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REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

MEETING: October 28, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, One Government Center

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

ABSENT: Councilor Shawn E. Cadime

IN ATTENDANCE: John Brandt, Chair, Community Preservation Committee
Alexander Silva, Clerk, Community Preservation Committee
Michael Farias, Member, Community Preservation Committee

President Camara called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by a salute to the flag and announced that the meeting may be recorded with audio or video and transmitted through any medium.

PRESENTATION OF CITATION

Ana Riley – 2026 Rhode Island Superintendent of the Year (adopted 10-14-2025)
Councilor Ponte made brief remarks commending the achievements of Ms. Riley and presented her with the City Council citation. Ms. Riley expressed gratitude for the award and stated that she was proud to be part of the Fall River community.

PRIORITY MATTERS

1. Mayor and request for confirmation of the reappointment of Jo Ann Bentley to the Fall River Housing Authority
On a motion made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to confirm the appointment, with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.
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On a motion made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to confirm the reappointment, with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.
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5. Mayor and gift order for a donation to the Fall River Fire Department from SERVPRO for cleaning of two fire apparatus valued at \$295 each

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

Approved, October 30, 2025

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

6. Mayor and supplemental order appropriating \$148,000.00 from Community Preservation Act funds for Fiscal Year 2026 Historic Resources Preservation Projects (\$18,000.00 for Corky Row Club and \$130,000.00 for Little Theatre)

Vice President Pereira expressed concern regarding how approved projects are classified, specifically those that qualify for immediate, emergency funding through the Community Preservation Act. On a motion made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to waive the rules to allow members of the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) to answer questions regarding the appropriation order.

Councilor Raposo requested clarification regarding the emergency funding process and the qualifications required to achieve this classification for CPC funding. John Brandt, Chair, CPC, provided an overview of the funding application process and emphasized that, while there was a deadline for all documents to be submitted, the forms from the Little Theatre were received one day after the required due date and the risks are significant for the historic building if the problem is not remedied. Mr. Brandt emphasized that the structure has a failing roof, causing large amounts of water damage to the facility, and the CPC determined that this matter qualified for urgent CPA funding.

A detailed discussion was held between President Camara, Councilors Ponte and Raposo, and Mr. Brandt regarding the protocol for applications to qualify for emergency capital, and how these rules can be amended going forward to avoid inappropriate emergency funding requests, and how contractors for these restoration projects are selected. Mr. Brandt explained that, in the past, this decision has been at the discretion of the Committee members, but that he agreed that a rubric would be valuable to help determine which projects may qualify. The Chair of the CPC also stated that, as the property is privately owned, the proprietors of the Little Theatre would be responsible for selecting the company that would perform the necessary repairs.

Councilor Ponte, Mr. Brandt, Alexander Silva, Clerk, CPC, and Michael Farias, Member, CPC, discussed the roof of the theater and that future storms could further degrade the integrity of the structure. Mr. Silva stated that the water leak has become progressively worse over the past few years. The members of the CPC provided information regarding the temporary relocation of the theater's shows to other facilities due to the ongoing water damage, such as the Narrows Center for the Arts. Mr. Brandt and Mr. Farias provided a summary of the application process for CPA funding, the necessary documents that must be submitted to the Committee and the additional funding sources that are being utilized for the Little Theatre, such as outside fundraisers and donations.

Councilor Tith and the Chair of the CPC discussed the application schedule, which begins each year at the beginning of September. Councilor Tith requested that Mr. Brandt forward documents that outline the application process for those seeking CPA funding assistance as well as any financial documents that reflect the history of short-term roof repairs that have occurred at the Little Theatre over the past few years.

Vice President Pereira and the Chair of the CPC discussed the number of applications received by the CPC in the past year, and how many were considered eligible for CPA funding. Mr. Brandt stated that there were 27 applications, and all were determined to be eligible for financial assistance. Vice President Pereira expressed her support for the CPC but agreed that the process for achieving qualification for emergency funding should be reviewed and amended to avoid misuse of the CPA capital.

Councilor Ponte requested confirmation that all members of the CPC were provided with up-to-date, consistent information regarding the necessary repairs, and past repairs, of the Little Theatre, and Mr. Brandt, Mr. Silva and Mr. Farias reassured the Councilors that all members of the CPC were presented with the same, informative documentation. Councilor Ponte emphasized that the qualifications for urgent applications should be revised by the Committee to include more stringent requirements to obtain CPA emergency funding.

Councilor Raposo expressed concern regarding the process to determine which applications merit expedited financial assistance and suggested that the Committee members create a specific definition of "emergency" to be utilized in the future for all submissions. The Committee members agreed, and Mr. Brandt emphasized that all legal procedures were followed for the application in question.

On a motion made by Councilor Hart and seconded by Councilor Dionne, it was voted 8 yeas to adopt the order, with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.

Approved, October 30, 2025

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

PRIORITY COMMUNICATIONS

7. *Traffic Commission recommending amendments to the traffic ordinances*

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

ORDINANCES – None

RESOLUTIONS

8. *Administration research the potential reuse of the Kenneth J. Boyer Veterans' Building, located at 755 Pine Street, to provide services to various Fall River veterans' organizations that do not currently have living quarters for veterans, such as the Fleet Reserve, the American Legions and the Vietnam Veterans Association of Fall River*

Vice President Pereira and Councilor Raposo made brief remarks regarding the need to utilize the 755 Pine Street building to assist veterans going forward. Councilor Raposo suggested that the Administration seek input from veterans in Fall River regarding services that are needed within the community.

A motion was made by Vice President Pereira and seconded by Ponte to amend the resolution by striking out in paragraph three "living quarters" and inserting in its place, "quarters", striking out in paragraph four "living arrangements" and inserting in its place "quarters", and striking out in paragraph five "accommodations" and inserting in its place "quarters" with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting. On a further motion made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to adopt the resolution, as amended, with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.

CITATIONS

9. Paul C. Simister and Eduarda M. Simister – 50th Wedding Anniversary
On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to adopt the citation, with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.

ORDERS – HEARINGS – None

ORDERS – MISCELLANEOUS

10. Auto Body Shop License Renewal
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On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order, with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.
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12. Police Chief's Report on Licenses
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On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order, with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.

13. Light Order – 100 Touhey Street
On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order, with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.
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COMMUNICATIONS – INVITATIONS – PETITIONS

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

15. Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes – September 18, 2025
On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted that the minutes be accepted and placed on file, with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.

On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to take items 16 through 19 together, with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.

City Council Minutes

- 16. Public Hearings – October 14, 2025
- 17. Committee on Finance – October 14, 2025
- 18. Regular Meeting of the City Council – October 14, 2025
- 19. Executive Session Meeting of the City Council – October 14, 2025

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

BULLETINS – NEWSLETTERS – NOTICES – None

ITEMS FILED AFTER THE AGENDA DEADLINE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 28, 2025

PRIORITY MATTERS

- 6a. Fiscal Year 2026 Quarter 1 Budget Report

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to refer the report to the Committee on Finance, with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Ordinances and Legislation recommending:

All readings with emergency preamble:

- 7a. Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, Handicapped parking
- Baker Street, East, 138 feet south of Buffinton Street
 - Dover Street, West, 73 feet south of Tecumseh Street
 - South Almond Street, West, 368 feet south of Middle Street

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was voted 8 yeas to adopt the emergency preamble, with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting. On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted that the proposed ordinance be passed through first reading, second reading, passed to be enrolled and passed to be ordained, with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.

Approved, October 30, 2025

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

- 7b. Proposed Ordinance – Traffic Miscellaneous
Section 1

One-way streets (inserts)

- June Street, Southerly, from Prospect Street to Maple Street
- Lindsey Street, Northerly, from President Avenue to Brownell Street
- Maple Street, Westerly, from June Street to North Main Street

A motion was made by Councilor Kilby and seconded by Vice President Pereira to pass the ordinance through first reading, as amended. Councilor Dionne expressed concern regarding the recommendation to make Lindsey Street a one-way street, as that action would negatively affect small businesses in the neighborhood. Vice President Pereira stated that the Director of Traffic and Parking had requested that this proposed ordinance be accompanied by an emergency preamble, as there is an immediate public safety need related to street-width

changes on Lindsey Street and pedestrian concerns near schools. Vice President Pereira also provided a brief summary of the ongoing Route 79/Davol Street Corridor Project and that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Department of Transportation will need to widen the sidewalks on this portion of Lindsey Street to be compliant with Americans with Disabilities Act requirements, and that this will result in a narrower street, which cannot accommodate two-way traffic and parking on both sides.

