

City of Fall River Massachusetts

Office of the City Clerk

ALISON M. BOUCHARD
CITY CLERK

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ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

MEETING: November 19, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, One Government Center

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

ABSENT: None

IN ATTENDANCE: None

President Camara called the meeting to order at 7:24 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 request for confirmation of the appointment of Fellisha Desmarais to the position of Library Administrator

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

2. Mayor and request for confirmation of the appointment of William A. Flanagan, Esq., to the Greater Fall River Vocational School District Committee

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

PRIORITY COMMUNICATIONS

3. Traffic Commission recommending amendments to the traffic ordinances

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Vice President Pereira, it was unanimously voted to refer the recommendations to the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

ORDINANCES – None

RESOLUTIONS – None

CITATIONS

4. Nasiff Fruit Company – 100th anniversary of serving the community
On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Sampson, it was unanimously voted to adopt the citation.

ORDERS – HEARINGS – None

ORDERS – MISCELLANEOUS

5. Police Chief's report on licenses:

2024

Taxicab Drivers

Malinda Costa Robert Collins Jr.

Private Livery Vehicles

Otalieras LLC – One (1) Vehicle

2025

Taxicab Drivers

Ashrae Kamal Antar	Douglas J. Carvalho	Kenneth G. Chase Jr.
Luis Costa	Richard Hutchel	Louis Levesque
Jeff C. Middleton		

Private Livery Drivers

Otis Aliemeke

Private Livery Vehicles

Otalieras LLC – One (1) Vehicle

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

6. Auto Body Shop License Renewal:

Shaun Silva, Globe Auto Inc. d/b/a Globe Auto, 165 Tucker Street

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

Approved, November 20, 2024

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

7. Auto Repair Shop License Renewals:

Igor Zinovyev d/b/a Boston Auto Fair, LLC, 2147 Pleasant Street

Shaun Silva, Globe Auto Inc. d/b/a Globe Auto, 165 Tucker Street

George Moreira d/b/a George's Auto Tech, LLC, 581 Pleasant Street

Joseph Bilan d/b/a BP Auto Service Repair Inc., 1091 South Main Street

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

Approved, November 20, 2024

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

COMMUNICATIONS – INVITATIONS – PETITIONS

8. 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 9 through 11 together.

City Council Minutes

9. Public Hearings – November 5, 2024

10. Committee on Finance – November 5, 2024

11. Regular Meeting of the City Council – November 5, 2024

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

BULLETINS – NEWSLETTERS – NOTICES

12. Notices of filing and public hearings received from the Mass. Department of Public Utilities for approval of Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plan Petitions for 2025 through 2027 filed by:

- a. Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp. d/b/a Liberty
- b. Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid
- c. Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Ordinances and Legislation recommending:

All Readings with Emergency Preamble:

Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, Handicapped parking

- Fourth Street, West, 41 feet north of Wade Street
- Bay Street, East, 133 feet north of Pokross Street
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- Swindells Street, East, 34 feet north of Pleasant Street
- Winter Street, West, 108 feet north of Franklin Street
- Woodman Street, North, 69 feet west of Bay Street

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

Approved, November 20, 2024

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Sampson, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:

Agenda packet (attached)

A true copy. Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alison M. Bouchard". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'A'.

City Clerk

In City Council, December 3, 2024

Approved.



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Office of the City Clerk

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FALL RIVER, MA

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MEETINGS SCHEDULED
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, ONE GOVERNMENT CENTER
NOVEMBER 19, 2024
AGENDA

5:15 P.M. COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES AND LEGISLATION

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

1. Citizen Input
2. *Resolution – Committee on Finance convene with the Administration, the Director of Financial Services, and the City Treasurer/Collector to discuss the online real estate tax payment program, resources for taxpayers who use this program and future plans to streamline online payments (adopted 9-10-2024)
3. *Resolution – Committee on Finance convene with representatives from the Fall River Housing Authority and a representative from the Administration to discuss options regarding potential use of the vacant Watuppa Heights property, and to discuss the legal challenges that the property presents (adopted 10-8-2024)

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

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RESOLUTIONS – None

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ORDERS – HEARINGS – None

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

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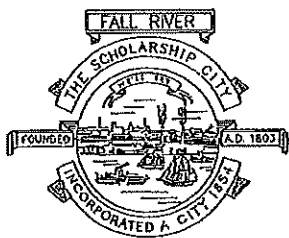
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First Reading:

Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, Miscellaneous

Operation of heavy commercial vehicles restricted on certain streets

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



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Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor

PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

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2024 NOV 13 P 2:10

CITY CLERK
FALL RIVER, MA

November 13, 2024

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

Honorable Members of the City Council:

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

Name: Fellisha Desmarais
Address: 8 Isaac Circle South Dartmouth, MA 02748
To: Library Administrator
Effective Date: January 1, 2025
Salary: \$88,000.00

Sincerely,

Paul Coogan
Mayor

cc: Auditor
Human Resources



City of Fall River
Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor

PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

November 12, 2024

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

Dear Council President and Members of the Honorable Council:

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

Name: William A. Flanagan, Esq.

Address 108 Jencks Street
Fall River, MA 02723

Position: Greater Fall River Vocational School District Committee

Expiration: November 12, 2027

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

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Traffic & Parking Division

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FALL RIVER, MA

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

November 1, 2024

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, October 16, 2024 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: 387 Handicapped Parking

By striking out in proper alphabetical order the following.

