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ORIGINAL POSTING: JUNE 6, 2025, AT 1:03 P.M.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, ONE GOVERNMENT CENTER
JUNE 10, 2025
REVISED AGENDA

4:45 P.M. COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

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Office of the Mayor

PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

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FALL RIVER, MA

June 10, 2025

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

Dear Councilor President and Members of the Honorable Council:

Attached please find the FY26 General Fund Appropriation Order in the amount of \$452,631,757 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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General Fund

Appropriation Order

BE IT ORDERED, that the Annual Budget for fiscal year 2026 from various funds, is \$452,631,757 of which the amount of \$444,839,837 be raised from ordinary revenue and municipal receipts for appropriation as follows:

A. for the purpose of GENERAL GOVERNMENT

1. from the General Fund, for MAYOR, Salaries	\$	309,493	
2. from the General Fund, for MAYOR, Expenses	\$	20,350	
3. from the General Fund, for CITY COUNCIL, Salaries	\$	254,040	
4. from the General Fund, for CITY COUNCIL, Expenses	\$	170,700	
5. from the General Fund, for CITY CLERK, Salaries	\$	373,343	
6. from the General Fund, for CITY CLERK, Expenses	\$	45,940	
7. from the General Fund, for ELECTIONS, Salaries	\$	358,106	
8. from the General Fund, for ELECTIONS, Expenses	\$	119,380	
9. from the General Fund, for VETERANS' BENEFITS, Salaries	\$	262,128	
10. from the General Fund, for VETERANS' BENEFITS, Expenses	\$	1,851,055	
			\$3,764,535

B. for the purpose of ADMINISTRATION

1. from the General Fund, for ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, Salaries	\$	1,473,867	
2. from the General Fund, for ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, Expenses	\$	3,145,600	
3. from the General Fund, for JUDGEMENTS AND CLAIMS	\$	450,000	
			\$5,069,467

C. for the purpose of FINANCIAL SERVICES

1. from the General Fund, for FINANCIAL SERVICES, Salaries	\$	1,838,213	
2. from the General Fund, for FINANCIAL SERVICES, Expense	\$	385,535	
			\$2,223,748

D. for the purpose of FACILITIES MAINTENANCE

1. from the General Fund, for FACILITIES, Salaries	\$	1,162,488	
2. from the General Fund, for FACILITIES, Expense	\$	2,193,100	
3. from the General Fund, for FACILITIES, Capital	\$		
			\$3,355,588

E. for the purpose of COMMUNITY MAINTENANCE

1. from the General Fund, for COMMUNITY MAINTENANCE, Salaries	\$	5,430,732	
2. from the General Fund, for COMMUNITY MAINTENANCE, Expense	\$	15,883,195	
3. from the General Fund, for COMMUNITY MAINTENANCE, Capital	\$		
			\$21,313,927

F. for the purpose of COMMUNITY SERVICE

1. from the General Fund, for COMMUNITY SERVICES, Salaries	\$	2,795,546	
2. from the General Fund, for COMMUNITY SERVICES, Expense	\$	1,160,253	
3. from the General Fund, for COMMUNITY SERVICES, Transfers	\$	20,000	
			\$3,975,799

G. for the purpose of EDUCATION

1. from the General Fund, for SCHOOL APPROPRIATION	\$	197,837,210	
2. from the General Fund, for SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION	\$	13,118,324	
3. from the General Fund, for EDUCATION ASSESSMENTS	\$	9,111,912	
			\$220,067,446

General Fund

Appropriation Order

H. for the purpose of COMMUNITY PROTECTION

1. from the General Fund, for POLICE, Salaries	\$	24,585,653
2. from the General Fund, for POLICE, Expenses	\$	2,085,403
3. from the General Fund, for POLICE, Capital	\$	-
4. from the General Fund, for HARBOR MASTER, Salaries	\$	-
5. from the General Fund, for HARBOR MASTER, Expenses	\$	36,300
6. from the General Fund, for FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES, Salaries	\$	17,994,956
7. from the General Fund, for FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES, Expenses	\$	1,007,712
8. from the General Fund, for FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES, Capital	\$	-

\$45,710,024

I. for the purpose of OTHER GOVERNMENTAL EXPENSES

1. from the General Fund, for DEBT - SERVICE	\$	14,402,321
2. from the General Fund, for INSURANCE	\$	45,690,149
3. from the General Fund, for PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS	\$	43,299,321
4. from the General Fund, for RESERVE FUND	\$	890,516

\$104,282,307

TOTAL GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET \$ 409,762,839

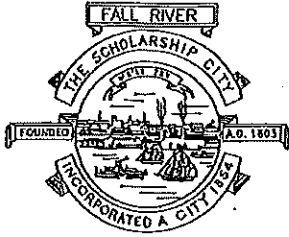
CHERRY SHEET ASSESSMENTS \$ 42,868,918

GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET \$ 452,631,757

FUNDING SOURCES:

from Stabilization Fund	\$	600,000
from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash)	\$	-
from the EMS Rate Revenues for INSURANCE	\$	1,302,781
from the EMS Rate Revenues for PENSION	\$	1,146,639
from the EMS Rate Revenues for OTHER INDIRECT	\$	1,196,263
from the Water Rate Revenues for INSURANCE	\$	505,779
from the Water Rate Revenues for PENSION	\$	1,189,275
from the Water Rate Revenues for OTHER INDIRECT	\$	903,184
from the Sewer Rate Revenues for INSURANCE	\$	131,226
from the Sewer Rate Revenues for PENSION	\$	358,685
from the Sewer Rate Revenues for OTHER INDIRECT	\$	458,089
from Ordinary Revenue and Municipal Receipts	\$	444,839,837

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The Honorable City Council
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Dear Honorable Council Members:

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 32 of the Massachusetts General Laws, I recommend the following appropriations to your Honorable Body.

1. \$2,000,000.00 That the sum of \$2,000,000.00 be, and the same is, hereby transferred to the EMPLOYER HEALTH TRUST FUND from the FY24 SURPLUS REVENUE.

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

Best Regards,

Paul Coogan
Mayor

City of Fall River, In City Council

June 10, 2025

ORDERED:

That the sum of \$2,000,000.00 be, and the same is hereby transferred to Employer Health Trust Fund from FY24 Surplus Revenue:

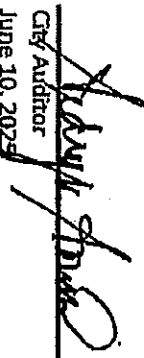
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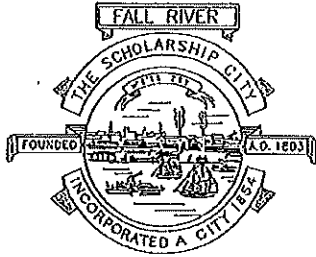
FY25 Appropriation/Transfer Number Analysis

Line	Original/Revised Appropriation	Amount Transferred	Adjusted Balance
General Fund Free Cash	\$5,716,404.00	(2,000,000.00)	\$ 3,716,404.00
Employer Health Trust Fund	\$ 42,875,743.58	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 44,875,743.58

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


 City Auditor
 June 10, 2025

*Employer amount does NOT include full year of Rebates, Reimbursements and other Revenues to hit E.R. Trust Fund



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COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

ORDINANCES

7. *Proposed Ordinance – Director of Emergency Management Agency salary amendment

Second Reading and Enrollment

8. *Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, Miscellaneous

Section 1

Parking Prohibited at all times (insert)

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

Section 2

Handicapped Parking (strike outs)

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

9. *Proposed Ordinance – Appointment of Chief of Police

RESOLUTIONS

10. *Committee on Public Works and Transportation convene with City Engineer and Director of City Operations to discuss potential remedies to potholes near the intersection of Columbia Street and South Main Street
11. *City Council formally request that the Massachusetts State Auditor initiate an independent audit of the Department of Community Maintenance in relation to recently revealed allegations of misconduct, misuse of City resources, and other violations, and provide a public report of findings and recommendations in relation to this matter.

CITATIONS

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

ORDERS – HEARINGS

Second Hand Article Store

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

ORDERS – MISCELLANEOUS

14. **Auto Repair Shop License Renewal**

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

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS – INVITATIONS – PETITIONS

15. *Claims

City Council Minutes

- 16. *Fiscal Year 2026 Municipal Budget Public Hearing – May 27, 2025
- 17. *Public Hearing – May 27, 2025
- 18. *Committee on Finance – May 27, 2025
- 19. *Committee on Finance – May 28, 2025
- 20. *Committee on Finance – May 29, 2025
- 21. *Regular Meeting of the City Council – May 27, 2025

BULLETINS – NEWSLETTERS – NOTICES

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


City Clerk

City of Fall River, In City Council

FINANCE 2

(Vice President Linda M. Perelra)

WHEREAS, the general public, including those who are conducting business within the City, serving as a juror in the local courthouses or working for the City of Fall River, utilizes the Pearl Street Parking Garage and the Third Street Parking Garage, and

WHEREAS, concerns have been raised regarding the structural soundness, lack of cleanliness and general safety within these parking garages, especially in the evening and early morning hours, and

WHEREAS, those who park inside these structures are required to pay a parking fee to the City of Fall River, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee on Finance convene with the City Administrator, the Director of City Operations and the Building Inspector to discuss structural concerns, costs of required renovations and potential methods that may be implemented to increase safety within the Pearl Street and Third Street Parking Garages.

In City Council, January 28, 2025
Adopted.

A true copy. Attest:

Alison M. Bouchard

City Clerk

Tabled 3-11-2025

City of Fall River, In City Council

FINANCE 3

(Councilor Andrew J. Raposo)

WHEREAS, after the reorganization of certain departments took place to increase efficiencies across the city, and

WHEREAS, the Director of City Operations is prepared to make a presentation to the City Council, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee on Finance convene with the Director of City Operations to allow this presentation to commence.

In City Council, June 11, 2024
Adopted.

A true copy. Attest:

Alison M. Bouchard

City Clerk

Tabled 9-10-24
Tabled 1-28-25



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Mayor

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June 5, 2025

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

Dear Honorable Council Members:

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 32 of the Massachusetts General Laws,
I recommend the following appropriations to your Honorable Body.

1. \$200,000.00 That the sum of \$ 200,000.00 be, and the same is hereby transferred to the
 SOLID WASTE EXPENSES from the FACILITIES EXPENSES.