A further motion was made by Vice President Pereira to adopt an emergency preamble but received no second. On yet a further motion made by Councilor Dionne and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted that the proposed ordinance be separated into three proposed ordinances, with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.

On a motion made by Councilor Hart and seconded by Vice President Pereira, it was voted 5 yeas, 3 nays, that the proposed ordinance related to June Street be passed through first reading, as amended, with Councilors Ponte, Raposo and Tith voting in the negative and Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.

On a further motion made by Vice President Pereira and seconded by Councilor Kilby, it was voted 3 yeas, 5 nays, that the proposed ordinance, related to Lindsey Street, be passed through first reading, as amended, with Vice President Pereira and Councilors Hart and Kilby voting in the affirmative, and Councilor Cadime absent and not voting, and the motion failed to carry. On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted that the proposed ordinance, related to Lindsey Street, be referred to the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation, with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.

On a further motion made by Vice President Pereira and seconded by Councilor Kilby, it was voted 3 yeas, 5 nays, that the proposed ordinance, related to Maple Street, be passed through first reading, as amended, with President Camara, Vice President Pereira and Councilor Kilby voting in the affirmative, and Councilor Cadime absent and not voting, and the motion failed to carry. On a further motion made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted that the proposed ordinance, related to Maple Street, be referred to the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation, with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.

First reading:

7c. Proposed Ordinance – Traffic Miscellaneous

Section 2

One-hour parking (insert)

- Pleasant Street, North, 20 feet west of Thomas Street
9:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M., Monday through Friday

Section 3

Handicapped parking removals

- Baylies Street, North, 85 feet west of North Main Street
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- Maple Street, North, 26 feet west of Shawmut Street
- Merchant Street, West, 20 feet north of Seventeenth Street
- Pine Street, North, 66 feet west of Davis Street
- Rock Street, East, 187 feet south of Prospect 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, as amended, with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.

7d. Proposed Ordinance – Salary amendments for the Director of Fall River Emergency Management Agency, Veterans' Grave Officer and Senior Aide

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, with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.

ANTICIPATED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Discussion to review and approve the Executive Session Minutes from the July 28, 2020, Committee on Finance Meeting. Anticipated executive session pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(4) to discuss the deployment of security personnel or devices, and/or strategies with respect thereto.

Discussion to review and approve the Executive Session Minutes from the June 22, 2021, Regular Meeting of the City Council. Anticipated executive session pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(4) to discuss the deployment of security personnel or devices, and/or strategies with respect thereto.

President Camara read the following statement aloud: "Certain aspects of policing strategies should not be publicized to the community and the purpose of this executive session is to review the minutes of the Committee on Finance meeting held on July 28, 2020 and the Regular Meeting of the City Council held on June 22, 2021 pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a) (4). The City Council will return to open session and announce whether the determination of their review was to disclose the minutes or to continue the non-disclosure."

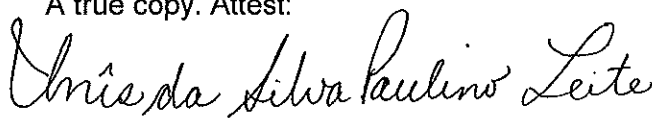
A brief discussion was held by the City Councilors, and it was determined that there was no further City Council action necessary in executive session since the minutes had been released.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:13 p.m.

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:

Agenda packet (attached)

A true copy. Attest:


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CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, ONE GOVERNMENT CENTER
OCTOBER 28, 2025
REVISED AGENDA

4:15 P.M. COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES AND LEGISLATION

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1. Citizen Input
2. *Special Charter Review Committee Report (tabled 10-8-2024)

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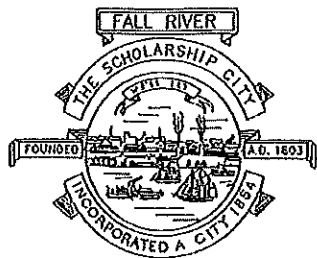
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Discussion to review and approve the Executive Session Minutes from the June 22, 2021 Regular Meeting of the City Council redacted by Corporation Counsel. Anticipated executive session pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(4) to discuss the deployment of security personnel or devices, and/or strategies with respect thereto.


City Clerk

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



PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

City of Fall River
Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor

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CITY CLERK
FALL RIVER, MA

October 15, 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:

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

Name: Jo Ann Bentley
Address: 229 Highest Road
Fall River, MA 02720

Position: Housing Authority

Effective: October 28, 2025

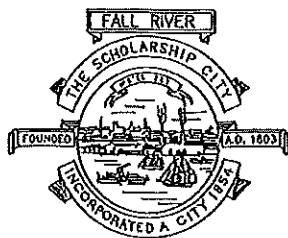
Expiration: July 15, 2030

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

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PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

October 23, 2025

Council President and
Honorable Members of the City Council
City of Fall River
One Government Center
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CITY CLERK
FALL RIVER, MA

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Dear Council President and Members of the Honorable Council:

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

Name: Nadilio Almeida

Address 152 Garden Street
Fall River, MA 02720

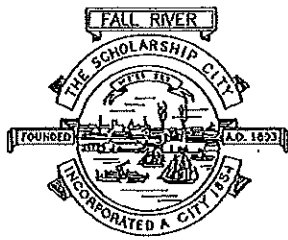
Position: Sewer Commission

Term Expires: September 25, 2030

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan
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CITY CLERK _____
FALL RIVER, MA

October 20, 2025

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

Honorable Members of the City Council:

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

Name: Darren Medeiros
Address: 651 Potomska Rd.
Dartmouth, MA 02748
To: Commissioner of Recreational Facilities /
Director of Recreational Facilities
Effective Date: October 20, 2025
Annual salary: \$87,000.00

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor



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October 23, 2025

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FALL RIVER, MA

Dear Council President and Members of the Honorable Council:

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

Name: Joshua Teixeira

Address 257 Boyden Street
Fall River, MA 02721

Position: Watuppa Water Board

Term Expires:

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

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FALL RIVER, MA

October 10, 2025

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

Dear Council President and Members of the Honorable Council,

I respectfully request your approval to accept a donation to the Fall River Fire Department from Servpro to clean free of charge two of the apparatus to remove contaminants from the equipment.

Thank you for your consideration with this request.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

PC/amos

City of Fall River, *In City Council*

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ORDERED, that under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53A 1/2, the City of Fall River be, and the same is hereby, authorized to accept a donation from SERVPRO of free cleaning and disinfecting services, valued at \$295/each, for two (2) fire apparatus for the purpose of reducing contaminates and carcinogens.



FIRE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF FALL RIVER

October 6, 2025

Honorable Mayor Coogan,

Servpro of Fall River has reached out to us to be a part of a pilot program for apparatus cleaning/disinfecting. As you know, cancer rates are high among firefighters due to the toxic atmospheres we encounter. We also bring those contaminants into our trucks with us when we leave the scene. Servpro is planning to offer these cleaning services with the goal of reducing contaminants and carcinogens, thus making the trucks safer. They have offered to clean two of our apparatus free of charge (normally \$295/each) to show us how the cleaning works. I am requesting your permission to accept this donation on behalf of the City.

Respectfully,

Chief Bacon

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Jeffrey P. Bacon • Fire Chief
140 Commerce Drive • Fall River, MA 02720
TEL (508) 324-2740 • FAX (508) 672-5993 • EMAIL firechief@frfd.org



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CITY CLERK
FALL RIVER, MA

October 23, 2025

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

Dear Honorable Council Members:

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

- Corky Row Club – FY26 Funding, Historic Preservation - \$18,000.00 To fully repair phase II work of the roof

Your approval of the associated Appropriation Order is respectfully requested.

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

Best Regards,

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor,



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

JOHN BRANDT
Chairman

KRISTEN CANTARA OLIVEIRA
Vice-Chairman

September 18, 2025

Mayor Paul Coogan
One Government Center
Fall River, MA 02722

Dear Mayor Coogan,

The Community Preservation Committee voted on emergency funding for the Corky Row Club at their last meeting, Monday, September 15, 2025

- Corky Row Club
\$18,000.00

To fully repair phase II work of the roof in a way that will protect the Corky Row Club.