Name of Street	Side	Location
Blackstone Street	West	Starting at a point 131 feet South of Nashua Street, For a distance of 20 feet South.

Very truly yours,


Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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Traffic & Parking Division 2024 NOV -1 A 8 52



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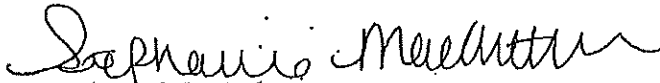
That Chapter 70 of Revised Ordinances be amended in the following Section:

Article: 70
Section: 387 Handicapped Parking

By striking out in proper alphabetical order the following.

Name of Street	Side	Location
South Street	North	Starting at a point 135 feet East of South Main Street, For a distance of 20 feet East.

Very truly yours,


Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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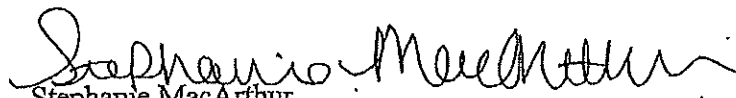
Section: 387

Handicapped Parking

By striking out in proper alphabetical order the following.

Name of Street	Side	Location
Wellington Street	North	Starting at a point 230 feet East of St. Mary Street, For a distance of 20 feet East.

Very truly yours,


Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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FALL RIVER, MA

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Mayor

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November 8, 2024

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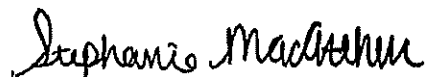
That Chapter 70 of Revised Ordinances be amended in the following Section:

Article: 70
Section: 387 Handicapped Parking

By striking out in proper alphabetical order the following.

Name of Street	Side	Location
Pokross Street	North	Starting at a point 440 feet East of Bay Street.

Very truly yours,


Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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Name of Street	Side	Location
London Street	South	Starting at a point 140 feet West of Johnson Street, For a distance of 25 feet West

Very truly yours,

Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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By striking out in proper alphabetical order the following.

Name of Street	Side	Location
Tripp Street	West	Starting at a point 93 feet South of Charles Street, For a distance of 20 feet South.

Very truly yours,

Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking



City of Fall River
Notice of Claim

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FALL RIVER, MA

1. Claimant's name: Susana M Cabral
2. Claimant's complete address: 34 Striper Circle North Dartmouth, MA 02747
3. Telephone number: Home: 508 677 8881 Work: 508 678 2833
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage): tripped on city sidewalk on Brownell St Fall River, MA
5. Date and time of accident: Oct 11, 2024 Amount of damages claimed: \$ Copayments of \$250.00 + fix the sidewalk. see back
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible): Brownell St, before the first telephone pole just before entrance to the Commonwealth Landing Building.
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary): was walking and the uneven raised sidewalk caused me to trip and fall on both knees, both hands. Because of pain I went to Charlton Memorial Hospital on 10-11-24, and followed up with Orthopedic. Dr Greg Goodwin N. Main St Fall River, MA.
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
Blue Cross/Blue Shield One Cameron Hill Circle Suite 0002 Chattanooga, TN 37402-0002
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). see back

I swear that the facts stated above are true to the best of my knowledge.

Date: 11-4-24

Claimant's signature: Susana M Cabral

WHEN TO FILE: If your claim is based on a defect in a public way, you must file within 30 days of the incident. If your claim is based on the negligence or wrongful act or omission of the City or its employees, you must file within two years of the incident. PLEASE KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS.

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

You should consult with your own attorney in preparing this claim form to understand your legal rights. The Office of the Corporation Counsel is unable to provide legal assistance to private citizens.

For official use only:	
Copies forwarded to:	☒ City Clerk ☒ Law ☒ City Council ☐ City Administrator ☒ DCU
Date: <u>11/4/24</u>	

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARINGS

MEETING: November 5, 2024, at 5:55 p.m.
Council Chamber, One Government Center

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

ABSENT: Vice President Linda M. Pereira

IN ATTENDANCE: Peter Brouns, 170 Last Street
Roland Patenaude, President, Bristol County Homes Inc.,
800 Davol Street

The President called the meeting to order at 5:57 p.m. and announced that the meeting may be recorded with audio or video and transmitted through any medium and that the purpose of the hearing was to hear all persons interested and wishing to be heard on the following:

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

Curb Removals

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

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

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

The President asked if any proponents were present, and Peter Brouns, 170 Last Street, came forward and stated that he and his tenants are facing challenges with parking. Mr. Brouns stated that by widening and deepening the driveway, all residents can park on the property instead of on the street. Councilor Dionne and Mr. Brouns discussed that there are currently eight residents with vehicles living at 170 Last Street, and they have had to park on other streets further away from the property. The President then asked if any opponents were present, and no one came forward.

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

	Existing Opening	Curbing to be Removed	Curbing to be Added	Combined Opening Proposed After Alteration
552 Bowen Street & Hicks Street	14' 8"	26'	0'	40' 8"

The existing parcel is currently serviced by a 14-foot, 8-inch curb opening on Bowen Street. The applicant proposes to create a new 26-foot opening on Hicks Street. The total opening for the location will be 40 feet, 8 inches. The project has a completed Site Plan Review.