2. \$200,000.00 That the sum of \$ 200,000.00 be, and the same is hereby transferred to the
 SOLID WASTE EXPENSES from the COMMUNITY MAINTAINCE
 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*

June 10, 2025

ORDERED:

That the sum of \$ 400,000.00 be, and the same is hereby transferred to the Solid Waste Expenses from the Facilities Expenses and Community Maintenance Salaries.

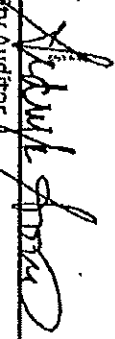
Facilities Expenses:	\$ 200,000.00
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Community Maintenance Salaries:	\$ 200,000.00
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FY25 Appropriation/Transfer Number Analysis

Line	Original/Revised Appropriation	Amount Transferred	Adjusted Balance
Solid Waste Expenses	\$ 10,365,989.25	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 11,365,989.25
Facilities Expenses	\$ 2,558,340.00	\$ (200,000.00)	\$ 2,358,340.00
Community Maintenance Salaries	\$ 2,439,369.39	\$ (200,000.00)	\$ 2,239,369.39

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


City Auditor
June 5, 2025

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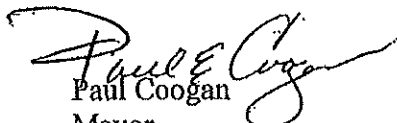
Dear Honorable Council Members:

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 32 of the Massachusetts General Laws, I recommend the following appropriations to your Honorable Body.

- 1 \$250,000.00 That the sum of \$250,000.00 be, and the same is, hereby transferred to the FIRE EXPENSE from the FIRE 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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June 5, 2025

ORDERED:

That the sum of \$ 250,000.00 be, and the same is hereby transferred to Fire Expenses from Fire Salaries:

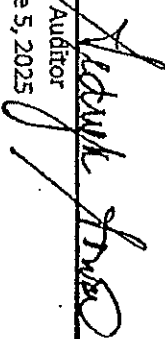
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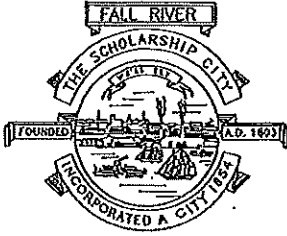
\$ 250,000.00

FY25 Appropriation/Transfer Number Analysis

Line	Original/Revised Appropriation	Amount Transferred	Adjusted Balance
Fire Salaries	\$ 18,378,052.55	\$ (250,000.00)	\$ 18,128,052.55
Fire Expenses	\$ 1,235,766.64	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 1,485,766.64

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1. \$200,000.00 That the sum of \$200,00.00 be, and the same is hereby transferred to the LAW EXPENSES from the JUDGEMENT AND CLAIMS EXPENSES.

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

Best Regards,
Paul E. Coogan

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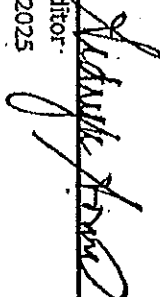
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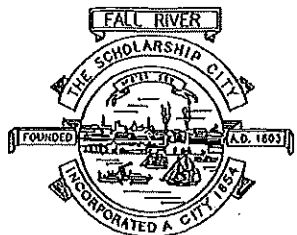
\$ 200,000.00

FY25 Appropriation/Transfer Number Analysis

Line	Original/Revised Appropriation	Amount Transferred	Adjusted Balance
Judgment and Claims Expenses	\$ 550,000.00	\$ (200,000.00)	\$ 350,000.00
Law Expenses	\$ 257,500.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 457,500.00

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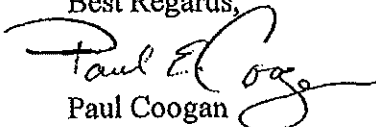
Dear Honorable Council Members:

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 32 of the Massachusetts General Laws, I recommend the following appropriations to your Honorable Body.

1. \$750,000.00 That the sum of \$750,00.00 be, and the same is hereby transferred to the OPEB from the FY24 SURPLUS REVENUE.

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

Best Regards,


Paul Coogan
Mayor

City of Fall River, In City Council

June 10, 2025

ORDERED:

That the sum of \$750,000.00 be, and the same is hereby transferred to OPEB from FY24 Surplus Revenue:

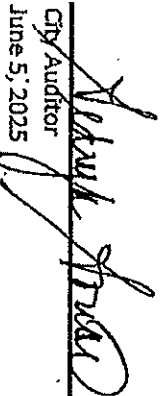
FY24 Surplus Revenue

\$ 750,000.00

FY25 Appropriation/Transfer Number Analysis

Line	Original/Revised Appropriation	Amount Transferred	Adjusted Balance
General Fund Free Cash	\$ 9,966,404.00	\$ (1,750,000.00)	\$ 8,216,404.00
Solid Waste Expenses	\$ 10,365,989.25	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 11,365,989.25
OPER	\$ 2,796,577.42	\$ 750,000.00	\$ 3,546,577.42

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June 5, 2025

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Fall River, MA 02722

Dear Honorable Council Members:

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 32 of the Massachusetts General Laws, I recommend the following appropriations to your Honorable Body.

1. \$1,000,000.00 That the sum of \$1,000,000.00 be, and the same is hereby transferred to the SOLID WASTE EXPENSES from the FY24 SURPLUS REVENUE.

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

Best Regards,


Paul Coogan
Mayor

City of Fall River, In City Council

June 10, 2025

ORDERED:

That the sum of \$1,000,000.00 be, and the same is hereby transferred to Solid Waste Expense from FY24 Surplus Revenue:

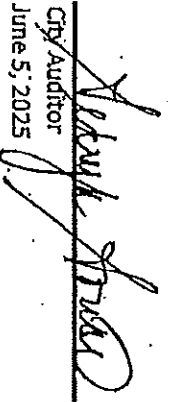
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June 5, 2025

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CITY OF FALL RIVER
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Traffic & Parking Division



Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

May 30, 2025

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

Honorable Council Members:

At a meeting of the Traffic Board Commission held on Wednesday, May 21, 2025 the following request met all the guidelines, requirements and was approved by the Traffic Commission Board.

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

Article: 70
Section: 387. HANDICAP PARKING

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following:

INSERT

Name of Street	Side	Location
Cambridge Street	South	Starting at a point 129 feet East of Coral Street. For a distance of 20 feet East.

Very truly yours,

Stephanie MacArthur
Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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Traffic & Parking Division



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Mayor

Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

May 30, 2025

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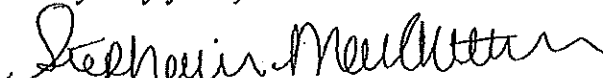
Article: 70
Section: 387 HANDICAP PARKING

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following:

INSERT

Name of Street	Side	Location
Dover Street	South	Starting at a point 37 feet West of Blackstone Street. For a distance of 20 feet West.

Very truly yours,


Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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May 30, 2025

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

Article: 70
Section: 387

HANDICAP PARKING

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following:

INSERT

Name of Street	Side	Location
Locust Street	North	Starting at a point 55 feet West of June Street. For a distance of 20 feet West.

Very truly yours,


Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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May 30, 2025

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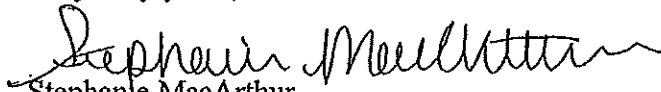
Article: 70
Section: 387 HANDICAP PARKING

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following:

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Name of Street	Side	Location
Raymond Street	West	Starting at a point 29 feet South of Harriman Street. For a distance of 20 feet South.

Very truly yours,


Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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Director of Traffic & Parking

June 3, 2025

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

Honorable Council Members:

At a meeting of the Traffic Board Commission held on Wednesday, May 21, 2025 the following request was heard and approved by the Traffic Commission.

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

Article: 70
Section: 374

Thirty Minute Parking

Hours:

7:00am to 2:00pm
Monday through Friday

By striking out in proper alphabetical order the following.

Name of Street	Side	Location
Sixth Street	East	Starting at a point 172 feet South of Bedford Street. For a distance of 36 feet Southerly.

Very truly yours,


Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

May 27, 2025

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

Honorable Council Members:

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

Article: 70
Section: 387

Handicapped Parking

By striking out in proper alphabetical order the following.

Name of Street	Side	Location
Eastern Avenue	West	Starting at a point 79 feet South of Bedard Street. For a distance of 20 feet Southerly.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephanie MacArthur", is written over a horizontal line.

Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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May 27, 2025

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Fall River, MA 02722

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

Article: 70
Section: 387 Handicapped Parking

By striking out in proper alphabetical order the following.

Name of Street	Side	Location
East Main Street	West	Starting at a point 44 feet North of Dwelly Street. For a distance of 20 feet North.

Very truly yours,

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

Article: 70
Section: 387 Handicapped Parking

By striking out in proper alphabetical order the following.

Name of Street	Side	Location
Florence Street	North	Starting at a point 140 feet West of Ray Street. For a distance of 20 feet Westerly.

Very truly yours,


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

Article: 70

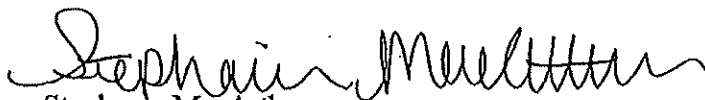
Section: 387

Handicapped Parking

By striking out in proper alphabetical order the following.

Name of Street	Side	Location
Irving Street	West	Starting at a point 71 feet North of Pleasant Street. For a distance of 20 feet North.

Very truly yours,


Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

City of Fall River, *In City Council*

(Councillor Andrew J. Raposo)

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

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

By striking out in Section 50-303, which section relates to Salary schedules for political appointments and boards/committees, the following:

Director of Fall River Emergency Management Agency	FREM	7-1-2022	\$25,000 per annum
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and inserting in place thereof the following:

Director of Fall River Emergency Management Agency	FREM	7-1-2025	\$35,000 per annum
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City of Fall River, In City Council

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

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

Section 1

By inserting in Section 70-371, which relates to Parking prohibited at all times, the following:

Name of Street	Side	Location
Blossom Road	East	Starting at a point 20 feet north of Blossom Road, for a distance of 775 feet northerly
Indian Town Road	North	Starting at a point 20 feet east of Blossom Road, for a distance of 775 feet easterly

Section 2

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

Name of Street	Side	Location
Chestnut Street	West	Starting at a point 48 feet north of President Avenue, for a distance of 20 feet northerly
Hunter Street	West	Starting at a point 12 feet south of William Street, for a distance of 20 feet southerly
Plain Street	West	Starting at a point 154 feet south of Cherry Street, for a distance of 20 feet southerly

CITY OF FALL RIVER
IN CITY COUNCIL

MAY 27 2025

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first reading*

City of Fall River, In City Council

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

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 Section 2-401 in its entirety and inserting in place thereof the following:

§ 2-401. Appointment; powers and duties; term.