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

We need this order to go to the City Council so it can be placed on the agenda for their next meeting, in October 2025.

Respectfully,

John Brandt

John Brandt, Chair
Fall River Community Preservation Committee

CC: Sedryk Sousa, Auditor



PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

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FALL RIVER, MA

October 23, 2025

The Honorable City Council
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Fall River, MA 02722

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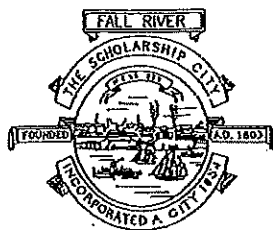
- Little Theatre – FY26 Funding, Historic Preservation - \$130,000.00 Replacement of slate roof.

Your approval of the associated Appropriation Order is respectfully requested.

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

Best Regards,

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor,



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City of Fall River
Massachusetts
Community Preservation Committee

JOHN BRANDT
Chairman

KRISTEN CANTARA OLIVEIRA
Vice-Chairman

September 18, 2025

Mayor Paul Coogan
One Government Center
Fall River, MA 02722

Dear Mayor Coogan,

The Community Preservation Committee voted on emergency funding for the Little Theatre at their last meeting, Monday, September 15, 2025.

- Little Theatre
\$130,000.00
Replacement of slate roof, Historic Preservation Deed Restriction

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

We need this order to go to the City Council so it can be placed on the agenda for their next meeting, in October 2025.

Respectfully,

John Brandt

John Brandt, Chair
Fall River Community Preservation Committee

City of Fall River, In City Council

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APPROPRIATION ORDER

ORDERED that the following FY 2026 supplemental appropriations be provided through the Community Preservation Act (CPA), reserves under the MGL Chapter 44B Sections 4 to 7 in the aggregate, amounting to \$148,000.00 to be appropriated as follows:

Voted: That \$148,000.00 be appropriate from the CPA Fund's Undesignated fund balance

For CPA Administrative Expenditures	\$0
For CPA Open Space/Outdoor Recreation PROJECTS	\$0
For CPA Historic Resources Preservation PROJECTS	\$148,000.00
For CPA Community Housing	\$0

<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$148,000.00</u>
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Note: Please note this is a supplemental CPA appropriation for FY26. The City Council had earlier appropriated at \$1,816,444 for various CPA projects. The CPA Undesignated Fund Balance is reported at \$854,379.02 on June 30, 2025 and is more than sufficient to cover this supplemental appropriation.



**CITY OF FALL RIVER
MASSACHUSETTS**

Traffic & Parking Division

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Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

Stephanie MacArthur
Parking Clerk

October 20, 2025

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

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Honorable Council Members:

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

Article:	70	Parking Prohibited
Section:	371	At all Times

By striking out in proper alphabetical order the following.

Name of Street	Side	Location
Dwelly Street	North	Starting at a point 58 feet West of Scott Street, for a distance of 222 feet westerly of Lewis Street.

Very truly yours,


Stephanie MacArthur
Parking Clerk

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**CITY OF FALL RIVER
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Traffic & Parking Division

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Stephanie MacArthur
Parking Clerk

October 20, 2025

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Honorable Council Members:

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

Article:	70	Parking Prohibited During Certain Hours
Section:	372	Monday- Friday 7:30am-9:00am 3:00pm-4:00pm

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following.

Name of Street	Side	Location
Dwelly Street	North	Starting at a point 58 feet West of Scott Street, for a distance of 222 feet westerly of Lewis Street.

Very truly yours,

Stephanie MacArthur
Parking Clerk

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Traffic & Parking Division



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Director of Traffic & Parking

October 20, 2025

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CITY CLERK
FALL RIVER, MA

Honorable Council Members:

At a meeting of the Traffic Board Commission held on Wednesday, October 15, 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:

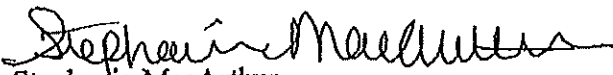
Article:	70	Passenger Loading
		Monday-Friday
Section:	385	6:00AM-9:00AM
		4:00PM-6:00PM

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following:

INSERT

Name of Street	Side	Location
Bank Street	South	Starting at a point 34 feet East of North Main Street For a distance of 20 feet East.

Very truly yours,


Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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FALL RIVER, MA

Honorable Council Members:

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

Article:	70	Loading Zone
Section:	385	8:00AM-5:00PM
		Monday-Friday

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following.

<u>INSERT</u>			Hours/Days
Name of Street	Side	Location	
Lindsey Street	West	Starting at a point 38 feet North of President Ave for a distance of 60 feet North.	8:00AM-5:00PM Monday-Friday

Very truly yours,


Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic

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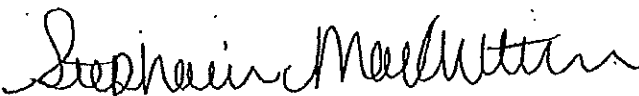
That Chapter 70 of Revised Ordinances be amended in the following Section:

Article: 70
Section: 387 Handicapped Parking

By striking out in proper alphabetical order the following.

Name of Street	Side	Location
Lindsey Street	West	Starting at a point 20 feet North of President Ave. For a distance of 25 feet North.

Very truly yours,


Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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Honorable Council Members:

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

Article: 70
Section: 387

HANDICAP PARKING

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following:

INSERT

Name of Street	Side	Location
Grant Street	West	Starting at a point 20 feet North of Hope Street. For a distance of 20 feet North.

Very truly yours,

Stephanie MacArthur
Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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Section: 387

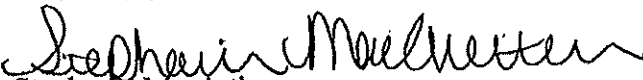
HANDICAP PARKING

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following:

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Name of Street	Side	Location
Grinnell Street	South	Starting at a point 75 feet East of Stafford Road. For a distance of 20 feet East.

Very truly yours,


Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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MASSACHUSETTS

Traffic & Parking Division



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October 20, 2025

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Honorable Council Members:

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

Article: 70
Section: 387 HANDICAP PARKING

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following:

INSERT

Name of Street	Side	Location
Lindsey Street	West	Starting at a point 123 feet North of President Ave. For a distance of 20 feet North.

Very truly yours,

Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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

Article: 70
Section: 387

HANDICAP PARKING

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following:

INSERT

Name of Street	Side	Location
Wilcox Street	East	Starting at a point 165 feet North of Slade Street. For a distance of 20 feet North.

Very truly yours,

Stephanie MacArthur
Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

October 21, 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, October 15, 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: 387 **Handicapped Parking**

By striking out in proper alphabetical order the following.

Name of Street	Side	Location
Crawford Street	East	Starting at a point 20 feet South of Larouche Street. For a distance of 20 feet South.

Very truly yours,


Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

City of Fall River, In City Council

(Vice President Linda M. Pereira)

WHEREAS, the Veterans Association of Bristol County is currently located at the Kenneth J. Boyer Veterans' Building, 755 Pine Street, and is planning to relocate to the Tuscan Building located at 145 Globe Street, and

WHEREAS, the Kenneth J. Boyer Veterans' Building, 755 Pine Street, is owned, and has been recently renovated, by the City of Fall River and is in good working condition, and

WHEREAS, in the past, many veterans were provided with living quarters within the now shuttered Bank Street Armory, and

WHEREAS, the Pine Street facility could be utilized to provide these services to various Fall River veterans organizations that do not have living arrangements, such as the Fleet Reserve, the American Legions and the Vietnam Veterans Association of Fall River, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Administration research the potential reuse of the Kenneth J. Boyer Veterans' Building to assist various Fall River veterans' organizations that need accommodations, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that information regarding this research be provided to the City Council prior to the structure being utilized for any other purpose.