The President asked if any proponents were present, and Roland Patenaude, President, Bristol County Homes, Inc., 800 Davol Street, came forward and explained that he had recently applied for a building permit to develop a multifamily unit at 552 Bowen Street and the goal of the project is to provide two off-street parking spaces per unit within the development. Mr. Patenaude explained that there are limitations related to where the parking area can be located due to the required ground filtration system being installed, and that the Planning Board and the Traffic Commission voted favorably for the proposed curb removal. Mr. Patenaude also stated that the area where the curb removal would occur is not currently a viable parking space on the street, and no current street parking will be eliminated with the change. The President then asked if any opponents were present, and no one came forward.

3. Tyler Carreiro, 116 Gagnon Street, for the removal of curbing as follows:

	Existing Opening	Curbing to be Removed	Curbing to be Added	Combined Opening Proposed After Alteration
116 Gagnon Street	15' 9"	8'	0'	23' 9"

The existing parcel is currently serviced by a 15-foot, 9-inch curb opening. The applicant proposes to extend that existing opening by an additional 8 feet. The total opening for the location will be 23 feet, 9 inches.

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 Kilby, it was unanimously voted to close the hearings at 6:04 p.m., with Vice President Pereira absent and not voting.

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:

Agenda (attached)

A true copy. Attest:

Alison M. Bouchard

City Clerk

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MEETING: November 5, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, One Government Center

PRESENT: President Joseph D. Camara, presiding;
Councilors Michelle M. Dionne, Paul B. Hart, Bradford L. Kilby,
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ABSENT: Vice President Linda M. Pereira

IN ATTENDANCE: Seth Thomas Aitken, City Administrator
Bridget Almon, Director of Financial Services
Chief Jeffrey Bacon, Fall River Fire Department
Chief Timothy Oliveira, Emergency Medical Services
Deputy Chief Beth Faunce, Emergency Medical Services

The chair called the meeting to order at 6:05 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
Alexander Silva, 148 Purchase Street – Silvia School

2. Fiscal Year 2025 Quarter 1 Budget Report
Councilor Raposo and Bridget Almon, Director of Financial Services, held a brief discussion regarding detailed data related to inactive capital projects related to the Streets and Highways Division. Ms. Almon stated that she is working with the Director of City Operations to provide this information to the Committee members.

Councilor Ponte requested additional information regarding the financial effects that will follow the recent transfer of Saint Anne's Hospital from Steward Health Care to Brown University Health (formerly known as Lifespan). Seth Thomas Aitken, City Administrator, explained that there have been ongoing discussions with Brown University Health regarding overdue payments, and the Director of Financial Services stated that the amount of potentially lost revenue is not yet determined, as Steward Health Care was current on their tax payments up until 2024. Ms. Almon explained that the City is currently working with attorneys who specialize in this matter to determine the final calculations. The City Administrator stated that the Administration will update the Committee as soon as final agreements are made with the new ownership.

Councilor Ponte requested additional information regarding the total amount listed for automobile tax revenue, overall net school spending debt and repair costs for various Fire Department stations throughout the City. The Director of Financial Services stated that automobile tax revenue is expected to increase in January and that the City will owe funds related to schools, but that the total, which is anticipated to be \$300,000, is not yet finalized. Ms. Almon clarified that the negotiations of contracts related to the School Department may affect the total amount of healthcare costs. Chief Jeffrey Bacon, Fall River Fire Department, provided information regarding repairs of boilers and generators within the stations and stated that the Director of City Operations oversaw financial matters regarding the renovation projects. Chief Bacon also explained that work to renovate the façade of the Central Fire Station is planned to begin in the spring of 2025. Councilor Ponte requested that the City Administrator provide the Committee members with an outline regarding plans for fire station renovations, funding and timelines for the repairs.

Councilors Cadime, Kilby and Dionne expressed concern regarding the lack of progress for the redevelopment of the Bank Street Armory building. The City Administrator provided information regarding a company that has expressed interest in redeveloping the property, and that he confirmed with the Mayor that the company's intention is to develop the building into a museum- or archival-type facility. Mr. Aitken stated that the Administration is currently waiting for a final architectural plan, but that this would not include housing development within the building.

Councilor Cadime and the City Administrator discussed capital needs regarding City property and municipal departments. Mr. Aitken stated that there is an informal survey ongoing with all departments regarding potential needs for different offices. Mr. Aitken also clarified that the fire stations in the City, which are still in need of repair, are safe to operate out of and all safety concerns have been remedied. Councilor Cadime agreed but emphasized the need for long-term maintenance plans for City property to avoid extensive repairs in the future.

Councilor Dionne and Ms. Almon discussed the potential use of Massachusetts Housing Assistance Pilot Programs, as non-profit organizations own over 50% of taxable properties in Fall River, and the City sees no return on the current investments in housing development. Councilor Dionne also requested clarification regarding expenses listed for the Auditor's office and the Treasurer's office, as both line items within the quarterly report show a large percentage of funds have already been utilized. Ms. Almon explained that there was a large, upfront cost for grant-related software for the Auditor's office and stated that the Treasurer's office had a large expenditure on a MUNIS software consultant, but that she would confirm that this was the only large expense for that division.

Councilor Raposo and the City Administrator held a brief discussion regarding long-term plans for the former Police Station located on Bedford Street. Mr. Aitken explained that there is an ongoing financial agreement with the previous owner to allow the property to be transferred back to the City. The City Administrator provided information regarding planned inspections related to asbestos and lead contamination, as well as the structural soundness of the facility, and that the Administration is concerned the building may need to be demolished.