The Chief of Police of the City shall be the head of the Police Department and shall be responsible for the management and operation of such a department. The Chief of Police shall be appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the City Council to a term of up to three (3) years.

CITY OF FALL RIVER
IN CITY COUNCIL
MAY 13 2025

*Referred to the
Committee on
Ordinances and
Legislation*

CITY OF FALL RIVER
IN CITY COUNCIL
MAY 27 2025

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City of Fall River, *In City Council*

(Councilor Ricky T. Tith)

WHEREAS, public streets are utilized by residents, business owners and visitors of the City of Fall River, and

WHEREAS, there are numerous large potholes near the intersection of Columbia Street and South Main Street, which is a heavily used thoroughfare in the downtown area of the City, and

WHEREAS, these divots and dips in the roads can cause damage to vehicles and injuries to passengers, which negatively affects all parties involved and may result in additional claims filed for reimbursement, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee on Public Works and Transportation convene with the City Engineer and the Director of City Operations to discuss potential remedies to improve the quality of the roads within this intersection.

(Filed 5-28-2025)

City of Fall River, *In City Council*

(Councilors Shawn E. Cadime and Cliff Ponte)

WHEREAS, a comprehensive investigation conducted by private investigator Daniel Lowney revealed serious allegations of misconduct, misuse of City resources, environmental hazards, procurement violations, theft, favoritism, and systemic issues within the Fall River Department of Community Maintenance (DCM), and

WHEREAS, these allegations raise concerns about the integrity, oversight, and accountability of City operations, as well as the City's handling of internal investigations and transparency with the public, and

WHEREAS, it is essential to ensure that public funds are being managed properly, that environmental and safety standards are upheld, and that appropriate accountability measures are in place to prevent future misconduct, and

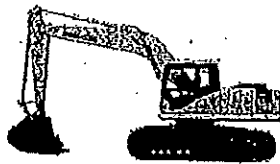
WHEREAS, the Massachusetts State Auditor has the authority and responsibility to conduct audits of municipal departments to ensure proper management, compliance with laws, and fiscal accountability, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council of the City of Fall River hereby formally requests that the Massachusetts State Auditor:

- Initiate a comprehensive, independent audit of the Fall River Department of Community Maintenance (DCM), including but not limited to:
 - a. Review of procurement practices and contracts
 - b. Use and management of City resources and equipment
 - c. Environmental compliance and hazardous materials handling
 - d. Employee conduct and workplace environment
 - e. Internal controls, oversight, and accountability mechanisms
- Investigate the circumstances surrounding the investigation process and the City's handling of the related reports and documents, including compliance with public records laws and transparency obligations.
- Provide a public report of findings and recommendations to the City Council and the residents of Fall River to ensure transparency and accountability.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Massachusetts State Auditor's Office.

Khoury Excavating Inc



Invoice

TO: Jeanine Grobe

From: Michel Khoury / President

Date: 06/02/25

RE: 39 Allen

Project Cost: \$5,000.00

Job Description

- Excavate & replace $\frac{3}{4}$ " water service per city code
- Plastic pipe , new curb stop box , ball valve
- Re cement sidewalk

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Thank You for Your Business



City of Fall River
Notice of Claim

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1. Claimant's name: Gabriel Gonzalez-Paulin CITY CLERK: 3527
2. Claimant's complete address: 507 Alden St, Apt 121 Fall River MA 02723 FALL RIVER, MA
3. Telephone number: Home: 689-710-8070 Work: N/A
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
Property damage (Open man hole). Damaged to Passenger door and fender.
5. Date and time of accident: 05/15/2025 Amount of damages claimed: \$ 1529.58
6. Exact location of the Incident: (Include as much detail as possible):
Alden St & Merino St (Intersection) front of Alden lots parking lot
7. Circumstances of the Incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
On May 15, 2025 at approximately 5:37 AM while driving a 2024 Ford Maverick (Plates: 5N5T99) I ran over an open man hole at Alden St in Fall River, MA. The incident occurred during rainy weather with limited visibility. The man hole was uncovered with no warning signs.
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: 05/19/2025

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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Date: 5/23/25

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City of Fall River
Notice of Claim

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2025 MAY 30 A 8:20

CITY CLERK: 25-28
FALL RIVER, MA

1. Claimant's name: Elsie Gouveia
2. Claimant's complete address: 130 Lynwood St.
3. Telephone number: Home: 308 678 3519 Work: cell 774 526 2837
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
vehicle - back fire center in a deep pot hole
5. Date and time of accident: may 9, 2025 Amount of damages claimed: \$ 486.50
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible): mariano Bishop Blvd.
Driving to work busy morning 8:30 AM - Lights - Job lot area
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
try to avoid but back fire center in heard a noise, pulled over didn't see nothing hanging, drove to work on highway all over road. straight to mechanics; shock snapped & was stuck 3" high on something; Buset, not action needed both shocks.
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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I swear that the facts stated above are true to the best of my knowledge:

Date: 5-29-25Claimant's signature: Elsie Gouveia

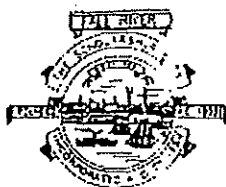
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City of Fall River
Notice of Claim

2025 MAY 30 P 12:37

CITY CLERK 25-29
FALL RIVER, MA

1. Claimant's name: Joao Sousa
2. Claimant's complete address: 870 N. Eastern Ave. FR. MA 02720
3. Telephone number: Home: (508) 508-3561 Work: _____
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
property damage
5. Date and time of accident: 4/23/25 @ 11AM Amount of damages claimed: \$ 2,148.75
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):
Above address, sliding glass door located at the front of the house
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
Around 11:14 on 4/23 a city employee was cutting grass on median of North Eastern Ave. Employee Ran over Rock which hit sliding glass door, causing it to shatter. Someone who lives in the home was outside at the time
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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I swear that the facts stated above are true to the best of my knowledge.

Date: 4/24/25

Claimant's signature: Joao Sousa

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Date: 5/30/25

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City of Fall River
Notice of Claim

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FALL RIVER, MA

1. Claimant's name: Maroun G. L. L. K.
2. Claimant's complete address: 55 Thurmont
3. Telephone number: Home: 774-526-5887 Work: _____
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
Property damage 3rd floor
5. Date and time of accident: 5-19-25 Amount of damages claimed: \$ 628.13
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):
157 Corbett 3rd floor
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
Broke the front door into apartment
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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I swear that the facts stated above are true to the best of my knowledge:

Date: 6-4-25

Claimant's signature: _____

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Date: 6/4/25



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Notice of Claim

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#25-31

1. Claimant's name: WILBER & ASSOCIATES O/B/O SAFETY INSURANCE COMPANY A/S/O DOLORES DOSSANTOS
FALL RIVER, MA
2. Claimant's complete address: 210 LANDMARK DRIVE NORMAL, IL 61761
3. Telephone number: Home: _____ Work: 800-313-5169 ext. 3209
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: 11/01/2024 AT 3:41 PM Amount of damages claimed: \$ 1418.82
6. Exact location of the incident: (Include as much detail as possible):
EASTERN AVE AND FATHER DEVALLES BLVD FALL RIVER, MA
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
YOUR INSURED, LOGAN ARRUDA, DRIVER OF THE CITY OF FALL RIVER POLICE VEHICLE, FAILED TO MAINTAIN
THE PROPER LOOKOUT WHILE MOVING AROUND STOPPED VEHICLES, THEREFORE STRIKING OUR INSURED,
DOLORES DOSSANTOS' STOPPED VEHICLE, CAUSING DAMAGES.
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
SAFETY INSURANCE COMPANY

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: 05/28/2025

Claimant's signature: Nicole Maximore

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Date: 6/4/25

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

MEETING: May 27, 2025 at 5:45 p.m.
Council Chamber, One Government Center

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

ABSENT: Councilor Bradford L. Kilby

IN ATTENDANCE: None

The President called the meeting to order at 5:49 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 Tith, it was unanimously voted to open the hearing, with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

Municipal Budget

1. Fiscal Year 2026 Municipal Budget

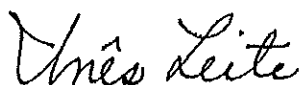
The President asked if any proponents were present and no one came forward. The President then asked if any opponents were present, and no one came forward.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Dionne, it was unanimously voted to close the hearing at 5:50 p.m., with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:

Agenda (attached)

A true copy. Attest:


Assistant City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

MEETING: May 27, 2025 at 5:55 p.m.
Council Chamber, One Government Center

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

ABSENT: None

IN ATTENDANCE: None

The President called the meeting to order at 5:56 p.m. and announced that the meeting may be recorded with audio or video and transmitted through any medium and that the purpose of the hearing was to hear all persons interested and wishing to be heard on the following:

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

Councilor Kilby arrived at 5:57 p.m.

Second Hand Article Store

1. ecoATM LLC, 10121 Barnes Canyon Road, San Diego, CA, 92121, for permission to operate and maintain a second hand article store located at 866 Pleasant Street inside PriceRite 0332 (purchasing used electronics – no sales or employees).

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

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to close the hearing at 5:58 p.m.

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:

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COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MEETING: May 27, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, One Government Center

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

ABSENT: None

IN ATTENDANCE: Emily Arpke, Interim Director of Financial Services
Dr. Tracy Curley, Ed. D., Superintendent of Fall River Public Schools
Kevin Almeida, Chief Financial Officer, Fall River Public Schools
Nicholas A. Macolini, Director of Human Resources
John Brandt, Chair, Community Preservation Committee

The chair called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. and announced that the meeting may be recorded with audio or video and transmitted through any medium.