(Filed 10-23-2025)

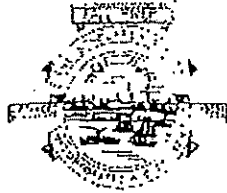
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(President Joseph D. Camara)

The City Council hereby recommends that the Fall River Police Department conduct a lighting survey at the following location:

Pole #3 across from 100 Touhey Street



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City of Fall River
Notice of ClaimCITY CLERK 25-71
FALL RIVER, MA

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1. Claimant's name: Holly Tavares
2. Claimant's complete address: 758 Hortonville Rd. Swansea, MA 02777
3. Telephone number: Home: 7743120262 Work: _____
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
Damage to underside of car from protruding manhole
5. Date and time of accident: 9/25/25 5pm Amount of damages claimed: \$ 622.31
6. Exact location of the incident: (Include as much detail as possible):
president Ave, just past Boomer St. travelling west
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
There was construction and the road was dug up just at manhole, leaving a deep hole on the side. My tire went in the hole and I bottomed out. I broke down later, leaking transmission fluid. The pan had a hole in it.
8. Have you submitted a claim to any insurance company for damages arising from this incident? If so, name and address of insurance company: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Be sure to attach the original of any bills issued or any written estimates of repair or replacement costs. (Any documents that you provide will become the property of the City of Fall River; therefore, please retain copies of any such documents for your files.) Attach any other information you believe will be helpful in the processing of your claim (for example, names and addresses of any witnesses, written medical records if personal injury was sustained).

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

Date: 10/7/25 Claimant's signature: Holly Tavares

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 ☒ Engineering ☒ DCM Date: 10-10-2025

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CITY CLERK 25-72
FALL RIVER, MACity of Fall River
Notice of Claim

1. Claimant's name: Wilson Tiburtino
2. Claimant's complete address: 104 Barnaby St Fall River MA 02726
3. Telephone number: Home: 508-510-1372 Work: _____
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
auto damage
5. Date and time of accident: 9/25/2025 Amount of damages claimed: \$ 1142.56
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):
180 President Ave Fall River MA
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
Road under construction, workers failed to properly add asphalt ramp in order to enter/exit parking lot
however directly across the street at the entrance/exit of 179 President Ave the asphalt ramp was done
There is over a 4 1/2 inch drop off in front 180 President Ave to the street to the sidewalk/entrance
I have photos from scene as this caused under carriage damage to my vehicle I have contacted the Mayor and Engineer Dept
8. Have you submitted a claim to any insurance company for damages arising from this incident? If so, name and address of insurance company: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Be sure to attach the original of any bills issued or any written estimates of repair or replacement costs. (Any documents that you provide will become the property of the City of Fall River; therefore, please retain copies of any such documents for your files.) Attach any other information you believe will be helpful in the processing of your claim (for example, names and addresses of any witnesses, written medical records if personal injury was sustained):

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

Date: 10-8-25

Claimant's signature: Wilson Tiburtino

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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FALL RIVER, MA

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City of Fall River
Notice of Claim

1. Claimant's name: Angel R. Escalera SANTOS
2. Claimant's complete address: 220 Johnson St. Apt 3, A. Fall River, MA 02723
3. Telephone number: Home: 508-642-8295 Work: _____
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
Driving on st 79 in Fall River due to construction my tire got flat
5. Date and time of accident: 09/28/25 5:20pm Amount of damages claimed: \$265.50 ~~\$277.49~~ ^{and broken}
HRV. L.X
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):
79 st Western expressway in Daniel street.
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
I went over a sewer cover that was very high on 79 western st. (Highway) and my tire was damaged after that 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: 10/1/2025

Claimant's signature: Angel R. Escalera

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City of Fall River
Notice of Claim

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1. Claimant's name: David LePage CITY CLERK #25-74
2. Claimant's complete address: 834 Valentine St Fall River Ma 02720
3. Telephone number: Home: 774 226 5529 Work: _____
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage);
Vehicle Damage on city street
5. Date and time of accident: _____ Amount of damages claimed: \$ _____
6. Exact location of the incident: (Include as much detail as possible);
Davol St. - See attached letter
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary);
Please see attached letter.
8. Have you submitted a claim to any insurance company for damages arising from this incident? If so, name and address of insurance company: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Be sure to attach the original of any bills issued or any written estimates of repair or replacement costs. (Any documents that you provide will become the property of the City of Fall River; therefore, please retain copies of any such documents for your files.) Attach any other information you believe will be helpful in the processing of your claim (for example, names and addresses of any witnesses, written medical records if personal injury was sustained).

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

Date: 10/18/25

Claimant's signature: [Signature]

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

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DCM Date: 10/20/25
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David Lepage
834 Valentine St
Fall River Ma
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To the City of Fall River,

My name is David Lepage. I reside at 834 Valentine St. I have lived in Fall River for 38 years. On October 13th 2025, at approximately 7:30 p.m, I was heading back into Fall River from Somerset over the Veterans Memorial Bridge. I took the exit heading south onto Davol st. Once I got off the exit ramp onto Davol street, I struck a man hole cover that was approximately three inches above the roadway, which was dead center in the roadway. The exact location was while passing Performance Auto Center. There were no street lights working which made the entire area pitch black. There were also no street signs indicating raised structures in the roadway and no protective asphalt around the structure protecting my vehicle.

Upon hitting the structure, my front passenger tire immediately blew a hole in it and my rear passenger tire had damage and a large bubble. I was able to slowly make it to RiverSide Gas Station at the corner of North Main and President Ave. Thankfully someone witnessed my tire blow out, stopped to make sure I was ok, and followed me to the station. When I was in the light, I noticed the tires were not able to add air, in at which point I had to call for a tow truck. Thankfully there was only a small scratch on my rim and no other damage to my vehicle.

I am asking the city reimburse me for the damaged tires. No street lights, inadequate signage and no protective asphalt is the reason for the incident. The total for the two tires to be replaced was \$742.00. I have included the documentation from the tow company confirming I was towed from said location. I have also included in the invoice from Rolands Tire service of the charges for the two tires. I included pictures of both tires, so show the damage that was caused.

I would appreciate your help with the matter. I look forward to response in the near future.

Respectfully,

David Lepage

Dlepage17@gmail.com

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FALL RIVER, MA

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARINGS

MEETING: October 14, 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: Jeremy Yetman, 344 Mohawk Drive, Westport, MA, 02790
Aaron Roy, National Grid Engineer,
1250 Brayton Point Road, Somerset, MA, 02725
David Arruda, 347/349 Whipple Street
Rosa DeCosta, 357 Whipple Street

The President called the meeting to order at 5:58 p.m. and announced that the meeting may be recorded with audio or video and transmitted through any medium and that the purpose of the hearing was to hear all persons interested and wishing to be heard on the following:

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

Curb Removals

1. Lincoln Development LLC, 60 Garside Street, Unit 6, for the removal of curbing as follows:

	Existing Opening	Curbing to be Removed	Curbing to be Added	Combined Opening Proposed After Alteration
439 Pine Street	16'	16'	0'	32'

The existing parcel is served by a 16-foot curb opening. The applicant proposes to construct a second 16-foot opening to allow for a new exit-only driveway. The total opening for the location will be 32 feet. The Site Plan Review has been successfully completed.

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.

2. Ryan Wordell, 312 Mohawk Drive, Westport, MA, 02790, for the removal of curbing as follows:

	Existing Opening	Curbing to be Removed	Curbing to be Added	Combined Opening Proposed After Alteration
312 Mohawk Drive	24'	34'	0'	58'

The existing parcel is served by a 24-foot curb opening. The applicant proposes extending that opening by an additional 13 feet and to construct a second 21-foot opening to allow for a circular driveway. The total opening for the location will be 58 feet. *The President asked if any proponents were present and no one came forward. The President then asked if any opponents were present, and Jeremy Yetman, 344 Mohawk Drive, Westport, MA, 02790, came forward. Mr. Yetman expressed concern that this property has been utilizing very large construction apparatus frequently and that a larger driveway would provide easier, long-term access for these vehicles in a residential neighborhood. Vice President Pereira stated that she had received calls from residents with similar concerns.*

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to take items 3 through 11 together.

Joint Pole Locations

3. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc, for one new jointly owned pole location as follows:

Currant Road One (1) new jointly owned pole location

This petition is proposing to install one new, jointly owned Pole 10-50 on Currant Road, approximately 104 feet southwesterly from the centerline of the intersection of Robb Way and Currant Road. In accordance with Plan No. 31103964 (Petition A).

4. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc, for one new jointly owned pole location as follows:

Currant Road One (1) new jointly owned pole location

This petition is proposing to install one new, jointly owned Pole 5-50 on Currant Road, approximately 29 feet southeasterly from the centerline of the intersection of Graham Road and Currant Road. In accordance with Plan No. 31103964 (Petition B).

5. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc, for one new jointly owned pole location as follows:

Riggenbach Road One (1) new jointly owned pole location

This petition is proposing to install one new, jointly owned Pole 14-25 on Riggenbach Road, approximately 326 feet north-northeasterly from the centerline of the intersection of Currant Road and Riggenbach Road. In accordance with Plan No. 31103964 (Petition C).

6. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc, for one new jointly owned pole location as follows:

Whipple Street

One (1) new jointly owned pole location

This petition is proposing to install one new, jointly owned Pole 16-1 on the west side of Whipple Street approximately 30 feet westerly of existing Pole 16. In accordance with Plan No. 31188415.

7. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc, for one new jointly owned pole location as follows:

Stewart Street

One (1) new jointly owned pole location and anchor

This petition is proposing to install one new, jointly owned Pole 17 and anchor on the southerly side of Stewart Street, approximately 130 feet northwesterly of the existing Pole 62 on Robeson Street. The pole and anchor will be set between 411 and 429 Stewart Street on the sidewalk against curbing. In accordance with Plan No. 31188406.

8. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc, for one new jointly owned pole location as follows:

Brayton Avenue

One (1) new jointly owned pole location

This petition is proposing to install one new, jointly owned Pole 30-50 between existing Pole 30 and Pole 31 on Brayton Avenue. Pole 30-50 will be installed approximately 80 feet southeasterly of Pole 30 and 55 feet northwesterly of Pole 31. In accordance with Plan No. 31151394.

Joint Pole Relocations

9. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc, for relocating three jointly owned pole locations as follows:

Seventh Street

One (1) jointly owned pole relocation

Bedford Street

One (1) jointly owned pole relocation

Eighth Street

One (1) jointly owned pole relocation

This petition is proposing to relocate jointly owned poles on Seventh Street, Bedford Street and Eighth Street. Pole #5 on Seventh Street will be relocated 10 feet northerly of its existing location. Pole #14 on Bedford Street will be relocated 10 feet westerly of its existing location. Pole #2 on Eighth Street will be relocated 25 feet northerly of its existing location. Pole will remain in the sidewalk against the curbing. All old poles will be removed by Verizon New England, Inc. In accordance with Plan No. 31129934 dated May 29, 2025.

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Solely Owned Pole Locations

10. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid for two new pole locations as follows:

Riggenbach Road

Two (2) new pole locations

This petition is proposing to install two new, solely owned poles on Riggenbach Road. Pole 12-50 will be installed at a point approximately 116 feet north-northeasterly of the centerline of the intersection of Currant Road and Riggenbach Road. Pole 13-50 will be installed approximately 97 feet northeasterly of Pole 12-50. In accordance with Plan No. 31103964 (Petition D).

11. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid for two new pole locations as follows:

Currant Road

Two (2) new pole locations

This petition is proposing to install two new, solely owned poles on Currant Road. Pole 0-50 will be installed at a point approximately 50 feet north-northwesterly of the centerline of the intersection of Riggenbach Road and Currant Road. Pole 0-84 will be installed approximately 72 feet southwesterly of Pole 12-50. In accordance with Plan No. 31103964 (Petition E).

The President asked if any proponents were present and Aaron Roy, National Grid Engineer, 1250 Brayton Point Road, Somerset, MA, 02725 came forward. Mr. Roy explained that the Whipple Street petition was submitted to replace a pole located in the backyard of a residence that was damaged during a storm in July, and that the new replacement pole will be installed further from the property's garage structure. The National Grid Engineer also stated that the Brayton Avenue petition will allow National Grid to install a charging station for electric vehicles owned by the Southcoast Regional Transit Authority. Mr. Roy provided information regarding the Stewart Street petition, submitted to repair a storm-damaged pole that is in the backyard of a residential property, and that this petition will also remedy the current location restrictions of repair and maintenance projects by moving the pole to a location with easier access. The National Grid Engineer explained that the petition for Seventh Street, Bedford Street and Eighth Street will allow existing poles on that block to be relocated, which will accommodate the driveways of a new apartment complex that needs increased service due to the anticipated number of units. Mr. Roy also provided information for Petitions A through E within Plan No. 31103964, all located on Currant Road or Riggenbach Road, and stated that they will all assist National Grid with providing stronger feeder systems and circuits from the substation in the area for a new cold storage facility being developed on Innovation Way, as the business will be running very large freezer systems with high electricity needs.

The President then asked if any opponents were present and David Arruda, 347/349 Whipple Street, and Rosa DeCosta, 357 Whipple Street, came forward. Mr. Arruda stated that the damaged pole on Whipple Street is leaning on his garage and expressed concern that National Grid has not yet remedied this matter. Ms. DeCosta stated that, if this pole collapses from where it is currently leaning, it will damage her fence. Mr. Roy explained that there are various challenges with this type of repair due to the location of the pole, and that a crane will be required to remove it. Mr. Roy stated that the driveways are very narrow, and that a new pole will be installed prior to the removal of the damaged pole to avoid interrupted utility service to the neighborhood.

President Camara and Councilors Hart and Kilby expressed concern regarding the delay with the removal of the broken pole and asked the National Grid Engineer to immediately visit these properties and provide an update to the City Council regarding National Grid's plan to begin this repair project as soon as possible.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to close the hearings at 6:14 p.m.

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:

Agenda (attached)

A true copy. Attest:

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COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MEETING: October 14, 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: Michael P. Dion, Interim City Administrator/Executive Director,
Community Development Agency
Al Oliveira, Director of City Operations
Darren Medeiros, Interim Commissioner of Recreational Facilities
Bernard McDonald, Jr., Chair, Board of Park Commissioners
Emily Arpke, Financial Analysis and Compliance Manager

The chair called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m. and announced that the meeting may be recorded with audio or video and transmitted through any medium.

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

1. Citizen Input

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to waive the rules to allow a non-Fall River resident to speak.

Jessica Machado, 91 Washington Street, Somerset, MA, 02726 – Public Record Request
On a motion made by Councilor Cadime and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to allow Ms. Machado to speak for an additional three minutes.

On a motion made by Councilor Cadime and seconded by Councilor Dionne, it was unanimously voted to send a letter to the Administration requesting an explanation regarding the City's response to the public records request made by Jessica Machado, a copy of which is attached and hereto made a part of these minutes.

Stacy Silvia, 181 South Main Street, Apartment 515 – 99 and 253 South Main Street
Ms. Silvia made brief remarks regarding wheelchair accessibility challenges she faces when entering two buildings on South Main Street and requested assistance with this matter. President Camara and Vice President Pereira stated that they would send a letter to the Chair of the Commission on Disability and the Inspector of Buildings and ask them to review these structures and encourage the property owners to consider the installation of push-button door systems for those with disabilities, a copy of which is attached and hereto made a part of these minutes.

On a further motion made by Councilor Cadime and seconded by Vice President Pereira, it was unanimously voted to waive the rules to allow a non-Fall River resident to speak.

Steven Nassif, 11 Osprey Drive, Berkley, MA, 02779 – Sewer
On a motion made by Vice President Pereira and seconded by Councilor Cadime, it was unanimously voted to allow Mr. Nassif to speak for an additional three minutes.

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

2. Resolution – Administration prepare presentation to address the needs of City Parks and leagues, including football and baseball fields

Michael P. Dion, Interim City Administrator/Executive Director of the Community Development Agency (CDA) presented the Committee members with a packet of park projects throughout Fall River that are planned, ongoing or completed, as well as the various funding sources available for these renovations. Mr. Dion also explained that these updates follow the CDA's 2017 to 2024 Open Space and Recreation Plan to improve the longevity of the projects. The Interim City Administrator/Executive Director of the CDA stated that there is a new plan being developed related to park projects that includes American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding and that it will be presented to the City Council soon. Mr. Dion provided a summary of various areas in the City that have been reviewed and graded based on the repairs that are required, including parks, sidewalks and the Quequechan River Trail.

Councilor Ponte expressed concern that there is no centralized location for local soccer and football leagues and suggested that older baseball fields, such as the one located at Brilland Park, be revitalized as multi-use areas. Councilor Ponte also stated that there are many projects for parks listed within the recent Capital Improvement Plan and requested updates on various park projects including Father Kelly Park, Kennedy Park, Maplewood Park, Brilland Park and Columbus Park. Bernard J. McDonald, Jr., Chair, Board of Park Commissioners, stated that the lights and scoreboards have been installed within Father Kelly Park. Mr. Dion stated that there are design plans for the Kennedy Park Overlook, but that there are financial constraints to pursue that renovation. The Interim City Administrator/Executive Director of the CDA also stated that light installation project for Maplewood Park is not finished and that the playground equipment replacement project for Brilland Park has not yet been completed. Al Oliveira, Director of City Operations, clarified that the old playground equipment was removed from Brilland Park due to safety concerns, but new equipment has not been installed. The Interim City Administrator/Executive Director of the CDA explained that the new playground equipment for Columbus Park will be installed very soon.