President Camara asked if there were any concerns regarding departments within the budget overall in the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2025. The Director of Financial Services stated that the report shows 25% of expenditure within the budget, and that the revenue is also stable.

3. Increase to existing loan order for renovations and repairs to the Central Fire Station and construction of an EMS Storage Facility (total amount of \$3,200,000)
- Seth Thomas Aitken, City Administrator, provided information regarding the development of the original loan order adopted in 2021, the second amendment for that loan order, tabled in the Committee on Finance in 2023, and this new amendment presented to the Committee on Finance for review. Mr. Aitken explained that the overall goal is to use the funding to renovate the Central Fire Station and provide areas within all stations for female paramedics, including sleeping quarters, restrooms and showers. The City Administrator emphasized that the original loan order from 2021 did not specifically address these needs, and that the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department is expanding significantly.*

Chief Jeffrey Bacon, Fall River Fire Department, stated that the goal is to renovate the Central Fire Station to be viable for another fifty to sixty years, update all stations to accommodate female employees, and construct a new storage facility to house emergency response vehicles and equipment. Councilor Ponte and Chief Bacon discussed the location of the new storage facility, which is anticipated to be built near the Fire Department Headquarters, located at 140 Commerce Drive. Chief Bacon stated that the storage facility would utilize about \$1,000,000 to \$1,200,000 of the total loan order amount, while the Central Fire Station would be funded with the remaining amount of \$2,000,000.

Bridget Almon, Director of Financial Services, clarified that the original loan order, adopted in 2021, was never bonded by the City, that the adjustments in the amended version being presented would not affect current funds, and would reflect the new costs of these projects. The Director of Financial Services also explained that the debt will be paid by the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Enterprise Fund. Chief Timothy Oliveira, EMS, explained that there will be no financial increase totals as a result of this loan order until Fiscal Year 2026, and Ms. Almon emphasized the need for this project to begin immediately, as the costs will continue to increase over time.

Deputy Chief Beth Faunce, EMS, explained that there are state regulations regarding storage facilities for emergency vehicles, including temperature control for medications, and the City cannot adhere to these regulations currently due to lack of storage space. The City Administrator stated that they have received a bid for the work needed on the Central Fire Station, and have also received an estimate and site work plan for the proposed storage facility. The Director of Financial Services explained that the original loan order only listed the construction of a "steel building," and did not include the additional repairs needed in different fire stations. The amendments are pertinent to properly renovate these stations and construct the storage building.

Councilor Dionne and the City Administrator discussed the previously amended loan order proposal that was tabled in the Committee on Finance on January 10, 2023, as no additional discussions occurred following that meeting. Chief Oliveira explained that this amended proposal will allow a majority of the plan to be executed through the loan order funding. The Director of Financial Services also provided information regarding cost-increases following the COVID-19 pandemic, and the need to change the overall project to accommodate these expenditures.

Councilor Dionne explained that, based on a copy of the Committee minutes that she had reviewed, during the meeting of the Committee on Finance on January 10, 2023, the Administration stated that alternative funding could be used in addition to the loan order funding and that the Committee on Finance had asked for updates regarding those funding sources, but that this information was not presented to the Committee members.

Chief Oliveira and Deputy Chief Faunce provided information regarding the use of EMS revenue to replace speakers, doors, and vents within existing stations. Chief Bacon also provided information regarding Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Grant funding which was utilized to install new fire alarms, and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding which provided capital for updating heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems as well as bonds for roof repairs. Councilor Dionne asked why there isn't only one bid proposal for the entire project. The City Administrator explained that different vendors provide specific services, which require multiple types of bids. President Camara made brief remarks regarding his unsuccessful attempts to place the tabled loan order from the January 10, 2023, on an agenda for further discussion with the Committee on Finance throughout the 2023 calendar year.

Councilor Cadime, Mr. Aitken, Chief Oliveira and Chief Bacon held a lengthy discussion regarding the design process, the benefits of itemized costs and the need for a building management plan. Chief Oliveira explained that, if the loan order is approved, the next step would be to have the contractors estimate a full project cost based on measurements of the stations and necessary renovations. Chief Bacon clarified that the project must be done in stages to allow the Central Fire Station to continue operating while renovations take place. The City Administrator emphasized that the different phases of the project were also affected by funding sources, as some funding would be utilized from the EMS Enterprise Fund, while others would be provided by the City funds. Councilor Cadime stated that, while he supports the need for the repairs, the project should be designed to be financially feasible and that delaying portions of the renovations would result in an increased cost to taxpayers of the City of Fall River. President Camara asked how many windows need to be replaced in the Central Fire Station and Chief Bacon explained that there were fifty-five to sixty windows within the structure that needed replacement.

Chief Bacon emphasized that the female employees of the Fall River Fire Department do not have facilities to accommodate them for sleeping quarters, restrooms or showers, and this is a dire need for all facilities. Chief Oliveira clarified that the long-term plan is to have the EMS Department permanently occupy the Central Fire Station. The Director of Financial Services stated that this final amendment would assist with all needs of the Fire Department and EMS Department, and would go before the Bond Counsel for approval if adopted.