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

1. Citizen Input Time – None
2. Discussion of the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Municipal Budget as follows:
 - Municipal Budget Presentation

Emily Arpke, Interim Director of Financial Planning, presented a PowerPoint presentation of the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) Municipal Budget that included general information regarding zero-based budgeting, the General Fund operating budget, anticipated bargaining agreements of various union groups in FY26, and historical expenses from past fiscal years. Ms. Arpke explained that 25% of the budget can be adjusted without significantly affecting services provided by the City, as the remainder of costs are all fixed expenditures.

Councilor Dionne and Ms. Arpke held a brief discussion regarding anticipated bargaining agreements, including payroll increases, benefit costs and potential financial deficits due to these uncertain expenditures. The Interim Director of Financial Services clarified that these union negotiations within the Fall River Police and Fire Departments will affect the final budget appropriations, but that, historically, these bargaining agreements take time and will not affect the City's funds immediately. Ms. Arpke also stated that as employees retire and new employees are hired, the actual salary needs will change. Councilor Dionne and Ms. Arpke discussed various line items for the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department that were incorrectly organized in the rows of the proposed FY26 Municipal Budget, as the department funds five Fall River Firefighters salaries, and there was a financial discrepancy between the budget listing and the EMS Enterprise Fund order. Councilor Dionne also inquired about the significant shortfall in the funds for the Employer Health Trust Fund and Ms. Arpke stated that the City is aware of the deficit within that account.

Councilor Cadime and Ms. Arpke discussed the changes made to the third-party contract related to solid waste disposal, as the trash pickup services totals have significantly increased. Ms. Arpke stated that the Director of City Operations will be able to explain this contract change in detail at a future budget deliberation meeting. Councilor Cadime also expressed concern regarding future structural deficits that are likely to occur if the City does not budget appropriately for future bargaining agreements. Ms. Arpke stated that the Administration would prefer to have exact numbers for these agreements prior to allocating funding in the proposed FY26 Municipal Budget and Councilor Cadime disagreed, citing the calculations that can be used with past cost-of-living increases.

- School Department Budget Presentation

Dr. Tracy Curley, Superintendent of Fall River Public Schools, stated that the overall proposed Fiscal Year 2026 School Department Budget totaled \$274,000,000 for the schools themselves, and \$13,100,000 for the costs of transportation. Superintendent Curley also clarified that, at a recent meeting, the School Committee voted to increase the transportation budget by \$750,000 to assist with rising costs of these services.

- Education

- School Department; School Transportation; Vocational School Assessments

Councilor Raposo, Dr. Tracy Curley, Superintendent of Fall River Public Schools, and Kevin Almeida, Chief Financial Officer, Fall River Public Schools, held a lengthy discussion regarding expenditures within the Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) School Department Budget, including transportation costs, redistricting of bus services and school assignments, line items that dedicate funding to specific needs of various schools and teachers, and the number of students in different schools and grade levels. Superintendent Curley provided a detailed description related to the current measurements for bus transportation services, which use aerial maps, and explained that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is now requiring the City to measure based on actual walking distance, which requires re-configuration of these zones. Councilor Raposo and Superintendent Curley discussed the significant increase in school bus service costs and the recent budget increase of \$750,000, made by the School Committee to address these expenditures. Superintendent Curley also explained the process and eligibility for parents to request their children attend a school in a different neighborhood. Councilor Raposo and Superintendent Curley discussed the need for additional classrooms for various grades, such as pre-kindergarten, and methods the City is utilizing with un-used school rooms and buildings. Mr. Almeida provided information regarding "wish list" items that are requested from various schools and teachers and that the budget contains special funding to address these individual needs. Superintendent Curley explained that redistricting schools will most likely assist with bus

service costs, as fewer buses will be needed when the eligibility of these services change. Councilor Raposo asked about total student populations per school, the overall student capacity of the new B.M.C. Durfee High School and how these populations may be affected by the new Diman Regional Vocation Technical High School, along with the potential lottery for the new school. The Superintendent explained that they are frequently studying these student population numbers but are optimistic that the future redistricting of various areas of the City will assist with overall balance of classroom sizes.

Councilor Ponte, Superintendent Curley and Mr. Almeida discussed teacher bargaining agreements, bus company contracts and the need to reassess school transportation costs. The Chief Financial Officer of the Fall River Public Schools explained that the most recent union agreement for teachers increased the budget by approximately \$2,000,000, and that the funding was allocated from various vacant positions. Councilor Ponte expressed concern that the City Council is not involved in the decisions regarding contracts for school bus companies and stated that he would work to obtain a legal opinion from the Law Department regarding this matter. Mr. Almeida stated that, historically, the City Council has never been involved in the contract agreements with the bus companies. Superintendent Curley explained that there was a demographic study performed in 2023 related to transportation needs within Fall River, and that there are many special needs and English as a Second Language (ESL) students who must be bused to specific schools that are not in their district. Councilor Ponte emphasized the need to control additional spending each year on these services, as municipal assistance negatively affects Net School Spending for the School Department. Superintendent Curley and Mr. Almeida explained that, even with the reduction of necessary buses, the increased cost will continue to grow and the budget for these services cannot be reduced.

Vice President Pereira and Superintendent Curley discussed old schools that could be repurposed or sold to developers, requests from parents to send their children to school outside of their assigned districts and the need for bilingual staff in the schools. Superintendent Curley stated that some of the older, closed schools, such as the William J. Wiley Elementary School, would require significant renovations at a high cost and would only provide a small amount of space for students. Vice President Pereira suggested that unusable schools be sold, and that the City allocate the funding from these sales to assist with school bus transportation costs. Superintendent Curley also provided information regarding eligibility to have students attend schools outside of their districts and specific hardships that are considered, as the service increases school bus costs and classroom student rosters. The Superintendent explained that various languages are spoken by students in the schools, including Spanish, Portuguese, Creole and Khmer.

Councilor Kilby, Superintendent Curley and Mr. Almeida discussed how the new Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School enrollment will affect the new B.M.C. Durfee High School enrollment, the need for bilingual teachers and services, and the criteria for school assignments. Superintendent Curley explained that they are still analyzing the number of seats available within the new Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School, and that specific data is not yet available, provided information regarding the hiring of bilingual teachers, and the use of translation services, which assist in the education of all students, and stated that geographic locations, sibling enrollment locations and choice are all considered when school assignments or re-assignments are considered for students.

Councilor Cadime stated that the City Council addressed a matter related to school bus company contracts in 2019 and President Camara clarified that the Councilors voted on the appropriation of funds for the contract, not the contract itself. Councilor Cadime requested information regarding employee health insurance funding within the School Department's proposed budget. Mr. Almeida stated that the allocated funding is roughly \$28,000,000, for FY26, but that the actual cost could be higher than the anticipated amount listed. Mr. Almeida stated that this amount is based on the costs over the previous four or five years, but that the recent increases in claims have been very significant and may affect this funding.

Councilor Dionne and Emily Arpke, Interim Director of Financial Services, discussed the lack of Net School Spending line items in the proposed FY26 Municipal Budget and Ms. Arpke stated that those numbers fluctuate throughout the fiscal year and were not included within the municipal line items. Ms. Arpke also clarified that the School Department budget includes their own insurance and property liability allocations.

Councilor Hart and the Superintendent discussed student absenteeism, the need for bilingual teachers and the capacity for various schools. Superintendent Curley stated that absenteeism has, overall, declined significantly and that the School Department is working to hire local bilingual teachers, as well as individuals from the Spanish Embassy and programs in Columbia. Superintendent Curley stated that the building capacity for B.M.C Durfee High School is roughly 2,500 individuals, but that applies to classroom use and many students are frequently in the gymnasium or cafeteria, which offsets that number. In addition to the high school space, Superintendent Curley explained that the School Department also utilizes classrooms at Bristol Community College and online courses when they are necessary. Councilor Hart and Superintendent Curley held a brief discussion related to the James Tansey Elementary School, as there were previous plans to transition the school to serve only pre-kindergarten students. Superintendent Curley explained that, after deliberation, it was decided to keep the elementary grade students within that school and work to find other locations that would suite pre-kindergarten classrooms.

Vice President Pereira expressed her support for schools that serve students from kindergarten to eight grade, and Superintendent Curley explained that the School Department is exploring this type of school structure. Superintendent Curley also stated that pre-kindergarten student counts have increased by about 100 children over the past year.

- Other Governmental Expenditures
 - Debt Service; Employee Benefits and Insurances; Assessments; Transfer to Stabilization Funds; Other Amounts to be Raised

Councilor Dionne and Emily Arpke, Interim Director of Financial Services, discussed discrepancies listed within the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) Municipal Budget, including motor vehicle excise tax receipts and free cash receipts. Ms. Arpke explained that the total amount for these receipts for Fiscal Year 2025 has not been finalized, and the amounts within the budget, which were determined on or around May 1, 2025, are about one month short of the actual totals. A brief discussion was held between the Councilors and Ms. Arpke regarding potential spreadsheet formula errors related to percentage rates in various areas of the proposed budget and Ms. Arpke stated she would review the percentages and provide new pages, if needed.

Councillor Cadime stated that anticipated receipts for FY26 may be significantly affected by recent and future tariffs, as motor vehicle excise tax receipts will decrease if fewer taxpayers purchase new cars. Councillor Cadime also requested clarification regarding investment income discrepancies. Ms. Arpke explained that certain amounts of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding has not yet been expended and that investment practices have changed to allocate as much interest as possible. Councillor Cadime expressed concern regarding the actual amount of interest that will be achieved from various funds, and that the local receipts may not be meeting the anticipated rates. Ms. Arpke stated that she can provide data to prove that the capital within the General Fund, which totals roughly \$50,000,000, is currently being invested, and that ARPA funding did not decrease this investment significantly.

Councillor Dionne and Ms. Arpke discussed the remaining short-term debt that was listed for the new Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School, and possible federal funding cuts that may affect the Community Development Agency (CDA) budget. The Interim Director of Financial Services explained that there is still one final payment that is pending for the short-term debt related to the new Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School, and the City is awaiting state reimbursement for this expense. Ms. Arpke also explained that there are unknown variables for CDA funding, but that the City could assist in restructuring the debt for their expenses and provide additional funding if needed. Councillor Cadime requested information be provided to the Councillors related to the debt-run off schedule that will affect the budget.