A brief recess was held from 7:03 p.m. to 7:05 p.m.

Councilor Ponte expressed concern that the Capital Improvement Plans do not reflect the actual status of various park projects, as many renovations have not been completed over the years. Mr. Dion provided a summary of concerns regarding future funding for public spaces, such as the Community Development Block Grant funding, and stated that federally based capital is no longer a reliable financial resource for the City. Mr. Dion also explained that ARPA capital will no longer be a funding source for these projects, and the City needs to prioritize projects based on stable funding outlets. A detailed discussion was held between Councilor Ponte, Mr. Dion and Mr. Oliveira regarding the potential installation of parking lot lights at Maplewood Park, renovations of comfort stations in various parks and the project bidding process. The Director of City Operations explained that there are many renovations planned for Maplewood Park that will benefit local baseball leagues, including comfort stations. Mr. Dion and Mr. Oliveira provided information regarding the design process for projects, which must be completed prior to requesting bids for the renovations, and the heavy restrictions for the bidding process that are enforced by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Councilor Ponte emphasized the need to expedite some of the park renovation projects as there are many residents and leagues that use these public spaces and safety must be a priority, such as the installation of parking lot lights at Maplewood Park. Mr. Oliveira stated that the Board of Park Commissioners and the Park Division have not received complaints regarding the lack of lighting in that parking lot, but that they would assess the situation and review the need to install more lighting. The Interim City Administrator/Executive Director of the CDA agreed that many projects listed in previous Capital Improvement Plans have not been completed, but that he's working with the Administration to remedy that issue for the upcoming plan. Mr. Dion also stated that there have been ongoing renovations, such as changes at Kennedy Park to allow various forms of volleyball to be played with adjustable nets. Councilor Ponte and Mr. Dion discussed the need to repurpose many parks, as baseball is not as popular as it was in the past and other sports, such as softball, football and soccer could be played on repurposed fields instead.

Councilor Raposo expressed concern regarding locked restrooms in many parks, such as Kennedy Park, and the need to renovate these comfort stations throughout the City before leagues purchase permits for use of the fields. Mr. Oliveira stated that there are many potential renovations for Kennedy Park that are being planned, including renovations of the comfort station restrooms. Mr. Dion explained that the City had considered installing a splashpad area at Kennedy Park, but the cost would be between \$600,000 and \$700,000, and it was not pursued. Councilor Raposo and the Director of City Operations held a brief discussion about the need for accessible restrooms in parks, especially parks that host league games. Mr. Oliveira stated that research is being done to install digital key readers for the bathrooms, so those who obtain a field permit may have access to the restrooms. Councilor Raposo and the Chair of the Board of Park Commissioners discussed the removal of playground equipment at Davis Park. Mr. McDonald explained that broken equipment has been completely removed from Davis Park but, due to safety concerns related to lack of access for first responder vehicles, the park is not being permitted to sports leagues. Councilor Raposo asked if the Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School baseball team is using the baseball fields inside of North Park. Mr. McDonald explained that the team plays their games at the YMCA in Swansea, MA, and Mr. Oliveira stated that he's spoken with the team about using North Park instead.

Vice President Pereira stated that, in the past, the baseball team had utilized the North Park fields but determined that the measurements of the bases were not accurate for standard games and were required to move to a different facility. Vice President Pereira emphasized that the parks need to be redesigned for other sports besides baseball and that more soccer fields should be developed. Vice President Pereira also expressed concern about the lack of lighting in various fields, the need for restrooms in parks and recreational areas and the small amount of funding that is allocated for updates for each park annually, which totals roughly \$2,000 per park. Vice President Pereira emphasized the need to revitalize these open spaces and work to develop revenue-generating programs, such as rentals of pavilions for events. The Interim City Administrator/Executive Director of the CDA stated that the estimated cost of a new basketball and pickleball court within Britland Park was \$227,000, and that the new lights within the park were estimated to cost \$100,000 to \$150,000. Mr. Dion explained that the costs of renovating these parks are very high and the funding needed is not available. A brief discussion was held between Vice President Pereira and the Director of City Operations regarding the installation of solar lights, which are used frequently in Florida. Mr. Oliveira stated he would look into it but that in his experience they were not frequently used for City parks.

Councilor Kilby stated that the repurposing of fields would benefit Fall River and asked Mr. Dion for additional information regarding the Community Development Block Grants. The Interim City Administrator/Executive Director of the CDA provided detailed information regarding federal funding cuts that have occurred and that the current Administration in Washington, D.C., may defund these federal programs entirely. The Chair of the Board of Park Commissioners, who also serves as the Board of Park Commissioners' representative on the Community Preservation Committee (CPC), explained that there were over 25 applications for CPC grant funding this year, and there was only \$2,000,000 allocated to the City of Fall River. Mr. McDonald stated that this funding is likely to continue to decrease, limiting the assistance that can be provided for development and restoration projects throughout the City.

Councilor Cadime expressed frustration regarding the lack of updates within the parks. A lengthy discussion was held between Councilor Cadime and the Interim City Administrator/Executive Director of the CDA regarding the list of projects, the lack of funding and the unclear timeline of completing the renovations. Mr. Dion stated that the projects within Columbus Park should be completed by December, but that the newly developed sensory park and skatepark would take twelve to eighteen months to complete. Councilor Cadime stated that he understands that some projects require a lengthy design process, but that others are just not addressed in a timely manner. Councilor Cadime also provided percentage rates listed within the Park Division's expenses budget that pay for utilities, such as 43% of the funds being used to pay water fees and 19% for electricity fees and emphasized that a very small amount of funding is actually allocated for park renovations or upgrades. Councilor Cadime expressed concern regarding areas of public parks that are kept locked, such as the baseball field at North Park and asked that the park be unlocked. Mr. Dion explained that there is not adequate funding to maintain the baseball field but stated that the park would be unlocked. Darren Medeiros, Interim Commissioner of Recreational Facilities, explained that people were living inside of the dugouts, which was a public safety concern. Mr. McDonald also stated that the area was being used as a dog park and often did not pick up dog waste within the field, leading to complaints from others.

Councillor Dionne and Mr. McDonald discussed the use of Britland Park, and the Chair of the Board of Park Commissioners explained that the park is used quite frequently and that the City is working toward turf replacement of the fields. Councillor Dionne and Mr. Oliveira discussed the need to install additional lighting for the Maplewood Park parking lot. Councillor Dionne explained that she has attended many community meetings in that neighborhood and that the residents have expressed concerns regarding the safety within area at night and feel that lights would reduce the risk of criminal activity. The Director of City Operations stated that he would research the possibility of installing lights in the parking lot of Maplewood Park.

Councillor Raposo asked if there was a public input option to assist with the creation of the Capital Improvement Plans, as it would be helpful to receive feedback from residents and those who use the parks as to what improvements are needed. The Interim City Administrator/ Executive Director of the CDA and the Director of City Operations agreed that this endeavor would be very useful. Mr. McDonald agreed and stated that the renovation of Dumont Field, inside of Ruggles Park, occurred due to the participation and assistance of residents who wanted to revitalize the space.

Councillor Cadime expressed concern regarding inactive funds within the Park Division in the amount of \$43,000 (\$13,000 from the Patriots Park located at Maplewood Park and \$30,000 from the Thomas Chew Park) from loan authorization that have not been utilized and inquired as to whether the capital could be reassigned to other projects. Emily Arpke, Financial Analysis and Compliance Manager, explained that bond authorizations are often very restrictive as to what they can be used for, but that she would investigate this matter and provide further information to the Committee members.

President Camara stated that many City Councillors are coaches for local sports leagues and use the parks frequently. President Camara also agreed that repurposing the fields of some parks would be very beneficial and stated that other recreational activities, such as Frisbee Golf, are becoming popular.

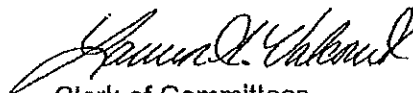
On a motion made by Councillor Raposo and seconded by Councillor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to table the resolution.