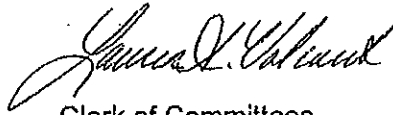
On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Dionne, it was unanimously voted to refer the loan order to full Council for action, with Vice President Pereira absent and not voting.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Dionne, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:30 p.m., with Vice President Pereira absent and not voting.

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:

Agenda packet (attached)

Handout distributed by Chief Timothy Oliveira regarding EMS and Fire station renovations and repairs



Clerk of Committees

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

MEETING: November 5, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, One Government Center

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

ABSENT: Vice President Linda M. Pereira

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

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

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

CITATIONS

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

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

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

PRIORITY COMMUNICATIONS

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

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

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

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

PRIORITY MATTERS

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

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

Approved, November 6, 2024

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

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

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

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

PRIORITY COMMUNICATIONS

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

ORDINANCES

Second Reading and Enrollment

4. Proposed Ordinance - Traffic, Miscellaneous

Section 1.

Parking prohibited during certain hours

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

Section 2.

Loading, service and passenger zones

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

Section 3.

Handicapped parking removals

- Alden Street, West, 823 feet north of East Warren Street
- Cherry Street, North, 240 feet east of North Main Street
- Harrison Street, West, 484 feet north of Alden Street
- Hunter Street, East, 127 feet south of Hope Street
- John Street, West, 76 feet north of Rodman Street
- Morton Street, West, 20 feet south of Brightman Street
- Mott Street, West, 152 feet north of Cambridge Street
- Orswell Street, North, 285 feet west of Stafford Road
- Pine Street, North, 57 feet west of Winter Street
- Pitman Street, East, 214 feet north of Harrison Street
- Reney Street, North, 118 feet east of County Street
- Tremont Street, West, 488 feet north of Bedford Street

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

Approved, November 6, 2024

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

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

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

Approved, November 6, 2024

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

RESOLUTIONS - None

CITATIONS

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

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

ORDERS – HEARINGS

Curb Removals

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

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

Approved, November 6, 2024

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

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

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

Approved, November 6, 2024

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

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

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

Approved, November 6, 2024

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

ORDERS – MISCELLANEOUS

Police Chief's report on licenses:

11. **Taxicab Drivers**

David R. La France Natasha Smith

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

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

- a. Burt Street from New Boston Road to southerly terminus
- b. May Street from Pine Street to Cherry Street

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

COMMUNICATIONS – INVITATIONS – PETITIONS

13. Claims

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

14. City Engineer – Street opening less than 5 years at 40 Frederick Street
Councilor Ponte asked if the City Engineer approved of this request and the City Clerk stated yes because the request was filed by the City Engineer. On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to approve the request, with Vice President Pereira absent and not voting.

Approved, November 6, 2024

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

15. Drainlayer Licenses

NP Land Architects Inc.

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

Approved, November 6, 2024

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

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

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

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

City Council Minutes

17. Public Hearing – October 22, 2024

18. Committee on Finance – October 22, 2024

19. Committee on Finance – October 30, 2024

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

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

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

BULLETINS – NEWSLETTERS – NOTICES – None

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Real Estate recommending action:

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

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

Approved, November 6, 2024

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

Committee on Finance recommending action:

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

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

Approved, November 6, 2024

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

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

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

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:

Agenda packet (attached)

A true copy. Attest:

Alison M. Bouchard

City Clerk



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NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

CITY CLERK

FALL RIVER, MA

D.P.U. 24-143

November 4, 2024

Petition of Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp., d/b/a Liberty, pursuant to G.L. c. 25, § 21, for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plan for 2025 through 2027.

On October 31, 2024, Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp., d/b/a Liberty ("Company"), filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") seeking approval of its Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plan for 2025 through 2027 ("Three-Year Plan"). The proposed Three-Year Plan also incorporates the Company's Residential Conservation Service filing pursuant to G.L. c. 164, App. § 2-7(h). The Department docketed this matter as D.P.U. 24-143.

Pursuant to G.L. c. 25, § 21, all Massachusetts electric and gas distribution companies, and municipal aggregators with certified efficiency plans (together, "Program Administrators"), are required to develop, in consultation with the Energy Efficiency Advisory Council ("Council"), plans that provide for the acquisition of all available energy efficiency and demand reduction resources that are cost effective or less expensive than supply. In addition, the Three-Year Plans must achieve the greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals set by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs.

Statewide, the Program Administrators together propose to invest approximately \$5 billion in energy efficiency and decarbonization efforts over the Three-Year Plan term that they state will deliver \$13 billion in total benefits to Massachusetts customers. The Company's proposed Three-Year Plan includes energy efficiency programs for residential, low-income, and commercial and industrial ("C&I") customers.

The Company's proposed total budget for the 2025-2027 Three-Year Plan Term is \$50,754,006 (*i.e.*, \$15,613,079 in 2025, \$16,770,380 in 2026, and \$18,370,547 in 2027). If the Company's Three-Year Plan is approved as proposed, the Company states that customers could experience the following bill impacts:

- Residential heating (R-3) customers using 122 therms of gas per month during the peak period could experience a peak monthly bill increase of \$17.35 (or 7.57 percent) in 2025; a peak monthly bill decrease of \$10.42 (or 4.23 percent) in 2026; and a peak monthly bill increase of \$3.04 (or 1.29 percent) in 2027.