Councillor Cadime, Councillor Dionne and Ms. Arpke held a lengthy discussion regarding the lack of adequate funding to balance the Employer Health Trust Fund, the recommendations made by third party consultants, the costs of claims for employees and the overall deficit. Councillors Cadime and Dionne expressed concern that the proposed budget is not a balanced budget. Ms. Arpke explained that the City has been in a deficit for this matter for many years, and it is currently short by \$10,000,0000, and that detailed information regarding specific information regarding debt and account transfers related to health insurance are available in the Quarterly Budget Reports. Ms. Arpke stated that necessary funding may need to be reallocated from other accounts to balance the account. Councillor Cadime expressed concern regarding the current deficit in relation to the Employer Health Trust Fund and emphasized that other portions of the budget need to be adjusted so that this fixed cost can be addressed. The Interim Director of Financial Services explained that this task was very challenging due to the potential of salaries and departmental funding being affected, as well as capital being allocated for bargaining agreements. Councillor Cadime emphasized that this matter must be addressed immediately to balance the proposed budget.

Nicholas A. Macolini, Director of Human Resources, provided information regarding working rates within the School Department, which are calculated claim projections provided by outside parties, the overall increase in claims and that the Administration is following the recommended budgeting provided by Gallagher Insurance, Risk Management and Consulting. Vice President Pereira, Ms. Arpke and Mr. Macolini discussed how additional programs that promote healthy habits can assist in lowering the overall volume and cost of claims. Mr. Macolini clarified that the City is not changing the health insurance policies that are being offered to employees and are offering supplemental programs.

On a motion made by Councillor Ponte and seconded by Councillor Dionne, it was unanimously voted to table the proposed FY26 Municipal Budget.

3. Transfer and appropriation

President Camara and Councilor Raposo held a brief discussion regarding the third party that had previously expressed interest in purchasing the Bank Street Armory, and that they were no longer pursuing that acquisition. Councilor Kilby stated that, while he had voted to sell the property in the past, he supported the Community Preservation Committee's endeavor to perform emergency repairs. John Brandt, Chair, Community Preservation Committee, stated that this appropriation will allow the City to perform a new feasibility study on the structure, which has not occurred since 2015.

On a motion made by Councilor Kilby and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:49 p.m..

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:

Agenda packet (attached)

PowerPoint presentation re proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Municipal Budget,
provided by Emily Arpke, Interim Director of Financial Services



Clerk of Committees

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MEETING: May 28, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, One Government Center

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

ABSENT: Councilor Shawn E. Cadime

IN ATTENDANCE: Kara A. Humm, ARPA Director
Emily Arpke, Interim Director of Financial Services
Stephanie MacArthur, Director of Traffic and Parking
Daniel N. Aguilar, City Engineer/Planner
Glenn Hathaway, Director of Inspectional Services
Tess Curran, Director of Health and Human Services
Fellisha Desmarais, Library Administrator

The chair called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and announced that the meeting may be recorded with audio or video and transmitted through any medium.

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

1. Citizen Input Time – None
2. Resolution – The Committee on Finance convene with the City Administrator and ARPA Director to be provided with a full account on all funds allocated, spent or redirected with ARPA funding, in addition to a status report on all projects funded through ARPA funding

Kara Humm, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Director, provided a detailed summary of how the City of Fall River has developed different strategies over the years to appropriately allocate and disperse ARPA funds to various City departments, neighborhoods and organizations, while adhering to federal requirements. Ms. Humm explained that there were amendments to the application process for this federal funding over the years, changes in project prioritization and eligibility, and, following a recent audit related to the disbursement of these funds, it was confirmed that the City of Fall River has acted in full compliance with the federal and state ARPA requirements. The ARPA Director emphasized that, while there were challenges during the process, the overall goal was to distribute this federal funding in a way that would provide long-term, sustainable improvements to the City, such as water infrastructure projects.

Ms. Humm stated that the City has expended over \$45,000,000 out of the \$69,000,000 of the City ARPA distribution amount and has expended over \$14,000,000 out of the \$16,000,000 of the Bristol County Treasury ARPA distribution amount, and that these reports are available on the City website for the public to review.

Councilor Raposo, Ms. Humm and Daniel Aguiar, City Engineer/Planner, held a lengthy discussion regarding various ARPA-funded projects, their funding status and their anticipated completion dates, including the Quequechan Rail Trail development, software installation for City departments such as Nearmap and OpenGov, the rehabilitation of the Bedford Street and Robeson Street intersection, and the implementation of Graffiti Removal Machines. Mr. Aguiar clarified that there were plans to expand the Quequechan Rail Trail further down to Britland Park, but the complexity of permitting for this area placed that portion of the project on hold, and the anticipated completion date for this project is December 2026. Ms. Humm provided information regarding the current purchase orders in progress for the new software programs being used by various departments, and Mr. Aguiar explained that the program Nearmap is very helpful to the Engineering and Planning Departments, as it provides updated photographs of property lots twice a year, which notifies departments of properties who have performed construction without appropriate permits. The City Engineer/Planner provided detailed information regarding the funding sources for the reconstruction of the Bedford Street and Robeson Street intersection, which will significantly alleviate traffic challenges, and that the ARPA funding provided for this project assisted with necessary bond funding. Mr. Aguiar stated that the project should be completed by July 2026. Councilor Raposo expressed concern regarding the Graffiti Removal Machine project, as it doesn't seem to have been effective in combating vandalism in the city, and that he may discuss the matter further with the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation to increase related fines and enable stricter enforcement policies. Ms. Humm emphasized, throughout the discussion, that the goal was to meet all funding obligation deadlines for all projects to ensure the utilization of all available ARPA capital.

Councilor Kilby and Ms. Humm discussed potential ramifications that may occur if the projects are not completed by the required, federal deadlines. The ARPA Director stated that, if the funding is not completed used by the end dates of the ARPA timeline, the federal government would reclaim the funding, but that her priority was to ensure that all projects were properly prioritized with appropriate capital allocation.

Councilor Ponte and Ms. Humm discussed potential investment income that was generated with these ARPA funds, and Ms. Humm explained that she doesn't have access to these investment ARPA fund accounts as she simply provides information to the finance team as to how they should allocate the capital. The APRA Director explained that each week she provides detailed reports to the Treasurer/Collector regarding the funding needed for various projects.

Vice President Pereira, the ARPA Director and the City Engineer/Planner discussed the ARPA-funded Jerry Lawton Plaza Rehabilitation Project, and Mr. Aguiar clarified that the City will not be installing benches in that area to avoid individuals sleeping in the small pocket park. Vice President Pereira emphasized that there are various challenges that the City of Fall River faces with these types of rehabilitation projects that effect the improvement of the public spaces. Vice President Pereira and Ms. Humm discussed the movement of excess funding to other projects and the related deadlines for these actions to take place. Vice President Pereira made brief remarks regarding the need for a Tourism Director, various events being held by the Fall River Trolley and areas of the city that need sidewalk repair.

Councilor Dionne and Ms. Humm discussed various ARPA-funded projects, including the Lewiston Street Reconstruction project, the Administration of Strategic Tourism Plan, Improvements to Network projects and various projects of building renovations throughout the downtown area. The ARPA Director clarified that the renovation costs of the Department of Community Maintenance building on Lewiston Street exceeded the anticipated budget and that there were many meetings regarding methods that could be utilized to reduce the price of the project. Ms. Humm also explained that the tourism project funding would assist with the payroll for the Executive Director of VIVA Fall River and confirmed that this funding was only used to promote events that were occurring within the City of Fall River. The ARPA Director provided information regarding amendments that were made to the technology project to improve digital networks within the City, initiated during the COVID-19 pandemic, which included installation of key fob entry points, and that the funding for this project eventually split between both the City ARPA funding accounts and the Bristol County ARPA funding accounts. Ms. Humm also explained that many small businesses within Fall River took advantage of the renovation programs that were funded by ARPA to beautify local neighborhoods, and that the Executive Vice President of Bristol County Economic Development Consultants was very helpful in promoting these financial resources to business owners.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to lift item 3 from the table, with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.

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

- Departments carried over from the May 27, 2025, Committee on Finance agenda, if needed
- Facilities and Community Maintenance
Traffic and Parking; Engineering

Councilor Raposo and Stephanie MacArthur, Director of Traffic and Parking, held a detailed discussion regarding parking meters, Parking Control Officers, and the hiring of additional crossing guards. Ms. MacArthur explained that most parking meters in the downtown area have been converted into digital kiosks, which have recently increased their monthly rental rates to \$60/kiosk per month, but that some low-traffic areas still have coin-operated meters. The Director of Traffic and Parking also explained that, while additional Parking Control Officers would be helpful for daytime enforcement, the City cannot employ these officers to work in later times of the day and evening as that would violate the bargaining agreements within the Fall River Police Department, as police officers enforce parking violations during those times. Ms. MacArthur provided detailed information about the assignments of crossing guards to various schools throughout the City, and that they are trying to hire additional employees for these positions, but there are challenges with finding applicants as the opportunity only offers two hours of work per day. Councilor Raposo and Emily Arpke, Interim Director of Financial Services, discussed the increase in salary within the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) Municipal Budget for Ms. MacArthur, and Ms. Arpke emphasized that the Director of Traffic and Parking has excelled in her service since her appointment and the Administration has adjusted her salary amount to be more comparable with those who have previously held the position.

Vice President Pereira and Ms. MacArthur discussed the resources that Parking Control Officers utilize to obtain gasoline for their vehicles. The Director of Traffic and Parking explained that the employees use their employee key passes at the Community Maintenance Complex to refuel their City-owned vehicles, and no mileage is documented.

Councillor Ponte, Ms. Arpke and Ms. MacArthur discussed the lack of capital set aside for the Division of Traffic and Parking, the revenue generated by the division, and the potential for the creation of a separate Enterprise Fund. Ms. MacArthur explained that she had submitted capital requests for the Pearl Street and Third Street Parking Garages, but that the funding was allocated to the Department of City Operations, which will be maintaining the structure for future repairs. Ms. Arpke stated that she does not think an Enterprise Fund account for the Division of Traffic and Parking would create additional revenue and provided comparisons to similar financial structures in New Bedford, MA. Councillor Ponte emphasized the need for creative ideas to stimulate additional income for the City and that the creation of an Enterprise Fund would allow for the hiring of additional traffic officers. Daniel Aguiar, City Engineer/Planner, provided information regarding a recent traffic and parking study of the downtown area of Fall River, and that this report will provide additional data and suggestions for parking areas, including the two parking garages, and that suggested changes within the study may assist in generating additional revenue.