On a motion made by Councillor Raposo and seconded by Councillor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:13 p.m.

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:

Agenda packet (attached)

Park projects packet provided by Michael P. Dion, Interim City Administrator/Executive Director, Community Development Agency


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CHELSEA PACHECO
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

October 16, 2025

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

Dear Mayor Coogan:

At the City Council Committee on Finance meeting held on October 14, 2025, Jessica Machado of 91 Washington Street, Somerset, MA, 02726 addressed the Committee during Citizens' Input Time regarding the lengthy and challenging process that resulted following her submission of public records requests for copies of email correspondence between various members of the Administration.

On a motion made by Councilor Cadime and seconded by Councilor Dionne, it was unanimously voted that a letter be sent requesting an explanation of this matter.

The Committee respectfully requests that a detailed description of the process utilized to provide documents related to Ms. Machado's request be provided as Councilors are looking to understand what transpired with Ms. Machado's public records requests.

Very truly yours,

Inês da Silva Paulino Leite
City Clerk

cc: Michael P. Dion, Interim City Administrator/Executive Director of the Community
Development Agency
Alan J. Rumsey, Esq., Corporation Counsel
Kenneth E. Fredette, Esq., Assistant Corporation Counsel, Records Access Officer

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CITY OF FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS
CITY COUNCIL

October 20, 2025

Dennis Polselli, Chair
Commission on Disability
One Government Center
Fall River, MA 02722

Glenn Hathaway
Inspector of Buildings
One Government Center
Fall River, MA 02722

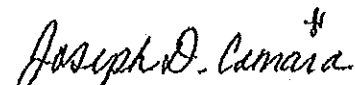
Dear Mr. Polselli and Mr. Hathaway,

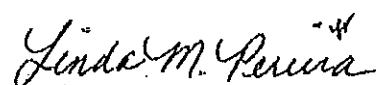
At the City Council Committee on Finance meeting held on October 14, 2025, Stacy Silvia of 181 South Main Street, Apartment 515, addressed the Committee during Citizens' Input Time regarding accessibility challenges at both 99 South Main Street and 253 South Main Street.

We respectfully request that you review the current levels of accessibility at the entrances of these two addresses, as Ms. Silvia stated that she must wait for another individual to open the doors to these buildings to enter with her wheelchair, and advise what can be done to rectify this matter. She requested assistance in reaching out to the owners of the buildings to encourage the installation of automatic push-button systems to allow those with disabilities easier access to enter and exit the businesses and offices.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the City Council office at 508-324-2233 or city_council@fallriverma.gov

Sincerely,


Joseph D. Camara
City Council President


Linda M. Pereira
City Council Vice President

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

MEETING: October 14, 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: Fellisha Desmarais, Library Administrator

President Camara called the meeting to order at 8:30 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.

PRIORITY MATTERS

1. Mayor and request for confirmation of the appointment of Bruce Oliveira to the position of Harbormaster
Councilor Raposo requested clarification as to why this appointment was occurring and the City Clerk explained that the former Harbormaster resigned. On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Kilby, it was unanimously voted to confirm the appointment.
2. Mayor and request for confirmation of the following appointments to the Historical Commission:
 - a. Caroline H. Aubin
On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to confirm the appointment.
 - b. Ryan Andrew Klein
On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to confirm the appointment.
3. Mayor and gift order for donation of a limited edition print of the original painting of Captain Thomas J. Hudner, Jr., by Brian Fox, to Government Center, donated by Paul and Dona Burke, BayCoast Bank, St. Anne's Credit Union, Joseph and Joanne Marshall and Riverside Art
On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order.
Approved, October 15, 2025
Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

4. Mayor and proposed ordinance re: salary amendments for the Director of Fall River Emergency Management Agency, Veterans' Grave Officer and Senior Aide
On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to refer the proposed ordinance to the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation.

5. Mayor and order establishing spending limits of Library Revolving Fund for Fiscal Year 2026

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to waive the rules to allow Felliha Desmarais, Library Administrator, to answer questions. Councilor Raposo inquired as to why the Bookmobile was no longer visiting schools as frequently as in the past. Ms. Desmarais explained that, in order to qualify for additional funding from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Bookmobile must provide a certain number of public service hours and that trips to schools are not open to the general public. The Library Administrator explained that, due to this funding requirement, the Bookmobile has been attending more public events, such as food festivals and farmers' markets. Ms. Desmarais also stated that the Bookmobile is designed to share information regarding the services offered by the Fall River Public Library, but is limited in what it can provide and that students should be encouraged to visit the library building. Councilor Raposo expressed concern as many students do not have access to transportation to visit the library, but stated that he understood the funding requirements of public engagement. Councilor Raposo requested that the Library Administrator provide a schedule to the City Councilors regarding the Bookmobile's locations over the next few months and Ms. Desmarais stated that she would forward that information as soon as possible.

Councilor Cadime stated that he had requested updates from the Director of City Operations regarding various updates at the Fall River Public Library, including the installation of surveillance cameras, a new heating system, ventilation and air conditioning system and the repointing of the roof due to ongoing leaks. Councilor Cadime stated that he submitted this request a few months ago but has not received that information. On a motion made by Councilor Cadime and seconded by Councilor Dionne, it was unanimously voted that the City Council send a letter to the Administration regarding these matters, a copy of which is attached and hereto made a part of these minutes. On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order.

*Approved, October 15, 2025
 Paul E. Coogan, Mayor*

PRIORITY COMMUNICATIONS

6. Communication from the Director of Human Resources re: investigation into concerns raised by the Veterans' Benefit Agent

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

7. Board of Election Commissioners and warrant for Municipal Election scheduled for November 4, 2025

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

*Approved, October 15, 2025
 Paul E. Coogan, Mayor*

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

ORDINANCES

Second reading and enrollment

9. Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, Miscellaneous
 Handicapped parking removals
- County Street, West, 22 feet north of Barnes Street
 - Fielden Street, East, 44 feet south of Pleasant Street
 - Slade Street, North, 119 feet west of Church Street

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

RESOLUTIONS

10. Committee on Finance convene with the Administration, the City Engineer/Planner and Corporation Counsel to discuss potential restrictions being placed on housing developments and the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation convene with the same parties to discuss the creation of a proposed ordinance to insert said restrictions into the City Code

Councilor Cadime stated that affordability and gentrification within all municipalities within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is an ongoing issue and that this resolution is intended to start the discussion of various methods that can be considered to ease the housing cost burden on the residents of Fall River. On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to adopt the resolution.

CITATIONS

11. Lori Ann Rita – 43 years of dedicated service to the Fall River Police Department
On a motion made by Councilor Kilby and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to adopt the citation.
12. Ana Riley – 2026 Rhode Island Superintendent of the Year
On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to adopt the citation.

ORDERS – HEARINGS

14. Ryan Wordell, 312 Mohawk Drive, Westport, MA, 02790 – Removal of 34 feet for a total opening of 58 feet at 312 Mohawk Drive

On a motion made by Councilor Dionne and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to take item 14 out of order, and to refer the order to the Committee on Public Works and Transportation.

On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to take items 13, 15, 16 and 17 together.

Curb Removals

13. Lincoln Development LLC, 60 Garside Street, Unit 6 – Removal of 16 feet for a total opening of 32 feet at 439 Pine Street

Joint Pole Locations

15. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc., for the following:
- a. Currant Road (Petition A) – One (1) new jointly owned pole
 - b. Currant Road (Petition B) – One (1) new jointly owned pole
 - c. Riggerbach Road (Petition C) – One (1) new jointly owned pole
 - d. Whipple Street – One (1) new jointly owned pole
 - e. Stewart Street – One (1) new jointly owned pole and anchor
 - f. Brayton Avenue – One (1) new jointly owned pole

Joint Pole Relocations

16. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc. for the following:
- Seventh Street – One (1) new jointly owned pole relocation
 - Bedford Street – One (1) new jointly owned pole relocation
 - Eighth Street – One (1) new jointly owned pole relocation

Solely Owned Pole Locations

17. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid for the following:
- a. Riggerbach Road (Petition D) – Two (2) new pole locations
 - b. Currant Road (Petition E) – Two (2) new pole locations

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

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ORDERS – MISCELLANEOUS

18. Auto Body Shop License Renewal

Gabrielle Cabral d/b/a Competitive Auto Body & Sales, 1021 Locust Street

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

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19. Auto Repair Shop License Renewal

Wayne Senechal d/b/a Wayne's Auto and Performance, 122 Lowell Street

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

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20. Police Chief's Report on Licenses

Taxicab Drivers

Domingos Almeida, Jr. Melissa Carvalho Justin Schultz

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

COMMUNICATIONS – INVITATIONS – PETITIONS

21. Claims

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

22. Fall River Public Library Annual Report – Fiscal Year 2025

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

23. Letter from City resident regarding enforcement of City ordinances

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted that the communication be referred to the Committee on Public Safety and that copies of the communication be forwarded to the Police Chief, the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Inspector of Buildings.

24. Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes – August 21, 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.

25. Drainlayer Licenses

Daniels Asphalt Services, Inc.

DB & Son Excavating, Inc.

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

On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to take items 26 through 30 together.

City Council Minutes

26. Public Hearings – September 9, 2025

27. Committee on Finance – September 9, 2025

28. Committee on Finance – September 23, 2025

29. Regular Meeting of the City Council – September 9, 2025

30. Regular Meeting of the City Council – September 23, 2025

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

BULLETINS – NEWSLETTERS – NOTICES

31. Department of Public Utilities, Notice of public hearing and request for comments re: Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid for authorization to issue long-term debt securities in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1.4 billion; an exemption from advertising requirements; and an exemption from the par value requirements of M.G.L. Ch. 164 §15A

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

32. Department of Public Utilities, Notice of filing and rescheduled public hearing (Fall River) re: Petition of Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp. d/b/a Liberty for approval of a general increase in base distribution rates for gas service and a performance-based ratemaking plan

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

A brief recess was held from 8:41 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. for signing of an ordinance and the election warrant.

ANTICIPATED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Discussion to review and approve the Executive Session Minutes from the July 28, 2020 Committee on Finance Meeting. Anticipated executive session pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(4) to discuss the deployment of security personnel or devices, and/or strategies with respect thereto.

Discussion to review and approve the Executive Session Minutes from the June 22, 2021 Regular Meeting of the City Council. Anticipated executive session pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(4) to discuss the deployment of security personnel or devices, and/or strategies with respect thereto.

On a motion made by Councilor Kilby and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was voted 7 yeas, 2 nays, to enter Executive Session, with President Camara and Councilor Dionne voting in the negative.

President Camara read the following statement aloud: "Certain aspects of policing strategies should not be publicized to the community and the purpose of this executive session is to review the minutes of the Committee on Finance meeting held on July 28, 2020 and the Regular Meeting of the City Council held on June 22, 2021 pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a) (4). The City Council will return to open session and announce whether the determination of their review was to disclose the minutes or to continue the non-disclosure."

President Camara then requested that all non-participants exit the Council Chamber and that the audio and video recordings be discontinued. The City Council entered Executive Session at 8:47 p.m.

The City Council returned to open session at 9:06 p.m.

President Camara announced that, during Executive Session, the City Council voted to refer the approved minutes to Corporation Counsel for review and to perform necessary redactions. President Camara further stated that the City Council voted to request that Corporation Counsel return the redacted minutes to the City Council as soon as possible for the City Council's review and potential disclosure.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:08 p.m.

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

A true copy. Attest:

Chris da Silva Paulino Leite

City Clerk



City of Fall River Massachusetts
Office of the City Clerk

INÊS DA SILVA PAULINO LEITE
CITY CLERK

CHELSEA PACHECO
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

October 17, 2025

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

Dear Mayor Coogan:

At the Regular Meeting of the City Council held on October 14, 2025, a discussion was held regarding necessary updates and repairs that were planned for the Fall River Public Library, including the installation of surveillance cameras, updates to the heating, ventilation and air-conditioning system and the repointing of the roof to prevent future water leaks within the structure.

On a motion made by Councilor Cadime and seconded by Councilor Dionne, it was unanimously voted that the City Council send a letter to the Administration requesting an update on these matters and send a response to the City Council as soon as possible.

The Fall River Public Library is an integral part of the community and provides important services, events and education to those within the Greater Fall River area. The City Council looks forward to your response with these updates, including completed, on-going and future renovation projects to improve and preserve this historic structure.

Very truly yours,

Inês da Silva Paulino Leite
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City Clerk

cc: Michael P. Dion, Interim City Administrator/
Executive Director of the Community Development Agency
Al Oliveira, Director of City Operations

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE SESSION

MEETING: October 14, 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 8:47 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS – INVITATIONS – PETITIONS

Review of City Council Executive Session Minutes

- Discussion to review and approve the Executive Session Minutes from the July 28, 2020, Committee on Finance Meeting. Anticipated executive session pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(4) to discuss the deployment of security personnel or devices, and/or strategies with respect thereto.
- Discussion to review and approve the Executive Session Minutes from the June 22, 2021, Regular Meeting of the City Council. Anticipated executive session pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(4) to discuss the deployment of security personnel or devices, and/or strategies with respect thereto.

Councillor Cadime stated that the minutes are a public document and suggested that Corporation Counsel review and appropriately redact the minutes in accordance with the Open Meeting Law to remove any information relating to policing strategies that should not be disclosed. Councillor Dionne stated that the meetings were held in executive session due to the discussion of law enforcement protocols and expressed concern about releasing the minutes, as many of these protocols are still in place. A motion was made by Councillor Dionne and seconded by Councillor Hart to not disclose the minutes. President Camara expressed concern regarding what could or could not be redacted as it would be at the discretion of Corporation Counsel. Councillor Hart asked if these minutes would be released after approval and Councillor Cadime explained that if the approved minutes are referred to Corporation Counsel for redaction, the redacted minutes could be released following the City Council's review of those redacted minutes. The City Clerk also read portions of the Open Meeting Law related to the review and potential release of executive session minutes and clarified that law does allow for a "portion" of the minutes to be released, if it was determined that continued non-disclosure of the

remaining text was warranted. Councilor Cadime agreed and reiterated that the minutes must be released, but that redactions are allowed when appropriate per M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(4).

Councilors Hart and Kilby requested the presence of Corporation Counsel and the City Clerk stated he could be invited to the next meeting if that was the will of the City Council. Councilor Dionne requested further clarification as to why the City Council's review of these minutes was necessary. The City Clerk stated that a request for copies of City Council executive session minutes was received. Vice President Pereira agreed that many of the strategies discussed within the minutes are still ongoing, and that the text within the minutes should be appropriately redacted to avoid disclosure of public safety protocols. Councilor Raposo and the City Clerk held a brief discussion regarding qualifying topics to be discussed within an executive session meeting and the City Clerk explained that discussions of "deployment of security personnel or devices, or strategies with respect thereto," was the purpose for these two executive session meetings. Councilor Raposo asked if the delay that will occur by referring the approved minutes to Corporation Counsel for review would place the City in violation of the request, as there is a time limit for a response. The City Clerk stated that October 22, 2025 would be the deadline for the thirty-day response requirement for this request, but that the individual who requested the minutes could be contacted to determine if an extension would be possible. Councilor Dionne then withdrew her motion to not disclose the minutes.

On a motion made by Councilor Cadime and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was voted 9 yeas to approve the minutes. On a further motion made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by Councilor Cadime, it was voted 9 yeas to refer both sets of minutes to Corporation Counsel for redaction of the text relating to "deployment of security personnel or devices, or strategies with respect thereto" and to request that the redacted minutes be returned to the City Council for review of those redactions as soon as possible.

A brief discussion was held regarding the need for a Special Meeting of the City Council to address the matter in a timely manner and that Corporation Counsel should attend the next meeting when these minutes are discussed. Councilor Ponte asked if the minutes should be tabled until a response is received from Corporation Counsel. Council President Joseph D. Camara stated that the minutes did not need to be tabled, as they have been approved and were being referred to Corporation Counsel for his recommended redactions to the City Council.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was voted 9 yeas to adjourn the executive session portion of the Regular Meeting of the City Council at 9:06 p.m.

On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Tith, it was voted 9 yeas to return the City Council meeting to open session at 9:06 p.m.

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:

Agenda (attached)

Executive Session Minutes from the July 28, 2020 Committee on Finance Meeting

Executive Session Minutes from the June 22, 2021 Regular Meeting of the City Council

M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 22 Minutes of Meetings

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