- Residential low-income heating (R-4) customers using 110 therms of gas per month during the peak period could experience a peak monthly bill increase of \$11.80 (or 7.53 percent) in 2025; a peak monthly bill decrease of \$7.09 (or 4.21 percent) in 2026; and a peak monthly bill increase of \$2.07 (or 1.28 percent) in 2027.
- Former Blackstone Gas Company residential heating (R-3) customers using 117 therms of gas per month during the peak period could experience a peak monthly bill increase of \$16.73 (or 9.77 percent) in 2025; a peak monthly bill decrease of \$10.05 (or 5.34 percent) in 2026; and a peak monthly bill increase of \$2.94 (or 1.65 percent) in 2027.
- Former Blackstone Gas Company residential low-income heating (R-4) customers using 116 therms of gas per month during the peak period could experience a peak monthly bill increase of \$12.40 (or 9.76 percent) in 2025; a peak monthly bill decrease of \$7.45 (or 5.34 percent) in 2026; and a peak monthly bill increase of \$2.17 (or 1.65 percent) in 2027.
- Bill impacts for C&I customers will vary. These customers should contact the Company as indicated below for specific bill impact information.

The Department will conduct the following public hearings to receive comments on the Company's petition, as follows:

- In-person hearing on December 3, 2024, beginning at 7:00 p.m., in Worcester at the Hogan Campus Center, Suite B/C 4th, College of the Holy Cross, 1 College Street, Worcester, MA 01610. Interpretation services (Spanish, Chinese [Mandarin and Cantonese], and Vietnamese) will be available at this in-person public hearing.
- In-person hearing on December 4, 2024, beginning at 7:00 p.m., in New Bedford at Keith Middle School, 225 Hathaway Blvd., New Bedford, Massachusetts 02740. Interpretation services (Spanish, Haitian Creole, and Portuguese) will be available at this in-person public hearing.
- Virtual public hearing on December 5, 2024, beginning at 2:00 p.m. using Zoom videoconferencing using the link provided below. Interpretation services (Spanish, Portuguese, Chinese [Mandarin and Cantonese], Haitian Creole, and Vietnamese) will be available at this virtual public hearing.
- In-person hearing on December 5, 2024, beginning at 7:00 p.m., in Boston at the Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts. Interpretation services (Spanish, Portuguese, Chinese [Mandarin and Cantonese], Haitian Creole, Russian, and Vietnamese) will be available at this in-person public hearing.

Attendees can join the December 5, 2024 virtual public hearing by entering the link, <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89518573642>, from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. No prior

software download is required. For audio-only access to the virtual public hearing, attendees can dial in at (646) 558-8656 or (309) 205-3325 (not toll free) and then enter the Meeting ID# 895 1857 3642. Interpretation services (Spanish, Portuguese, Chinese [Mandarin and Cantonese], Haitian Creole, and Vietnamese) will be available over the Zoom platform by clicking the "Interpretation" button on the menu at the bottom of the Zoom application screen and selecting your language (i.e., Spanish, Portuguese, Chinese [Mandarin and Cantonese], Haitian Creole, and Vietnamese).

If you anticipate providing comments during any of the public hearings, please send an email by **Friday, November 29, 2024**, to krista.hawley@mass.gov with your name, email address, and mailing address.

Any person interested in commenting on this matter may submit written comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Friday, December 6, 2024**. Please note that in the interest of transparency any comments will be posted to the Department's website as received and without redacting personal information, such as addresses, telephone numbers, or email addresses. Therefore, consider the extent of information you wish to share when submitting comments. The Department strongly encourages public comments to be submitted by email using the methods described below. If, however, a member of the public is unable to send written comments by email, a paper copy may be sent to Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02110.

Any person who desires to participate otherwise in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding must file a written petition for leave to intervene with the Department. A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 CMR 1.03. The Department has established two procedural tracks for review of the Three-Year Plans, referred to as "General Track" and "Alternate Track." Order Approving Revised Energy Efficiency Guidelines, D.P.U. 20-150-A (2021) ("Guidelines"). Guidelines § 3.7.2(a). A General Track participant is a party whose interests are represented on the Council pursuant to G.L. c. 25; § 22(a). An entity that was previously granted intervention as a full party or a limited participant will be considered a General Track participant for future Three-Year Plan proceedings. An Alternate Track participant is any entity found by the Department, pursuant to G.L. c. 30A § 10, to be substantially and specifically affected by these proceedings but: (1) did not participate in or whose interests were not adequately represented in the Council process; and (2) has not previously participated in a Three-Year Plan proceeding as a full party or limited participant.

General Track persons/entities who desire to participate in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding must file a written petition for leave to intervene with the Department not later than the close of business on **Friday, November 1, 2024**. Alternate Track persons/entities and all other persons/entities who desire to participate in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding must file a written petition for leave to intervene with the Department not later than the close of business on **Thursday, November 14, 2024**. Receipt by the Department, not mailing, constitutes filing and determines whether a petition has been timely filed. A petition filed late may be disallowed as untimely, unless good cause is shown for waiver under 220 CMR 1.01(4). To be allowed, a petition under 220 CMR 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10. All responses to General Track Petitions to Intervene must be filed by the close of

business on Tuesday, November 5, 2024. All responses to Alternate Track Petitions to Intervene must be filed by the close of business on Monday, November 18, 2024.