Councillor Dionne and the Director of Traffic and Parking discussed overtime salaries listed within the division's budget, and Ms. MacArthur clarified that the overtime salaries were utilized for City events and snowstorms. Councillor Dionne and Mr. Aguiar also discussed suggestions that were made within the traffic and parking study, including additional parking spaces and the installation of more traffic kiosks. Vice President Pereira requested clarification regarding division revenue and if any of the funding would be allocated to the two parking garages owned by the City. Mr. Aguiar and Ms. MacArthur explained that the Department of City Operations will be responsible for the costs of repair, but that the Division of Traffic and Parking still collects parking fees from those garages as revenue.

Councillor Hart, Mr. Aguiar and Ms. MacArthur discussed the potential installation of temporary speedbumps throughout the City, specifically near parks and schools, to reduce speeding. Ms. MacArthur confirmed that there are ongoing discussions with the Administration regarding this matter. Mr. Aguiar explained that they are considering the installation of these traffic calming measures in the Industrial Park as well but must consider the effects it has on truck cargo and water runoff.

President Camara and the City Engineer/Planner discussed areas of the City that require sidewalk installation, such as Eastern Avenue, to protect pedestrians, especially during the winter. Mr. Aguiar provided detailed information regarding how projects, such as sidewalk installations, can qualify for grant funding through the Massachusetts Chapter 90 Program, which provides funding to municipalities for the implementation of capital improvements on local public ways. The City Engineer/Planner estimated that the required renovations on Eastern Avenue would cost roughly \$20,000,000.

Councilor Raposo requested information regarding the total revenue categories, and amounts, within the Division of Traffic and Parking. Ms. Arpke stated that the total revenue is \$2,500,000, and about \$1,500,000 is generated from parking fines, \$450,000 is generated from fees within the two City-owned parking garages, \$375,000 is generated from meter fees, and the remaining amounts are from parking permits and other types of fees generated by the division. Ms. MacArthur also explained that she is looking into using mobile applications for fee payments in the future.

Councilor Ponte and Ms. Arpke held a brief discussion regarding different rows and columns of revenue from the Division of Traffic and Parking, which are in various portions of the proposed FY26 Municipal Budget, and storage for the division's vehicles. Ms. MacArthur stated that the vehicles are stored within City property on Kilburn Street and the space provided is adequate.

- Community Services

City Planning, Inspectional Services; Health and Human Services; Library

Councilor Ponte and Daniel Aguiar, City Engineer/Planner, discussed the Licensing Board line item in the Planning Division section. Mr. Aguiar explained that this budget item was moved to this section as there is an employee whose position is considered a Licensing Board position, but they work directly with the Planning Division.

Councilor Dionne and Fellisha Desmarais, Library Administrator, discussed the plan to implement security guards within the library. Ms. Desmarais explained that, upon further review, it was determined that detail officers from the Fall River Police Department were more efficient in maintaining safety within the building versus security guards, and that this method would be utilized going forward.

Councilor Dionne and Glenn Hathaway, Director of Inspectional Services, discussed the low amount of allocated funding for the Division of Inspectional Services in relation to demolition costs. Mr. Hathaway explained that the account has adequate funding for now, as the real estate market is incentivizing developers to purchase neglected properties and renovate them. The Director of Inspectional Services explained that he generally delays performing large amounts of maintenance on these properties and an overgrown yard is less likely to attract illegal dumping. Mr. Hathaway stated that he will request additional funding for this account if it is necessary.

Councilor Kilby and Mr. Hathaway discussed the recent fire that occurred at the old Silvia School on Hartwell Street, the emergency demolition of one of the three structures on that property, and the plans to sell the remaining buildings. Mr. Hathaway provided details regarding his application for emergency demolition with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts following the fire and clarified that the remaining two buildings didn't qualify for this type of demolition permit. The Director of Inspectional Services also explained that the other two structures will be listed in a future property auction with the stipulation that the purchaser must demolish the buildings immediately following the transfer of the property. Councilor Kilby and Emily Arpke, Interim Director of Financial Services, discussed existing property insurance that the City of Fall River maintains for all vacant City-owned properties, and that the demolition of the old Silvia School was covered by this insurance policy.

Vice President Pereira and the Library Administrator discussed the United States Passport program that was formerly provided at the library. Ms. Desmarais explained that this program is currently on hold to analyze revenue sources, as the Passport services were originally organized by a separate non-profit in the City. The Library Administrator explained that she is working with the Administration to amend the program to allow revenue to be paid directly to the

City, instead of through outside revenue accounts, and that the new program should be active on July 1, 2025.

A brief discussion was held between Vice President Pereira and Ms. Desmarais regarding the refueling resources of the Library's Bookmobile, located at the Community Maintenance Complex. Vice President Pereira also discussed vehicle fuel resources with Mr. Hathaway and Tess Curran, Director of Health and Human Services, and expressed concern that employees within these divisions were required to use their own vehicles for their work duties, and had to pay taxes on the gasoline, unlike those who fuel City vehicles at the Community Maintenance Complex. Mr. Hathaway provided total amounts of stipends and reimbursement that were issued to employees who needed to utilize private vehicles but agreed with Vice President Pereira that the funding was not adequate.

Vice President Pereira requested additional information regarding the Youth Service Coordinator within the Health and Human Services Division and the "additional payment" line items for inspectors. Ms. Curran explained that the position was recently vacated, and they are searching for a new employee. The Director of Health and Human Services explained that the former coordinator recently resigned and that the position now requires more grant management and coordination. Ms. Arpke explained that the "additional payment" line items were allowances for uniform and automobile costs. Vice President Pereira emphasized her concern regarding the differences between certain departments and their vehicle policies.

Councilor Raposo and Ms. Desmarais discussed late fees on books that are distributed through the Bookmobile at local schools, the potential for a second vehicle to be utilized by the library, and if the Bookmobile would also begin traveling to senior centers throughout the City of Fall River. The Library Administrator explained that the library does not enforce late fees for books that are loaned from the Bookmobile, as students do not always have methods of transportation to return the books on time. Ms. Desmarais also explained that the size of the Bookmobile limits where it can be parked, so if the library eventually purchased a second vehicle, it would most likely be a smaller car or van. The Library Administrator also explained that many senior citizens have trouble entering and exiting the Bookmobile, due to the steep stairs, and that a smaller vehicle would be more beneficial to those residents.

Councilor Raposo and Ms. Curran discussed the number of inspectors within the Division of Health and Human Services. The Director of Health and Human Services explained that the current number of inspectors is sufficient, and that a new regional inspector has been hired and works directly with the City of Fall River, as well as nearby communities.

Councilor Raposo and Mr. Aguiar discussed vacancies and new employees within the Planning Division. The City Engineer/Planner confirmed that the Assistant City Planner has been employed for six months, and there are other potential hires for Administrative Clerks within the office. Mr. Aguiar emphasized the need for consistent training, which will be achieved by hiring one new clerk at a time, and that his long-term plan is to fill all vacant positions.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Dionne, it was unanimously voted to table the proposed FY26 Municipal Budget, with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:10 p.m., with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:

Agenda packet (attached)

American Rescue Plan Act Initiatives In Fall River: Progress & Outcomes Status Report,
provided by Kara A. Humm, ARPA Director


Clerk of Committees

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MEETING: May 29, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, One Government Center

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

ABSENT: None

IN ATTENDANCE: Emily Arpke, Interim Director of Financial Services
Chief Jeffrey Bacon, Fall River Fire Department
Captain Barrett Castro, Fall River Fire Department
Richard Aguiar, Director, Emergency Management Agency

The chair called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. and announced that the meeting may be recorded with audio or video and transmitted through any medium.

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

1. Citizen Input Time

Michael O'Reagan (Local 1314), 1198 Newhall Street – Fire Budget

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to waive the rules to allow Mr. O'Reagan to speak for an additional three minutes, with Vice President Pereira and Councilor Hart absent and not voting.

Councilor Hart arrived at 6:17 p.m.

Alex Silva, 148 Purchase Street – Fire Department

Vice President Pereira arrived at 6:28 p.m.

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

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

- Departments carried over from the May 28, 2025, Committee on Finance agenda, if needed

- Public Safety

Police; Harbor Master; Fire; Emergency Management Agency

Councillor Cadime expressed concern that the Chief of Police was absent from the meeting to discuss the Fall River Police Department Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) Budget. Councillor Kilby suggested rescheduling this discussion to a different date to ensure the Chief of Police could be present for deliberations. President Camara and Councillor Ponte held a brief discussion regarding rescheduling the planned conversations related to the Police Department to a future date in June.

On a motion made by Councillor Kilby and seconded by Councillor Tith, it was unanimously voted to postpone the budgetary discussions related to the Fall River Police Department to a later date in order for the Chief of Police and her deputies to be present.

Councillor Raposo and Richard Aguiar, Director, Emergency Management Agency (EMA), held a brief discussion regarding various types of grant funding that are utilized by the EMA, along with training for volunteers and other first responder teams for emergency evacuation protocols. Councillor Raposo expressed concern regarding the compensation limitation of \$25,000, within the City ordinances for the Director of EMA, as there are many tasks Mr. Aguiar must perform and an increase in compensation should be considered. Chief Jeffrey Bacon, Fall River Fire Department, clarified that, in addition to the City payroll, the Chief of EMA receives a stipend.

Councillor Dionne, Mr. Aguiar, and Emily Arpke, Interim Director of Financial Services, discussed vehicles that are utilized by the EMA for special operations, which are all purchased with grant funding and maintained by the Fall River Fire Department. Ms. Arpke provided clarification regarding the related line items, as some of the vehicle funds are listed in other sections of the Fire Department budget. Councillor Cadime commended the EMA on their work to ensure safety protocols are implemented in the event of an emergency.

Vice President Pereira stated that she assisted Mr. Aguiar with obtaining additional types of benefits and compensation for his work. Mr. Aguiar provided information regarding EMA volunteer training protocols, which include background checks, six months of training and three types of exams to achieve certification. Vice President Pereira expressed her support to increase the salary limit for the Director of EMA within the City ordinances. Councillor Hart agreed that the salary limit should be increased for this position and expressed appreciation for the work done by the EMA.