To the extent a person or entity wishes to submit comments or a petition to intervene in accordance with this Notice, electronic submission is sufficient. All comments or petitions to intervene must be submitted to the Department in .pdf format by e-mail attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov and krista.hawley@mass.gov. In addition, all comments or petitions to intervene should be submitted to the Company's attorneys, Molly Karg Agostinelli, Esq., and Kevin Penders, Esq., of Keegan Werlin LLP, and Ronald Ritchie, Esq., of Liberty Utilities, by email attachment to MAgostinelli@keeganwerlin.com, kpenders@keeganwerlin.com, and r.j.ritchie@libertyutilities.com. The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 24-143); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. All documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website through our online File Room as soon as practicable (enter "24-143") at: <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Flerom/dockets/bynumber>.

To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), contact the Department's ADA coordinator at eeadiversity@mass.gov or 617-626-1282. Any person desiring further information regarding the Three-Year Plan should contact counsel for the Company: Molly Karg Agostinelli, Esq., and Kevin Penders, Esq., of Keegan Werlin LLP, and Ronald Ritchie, Esq., of Liberty Utilities, by email at MAgostinelli@keeganwerlin.com, kpenders@keeganwerlin.com, and r.j.ritchie@libertyutilities.com. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Krista Hawley, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at krista.hawley@mass.gov or visit: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/energy-efficiency-dockets-and-filings>.

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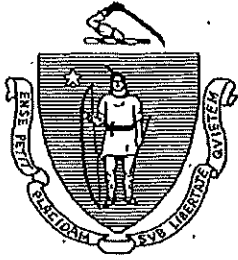
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NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

D.P.U. 24-144

November 4, 2024

Petition of Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid, pursuant to G.L. c. 25, § 21, for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plan for 2025 through 2027.

On October 31, 2024, Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid ("Company"), filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") seeking approval of its Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plan for 2025 through 2027 ("Three-Year Plan"). The proposed Three-Year Plan also incorporates the Company's Residential Conservation Service filing pursuant to G.L. c. 164, App. § 2-7(h). The Department docketed this matter as D.P.U. 24-144.

Pursuant to G.L. c. 25, § 21, all Massachusetts electric and gas distribution companies, and municipal aggregators with certified efficiency plans (together, "Program Administrators"), are required to develop, in consultation with the Energy Efficiency Advisory Council ("Council"), plans that provide for the acquisition of all available energy efficiency and demand reduction resources that are cost effective or less expensive than supply. In addition, the Three-Year Plans must achieve the greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals set by the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs.

Statewide, the Program Administrators together propose to invest approximately \$5 billion in energy efficiency and decarbonization efforts over the Three-Year Plan term that they state will deliver \$13 billion in total benefits to Massachusetts customers. The Company's proposed Three-Year Plan includes energy efficiency programs for residential, low-income, and commercial and industrial ("C&I") customers.

The Company's proposed total budget for the 2025-2027 Three-Year Plan Term is \$965,558,364 (i.e., \$294,567,016 in 2025, \$317,309,646 in 2026, and \$353,681,702 in 2027). If the Company's Three-Year Plan is approved as proposed, the Company states that customers could experience the following bill impacts:

- Residential heating (R-3) customers using 107 therms of gas per month during the peak period could experience a peak monthly bill increase of \$19.47 (or 7.4 percent) in 2025; a peak monthly bill decrease of \$16.43 (or 5.8 percent) in 2026; and a peak monthly bill increase of \$4.25 (or 1.6 percent) in 2027.

- Residential low-income heating (R-4) customers using 106 therms of gas per month during the peak period could experience a peak monthly bill increase of \$14.44 (or 7.4 percent) in 2025; a peak monthly bill decrease of \$12.17 (or 5.8 percent) in 2026; and a peak monthly bill increase of \$3.16 (or 1.6 percent) in 2027.
- A residential customer (R-3) in the former Colonial Gas Company service area using 107 therms of gas per month in the winter will experience a monthly bill increase of \$19.48 (7.9 percent) in 2025; a peak monthly bill decrease of \$16.42 (or 6.1 percent) in 2026; and a peak monthly bill increase of \$4.25 (or 1.7 percent) in 2027.
- A low-income residential assistance (R-4) customer in the former Colonial Gas Company service area using 106 therms of gas per month in the winter will experience a monthly bill increase of \$14.44 (7.9 percent) in 2025; a peak monthly bill decrease of \$12.17 (or 6.1 percent) in 2026; and a peak monthly bill increase of \$3.16 (or 1.7 percent) in 2027.
- Bill impacts for C&I customers will vary. These customers should contact the Company as indicated below for specific bill impact information.