Councillor Ponte and Chief Bacon held a lengthy discussion regarding various budgetary items for the Fall River Fire Department including the need for new fire apparatus, inspection fees, necessary fire station repairs and maintenance, staffing needs and challenges in obtaining grant funding for the Fire Department. Chief Bacon explained that the new type of truck the department needs is currently being discussed by a committee comprised of various members of Engine 2, where the apparatus would be utilized. The Fire Chief explained that this committee determines the specific design requirements, and cost, for the vehicle. Chief Bacon stated that the Fire Department is exploring all options to address the cost of new vehicles, including non-custom types of fire trucks. Chief Bacon provided additional information regarding the existing fee schedule within the Fire Department, including inspection costs for residential and

commercial buildings. Councilor Ponte suggested that the City research ways to increase these types of funds to generate additional revenue for capital improvements within the department and suggested Chief Bacon submit a letter to the City Council to amend the existing ordinance related to the fee schedule for these services. Chief Bacon stated that necessary repairs for various stations are controlled by the Director of City Operations, and this creates additional challenges with beginning any renovation project. Councilor Ponte requested that Chief Bacon provide a list of necessary projects for the Council to review and discuss with the Director of City Operations at a future budget meeting. The Fire Chief also provided information regarding existing staffing, and the need to expand the department employees to reduce overtime shifts. Chief Bacon explained that he had attempted to submit a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant to assist with employee funding last year, but his submission of this application was denied by the Administration, and that this grant funding would have allocated funds for ten additional employees.

Councilor Ponte and Ms. Arpke discussed the need for capital project funding line items within the entirety of the FY26 Municipal Budget, and the Interim Director of Financial Services explained that the indirect cost reduction within the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund budget affected allocations that could be included within this year's municipal budget. Councilor Ponte expressed concern regarding the lack of capital funding within the budget.

Councilor Raposo and Chief Bacon discussed the SAFER Grant requirements, including financial match requirements from the City of Fall River over a three-year period, and the challenge to maintain adequate funding for additional employees. Councilor Raposo also requested clarification related to various line items within the Fire Department budget, including preventative maintenance, parts and accessories, and firefighting equipment. Chief Bacon explained that the preventative maintenance line items fund various fire alarm systems, the parts and accessories line items fund maintenance and repairs of fire apparatus, and that the firefighting equipment line items fund special, light-weight gear that does not contain per- and polyfluoroalkyl (PFA) substances. Chief Bacon and Captain Barrett Castro, Fall River Fire Department, provided information regarding the lengthy process of hiring new employees within the department, which can take up to a year.

Councilor Raposo requested information regarding pest control within the stations, and Chief Bacon stated that the Director of City Operations gave permission to all station house officers to reach out directly to pest control companies if insects or rodents are identified. Chief Bacon also provided information regarding American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funded projects, such as installation of air conditioning in various stations, and that these projects are currently in the second stage of operation, which should be completed in the summer of 2025. Councilor Raposo expressed concern regarding the lack of capital funding within the Fire Department, the need for additional staffing and the reduction of the budget overall. Ms. Arpke provided information regarding various salary changes related to retirements as well as bargaining agreements that were settled following the approval of the previous fiscal year budgets.

Councilor Kilby exited the Council Chamber at 7:30 p.m.

Councilor Cadime and Chief Bacon discussed the financial restrictions that are in place by Massachusetts State Laws that affect the Fire Department in relation to vehicle repairs, as all companies that submit bids for the service are owned by the same large conglomerate.

Councilor Dionne, Chief Bacon, Ms. Arpke and Captain Castro discussed retirement buyout funding, various stipend line items, and necessary changes to the Fire Department prior to the

completion of the Route 79/Davol Street Corridor project. Chief Bacon explained that there is ongoing discussion about changes that will be necessary to facilitate adequate services to this region of the City when the project is completed.

Councilor Cadime and Chief Bacon discussed staffing levels within the Fire Department and the need to increase the number of employees. Councilor Cadime stated that the SAFER Grant doesn't achieve the long-term employment goal, as it would result in additional staff for a short period of time that the City wouldn't be able to financially maintain, and that permanent funding should be allocated prior to hiring additional first responders. Councilor Cadime and Captain Castro discussed various capital needs that were submitted with the department budget, including new appliances and vehicles, but that those financial allocations were not included in the final budget. Chief Bacon clarified that the budget prioritized large repairs that were required for emergency apparatus, as that was an immediate need for the department.

Councilor Cadime and Ms. Arpke held a lengthy conversation regarding the lack of capital funding within the proposed FY26 Municipal Budget, and that this funding should be built into the operating budgets. Councilor Cadime expressed concern that Ms. Arpke hadn't been provided with enough information regarding various decisions made by the Administration in relation to this type of funding being removed from consideration. Ms. Arpke explained that the creation of this budget was based on templates used over the past ten fiscal years.

Councilor Hart agreed that the budget for the Fire Department should be increased and requested information regarding education incentive programs provided to the Fire Department employees, the length of time it takes for a new apparatus to be delivered and the overall cost of these large trucks. Chief Bacon provided information on the Quinn Bill, which assists firefighters with college degrees to receive an increased salary percentage over time. Chief Bacon also explained that the bidding process for new trucks is lengthy, as one large company controls most fire apparatus manufacturing plants, and that costs for these vehicles have doubled since 2017.

President Camara, Councilor Dionne and Chief Bacon held a brief discussion regarding the two trucks that are currently ordered, the need to adjust the type and size of the apparatus due to the hilly terrain of Fall River, and the maintenance protocols for these very large engines.

Vice President Pereira, Chief Bacon and Ms. Arpke discussed maintenance services that the Fire Department provides to the Veterans' Services Office vehicles, the SAFER Grant benefits and challenges, and the need for additional staff to assist the Director of City Operations with necessary structural maintenance throughout the City, as the amount of improvement projects are extensive. Vice President Pereira also expressed concern regarding the lack of capital funding within the proposed FY26 Municipal Budget, and that more representatives of the Administration should be present to answer questions, as Ms. Arpke doesn't attend every meeting related to projects and renovations.

Councilor Raposo and the Fire Chief discussed the Management Information Systems (MIS) employees who assist with technology problems within various offices and stations of the Fire Department. Ms. Arpke clarified that, as the services are provided by the City, these services are included in the Department of MIS budget line items and the Fire Department does not pay for these services.

Councilor Cadime and the Interim Director of Financial Services discussed the lack of capital funding within the proposed budget and the deficit within the Employer Health Trust Fund. Ms.

Arpke stated that, with future budgets, she will include the intended capital funding, but currently the City cannot commit to specific funding amounts within each department. Councilor Cadime expressed concern that, if this budget was approved, there would be numerous transfers and appropriations presented to the City Council throughout FY26 to allocate necessary funds that were not included in the proposed FY26 Municipal Budget.

Councilor Ponte and Ms. Arpke discussed calculations that were utilized to determine actual capital needs and funding for each department, and what amount of City funding was being invested currently. Ms. Arpke emphasized that she would provide the City Council with written documentation to show the calculation process and explained that roughly \$50,000,000, is allocated to investment funds with a 4.5% interest rate. The Interim Director of Financial Services stated that she would provide more information regarding the amount of capital invested at a future budget meeting.

Councilors Cadime and Ponte made comments regarding the Council's option to reject the budget now, due to these significant financial shortfalls. President Camara stated that he agreed with these concerns, but that the City Council should allow Ms. Arpke time to present this requested information before deciding to reject the proposed budget. Councilor Cadime requested that the Interim Director of Financial Services provide estimates of capital for funds of all departments, stabilization funds and grants prior to the next Committee meeting.

A brief discussion was held between the City Councilors regarding the scheduling of an additional meeting of the Committee on Finance next week to allow for conversations related to the Fall River Police Department budget.

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

On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by President Camara, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:58 p.m., with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

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


Clerk of Committees

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

MEETING: May 27, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, One Government Center

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

ABSENT: None

IN ATTENDANCE: None

President Camara called the meeting to order at 8:49 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by a salute to the flag and announced that the meeting may be recorded with audio or video and transmitted through any medium.

PRIORITY MATTERS

1. Mayor and order appropriating \$55,000.00 from CPA Fund's Undesignated fund balance to CPA Historic Resources Preservation Projects for a feasibility study/assessment of the Bank Street Armory
On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to accept the communication and place it on file and adopt the order.
Approved, May 28, 2025
Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

PRIORITY COMMUNICATIONS

2. School Committee and action taken during their April 29, 2025, meeting to rescind their vote for a letter re: school transportation at the April 8, 2025, Joint Meeting of the City Council and School Committee
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. Following the vote, the City Councilors confirmed with the Assistant City Clerk that a letter would be sent regarding this matter, from the City Council only, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Finance recommending:

Action

3. Fiscal Year 2026 Emergency Medical Services Budget

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

Approved, May 28, 2025

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

4. Communication – Mayor and School Committee request to initiate and file an unfunded mandate petition with the State Auditor's office relative to the City's obligation to fund student transportation

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

ORDINANCES

Second Reading and Enrollment, as amended

5. Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, Miscellaneous

Section 1

Parking prohibited at all times (insert)

- County Street, North, 98 feet west of Covell Street

Section 2

Parking prohibited at all times (strike out)

- County Street, North, 118 feet west of Covell Street

Section 3

Handicapped parking removals

- Dwelly Street, North, 92 feet west of Peckham Street
- Hanover Street, West, 140 feet north of Locust Street
- Harrison Street, West, 490 feet south of Pleasant Street
- Mulberry Street, East, 79 feet north of Division Street

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

Approved, May 28, 2025

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

6. Proposed Zoning Ordinance – Apartment District (A-2)

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was voted 6 yeas, 3 nays that the proposed ordinance be passed through second reading and enrollment, as amended, with Councilors Dionne, Hart and Tith voting in the negative. On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was voted that the proposed ordinance be passed to be ordained, as amended, with Councilor Dionne opposed.

Approved, May 28, 2025

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

RESOLUTIONS

7. City Council advocate for the recognition of the Emergency Medical Services Department as a core public safety department and the exemplary work of all staff. Councilor Ponte expressed support for the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department but stated that he received communication from the Fire Chief who is in opposition to considering EMS as a formal public safety department. Councilor Ponte stated that this matter should be referred to the Committee on Public Safety for further discussion between the EMS and Fire Chiefs. Councilor Hart agreed and stated he looks forward to scheduling a Committee meeting to discuss this matter.

Councilor Cadime stated that the resolution appears to have been written to congratulate the EMS Department for both EMS Week and their 50th Anniversary, not to change the formal designation of the department. Vice President Pereira explained that the EMS Department assists the Fire Department with various matters, including payroll for five Fire Department employees and additional funding for trucks, and while EMS is not formally considered a public safety department, they should work with the Administration to remedy any disagreements regarding the matter. Vice President Pereira and Councilor Raposo confirmed that the resolution was intended to be congratulatory, but Councilor Raposo noted that the final paragraph, which states that the Council is "formally advocating for EMS as a core public safety department," may have generated concern with the Fire Chief. Councilor Raposo suggested that any formal change be discussed with the Administration and the Fire and EMS Chiefs before it is considered by the City Councilors.

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

On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Vice President Pereira, it was unanimously voted to take item 11 out of order.

CITATIONS

11. Fall River Emergency Medical Services – 50th Anniversary of organization. Councilor Raposo made brief remarks commending the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department on their hard work and dedication. Chief of EMS Beth Faunce also made brief remarks regarding the excellent workforce within the department and the importance of their services to the community. On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to adopt the citation.

RESOLUTIONS

8. Committee on Economic Development and Tourism convene to discuss funding to improve downtown North Main Street. A motion was made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by President Camara to adopt the resolution. Vice President Pereira stated that she intended the resolution to address downtown South Main Street, not North Main Street, because various areas of this downtown area need to be revitalized. On a motion made by Vice President Pereira and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to amend the resolution by striking out, in all sections of the resolution, "North Main Street," and inserting in its place, "South Main Street." On a further motion made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to adopt the resolution, as amended.

9. Committee on Economic Development and Tourism convene to discuss the ongoing redevelopment of the Flint Neighborhood

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

10. Committee on Finance convene to discuss the anticipated timeline of the land ownership transfer and planned real estate distribution process within the Route 79/Daval Street Corridor Improvements Project area

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

ORDERS – HEARINGS

Second Hand Article Store:

12. ecoATM, LLC, 10121 Barnes Canyon Road, San Diego, CA, located at 866 Pleasant Street (inside PriceRite 0332)

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

Approved, May 28, 2025

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

ORDERS – MISCELLANEOUS

13. Police Chief's report on licenses

Taxicab Drivers

Deena Feldman Wayne Delisle

Private Livery Vehicle

Princess Limousine, LLC

Second Hand and Pawnbroker Renewals

Fall River Financial MA LLC d/b/a Fall River Pawnbrokers

- 1435 Pleasant Street
- 364 South Main Street
- 1475 South Main Street

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

14. Auto Body Shop License Renewal

Michael Carvalho d/b/a County Street Collision and Customizing, 958 County Street

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

Approved, May 28, 2025

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

COMMUNICATIONS – INVITATIONS – PETITIONS

15. Claims

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

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

16. Assistant Corporation Counsel Responses to Open Meeting Law complaints filed by the following individuals re: April 8, 2025 alleged violation by the City Council:
- a. Rebecca Collins
 - b. Patrick Higgins
 - c. Rene Brown

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

17. Communications from Justin P. Teixeira, President of the Professional Paramedics of Fall River (AFSCME Local 1202) re:
- a. Emergency Medical Services Labor Alliance re: Emergency Medical Services Week and advocacy for EMS support
 - b. Professional Paramedics of Fall River re: Emergency Medical Services Week and advocacy for EMS support

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

18. City resident requesting to purchase parcels of city owned land on Stafford Heights Rd.
On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to refer the communication to the Committee on Real Estate.

19. Application for a License to Conduct One Day Bingo on September 18, 2025 from The Children's Museum of Greater Fall River. Event to be held at 20 Star Street.
On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to approve the application.

20. Structure on or over a public way application from Sawyer Melo for a lemonade stand (wooden crates with a tabletop and overhead curtain 1' x 4' x 5') at the corner of Warren Street and Pulaski Street every Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday until September 20, 2025

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by President Camara, it was unanimously voted to approve the application.

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

21. Structure on or over a public way applications from St. Anthony of the Desert Church for street banners advertising the Lebanese Mahrajan Food Festival to be held August 8, 2025 to August 10, 2025 at the following locations:
- a. Corner of Bedford Street and Troy Street near Central Fire Station
 - b. South Main Street near the Cultural Center
 - c. Pleasant Street near the Fall River Police Department

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

22. Drainlayer Licenses
 JB Lanagan & Company, Inc.
 Foley Excavation LLC
 Mitchell Associates Construction Corp.

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

23. Planning Board Minutes – April 9, 2025

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

24. Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes – April 17, 2025

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

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

City Council Minutes

25. Public Hearing – May 13, 2025

26. Committee on Finance – May 13, 2025

27. Regular Meeting of the City Council – May 13, 2025

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

BULLETINS – NEWSLETTERS – NOTICES – None

ITEMS FILED AFTER THE AGENDA DEADLINE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE: MAY 27, 2025

PRIORITY MATTERS

- 1a. Mayor and order approving Conservation Restriction between VMD Conservation FR, LLC and The Trustees of Reservations regarding an approximately 52.7-acre parcel of wetlands located at the Industrial Park

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to accept and place on file the Mayor's communication and adopt the order.

Approved, May 28, 2025

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Ordinances and Legislation recommending:

All readings with emergency preamble

- 4a. Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, Handicapped parking
- Harriman Street, South, 24 feet west of Raymond Street
 - Hunter Street, East, 126 feet south of Hope Street
 - Merchant Street, North, 40 feet west of Seventeenth Street
 - Quequechan Street, West, 255 feet south of County Street
 - Ridge Street, East, 136 feet south of Osborn Street

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

Approved, May 28, 2025

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

First Reading

4b. Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, Miscellaneous

Section 1

Parking Prohibited at all times (insert)

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

Section 2

Handicapped Parking (strike outs)

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

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

4c. Proposed Ordinance – Appointment of Chief of Police

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Dionne, it was unanimously voted that the proposed ordinance be passed through first reading.

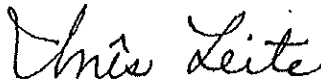
A brief recess was held from 9:23 p.m. to 9:28 p.m. for the signing of the Traffic and Zoning – Apartment District (A-2) proposed ordinances and the Conservation Restriction.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Vice President Pereira, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:29 p.m.

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:

Agenda packet (attached)

A true copy. Attest:



Assistant City Clerk



City of Fall River Massachusetts
Office of the City Clerk

ALISON M. BOUCHARD
CITY CLERK

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ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

May 29, 2025

The Honorable Governor Maura Healey
Office of the Governor
Massachusetts State House, Room 280
24 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02133

The Honorable Ronald Mariano
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Massachusetts State House, Room 356
24 Beacon Street, Boston MA, 02133

The Honorable Michael J. Rodrigues
Massachusetts State House, Room 212
24 Beacon Street, Boston MA, 02133

The Honorable Alan Silvia
Massachusetts State House, Room 167
24 Beacon Street, Boston MA, 02133

The Honorable Steven J. Ouellette
Massachusetts State House, Room 33
24 Beacon Street, Boston MA, 02133

The Honorable Carole Fiola
Massachusetts State House, Room 236
24 Beacon Street, Boston MA, 02133

Dear Governor Healey, Speaker of the House Mariano, and Fall River Delegates,

At a Joint Meeting of the Fall River City Council and Fall River School Committee held on April 8, 2025, a discussion was held regarding the cost of school transportation in relation to mandatory unfunded requirements within the Massachusetts General Laws. On a motion made by Councillor Cliff Ponte and seconded by Councillor Andrew J. Raposo, it was unanimously voted that the City Council send a letter to the Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Fall River Delegation, and share the letter with the leaders of the other twenty-five Gateway Cities in Massachusetts, requesting that those elected by the constituents of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts advocate for additional state-sponsored funding to assist Gateway Cities, such as Fall River, to provide required transportation to all public school students.

The City Councillors of the City of Fall River agree that school transportation is a pertinent aspect of providing a quality education to students of all ages. However, the overall funding costs for these services are rising significantly each fiscal year. These increased costs to provide adequate, safe and efficient transportation for our students, without adequate funding assistance from the state legislature, affect not only the City's budget, but place a significant financial burden on the taxpayers of Fall River, and all other Gateway Cities. The Fall River City Council sincerely requests your support in advocating for municipalities who are working diligently to provide mandatory unfunded requirements, specifically related to school transportation, but critically require additional financial assistance from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Sincerely,

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Assistant City Clerk

Cc: Mayor Paul E. Coogan, Fall River
Mayor Cathleen DeSimone, Attleboro
Town Manager Mark S. Ellis, Barnstable
Mayor Robert F. Sullivan, Brockton
City Manager Fidel Maltez, Chelsea
Mayor John L. Vleau, Chicopee
Mayor Carlo DeMarla, Everett
Mayor Samantha M. Squallia, Fitchburg
Mayor Melinda E. Barrett, Haverhill
Mayor Joshua A. Garcia, Holyoke
Mayor Brian A. DePefia, Lawrence
Mayor Dean Mazzarella, Leominster
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Mayor David P. "D.J." Beauregard, Jr., Methuen
Mayor Jonathan F. Mitchell, New Bedford
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Mayor Peter M. Marchetti, Pittsfield
Mayor Thomas P. Koch, Quincy
Mayor Patrick M. Keefe, Jr., Revere
Mayor Dominick Pangallo, Salem
Mayor Domenic J. Sarno, Springfield
Mayor Shaunna O'Connell, Taunton
Mayor Michael A. McCabe, Westfield
Mayor and Councillor-at-Large Joseph M. Petley, Worcester



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May 26, 2025

File Number: 60010510220
Date of Loss: May 21, 2025
Owner/Insured: Michael Paiva
Street: 540 Cherry St, Apt 7
Town: Fall River
Type of Loss: Water

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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.

6/2/25

✓ City Clerk/Council
✓ Health
✓ Building
✓ Fire

Sincerely,

Troy A. Moulton

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