The Department will conduct the following public hearings to receive comments on the Company's petition, as follows:

- In-person hearing on December 3, 2024, beginning at 7:00 p.m., in Worcester at the Hogan Campus Center, Suite B/C 4th, College of the Holy Cross, 1 College Street, Worcester, MA 01610. Interpretation services (Spanish, Chinese [Mandarin and Cantonese], and Vietnamese) will be available at this in-person public hearing.
- In-person hearing on December 4, 2024, beginning at 7:00 p.m., in New Bedford at Keith Middle School, 225 Hathaway Blvd., New Bedford, Massachusetts 02740. Interpretation services (Spanish, Haitian Creole, and Portuguese) will be available at this in-person public hearing.
- Virtual public hearing on December 5, 2024, beginning at 2:00 p.m. using Zoom videoconferencing using the link provided below. Interpretation services (Spanish, Portuguese, Chinese [Mandarin and Cantonese], Haitian Creole, and Vietnamese) will be available at this virtual public hearing.
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Attendees can join the December 5, 2024, virtual public hearing by entering the link, <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89518573642>, from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. No prior software download is required. For audio-only access to the virtual public hearing, attendees can

dial in at (646) 558-8656 or (309) 205-3325 (not toll free) and then enter the Meeting ID# 895 1857 3642. Interpretation services (Spanish, Portuguese, Chinese [Mandarin and Cantonese], Haitian Creole, and Vietnamese) will be available over the Zoom platform by clicking the "Interpretation" button on the menu at the bottom of the Zoom application screen and selecting your language (i.e., Spanish, Portuguese, Chinese [Mandarin and Cantonese], Haitian Creole, and Vietnamese).

If you anticipate providing comments during any of the public hearings, please send an email by Friday, November 29, 2024, to krista.hawley@mass.gov with your name, email address, and mailing address.

Any person interested in commenting on this matter may submit written comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Friday, December 6, 2024. Please note that in the interest of transparency any comments will be posted to the Department's website as received and without redacting personal information, such as addresses, telephone numbers, or email addresses. Therefore, consider the extent of information you wish to share when submitting comments. The Department strongly encourages public comments to be submitted by email using the methods described below. If, however, a member of the public is unable to send written comments by email, a paper copy may be sent to Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110.

Any person who desires to participate otherwise in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding must file a written petition for leave to intervene with the Department. A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 CMR 1.03. The Department has established two procedural tracks for review of the Three-Year Plans, referred to as "General Track" and "Alternate Track." Order Approving Revised Energy Efficiency Guidelines, D.P.U. 20-150-A (May 3, 2021) ("Guidelines"). Guidelines § 3.7.2(a). A General Track participant is a party whose interests are represented on the Council pursuant to G.L. c. 25, § 22(a). An entity that was previously granted intervention as a full party or a limited participant will be considered a General Track participant for future Three-Year Plan proceedings. An Alternate Track participant is any entity found by the Department, pursuant to G.L. c. 30A § 10, to be substantially and specifically affected by these proceedings but: (1) did not participate in or whose interests were not adequately represented in the Council process; and (2) has not previously participated in a Three-Year Plan proceeding as a full party or limited participant.

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business on Tuesday, November 5, 2024. All responses to Alternate Track Petitions to Intervene must be filed by the close of business on Monday, November 18, 2024.

To the extent a person or entity wishes to submit comments or a petition to intervene in accordance with this Notice, electronic submission is sufficient. All comments or petitions to intervene must be submitted to the Department in .pdf format by e-mail attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov and krista.hawley@mass.gov. In addition, all comments or petitions to intervene should be submitted to the Company's attorney, Christopher Tuomala, Esq., at National Grid, by email attachment to at Christopher.Tuomala@nationalgrid.com. The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 24-144); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. All documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website through our online File Room as soon as practicable (enter "24-144") at: <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Flrroom/dockets/bynumber>.

To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), contact the Department's ADA coordinator at eadiversity@mass.gov or 617-626-1282. Any person desiring further information regarding the Three-Year Plan should contact counsel for the Company, Christopher Tuomala, Esq. by phone at 351-666-7799 or at Christopher.Tuomala@nationalgrid.com. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Krista Hawley, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at krista.hawley@mass.gov or visit: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/energy-efficiency-dockets-and-filings>.

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NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

D.P.U. 24-148

November 4, 2024

Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid, pursuant to G.L. c. 25, § 21, for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plan for 2025 through 2027.

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The Company's proposed total budget for the 2025-2027 Three-Year Plan Term is \$1,524,621,380 (i.e., \$459,249,773 in 2025, \$501,390,777 in 2026, and \$563,980,831 in 2027). If the Company's Three-Year Plan is approved as proposed, the Company states that customers could experience the following bill impacts:

- A typical residential (R-1) customer using 600 kWh per month could experience a monthly bill increase of \$3.15 (or 1.5 percent) in 2025; a monthly bill increase of \$2.17 (or 1.0 percent) in 2026; and a monthly bill increase of \$3.42 (or 1.6 percent) in 2027.

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- A typical low-income (R-2) customer using 600 kWh per month could experience a monthly bill increase of \$2.14 (or 1.5 percent) in 2025; a monthly bill increase of \$1.47 (or 1.0 percent) in 2026; and a monthly bill increase of \$2.34 (or 1.6 percent) in 2027.
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through our online File Room as soon as practicable (enter "24-148") at:
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Dokiman sa a se yon Anons enpòtan nan men Massachusetts Electric Company ak Nantucket Electric Company, chak d/b/a National Grid ("Konpayi a"). Tanpri Kontakte Konpayi a nan: 1-800-322-3223 pou mande sèvis tradiksyon ak/oswa entèpretasyon.

Tài liệu này là một Thông Báo quan trọng của Massachusetts Electric Company và Nantucket Electric Company, từng công ty đều kinh doanh trong National Grid ("Công Ty"). Xin hãy liên hệ Công Ty tại: 1-800-322-3223 để yêu cầu các dịch vụ biên dịch (viết) và/hoặc thông dịch (nói).

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