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REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

MEETING: March 10, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, One Government Center

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

ABSENT: None

IN ATTENDANCE: None

President Ponte called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by a salute to the flag and announced that the meeting may be recorded with audio or video and transmitted through any medium.

PRESENTATION OF CITATIONS

- Mike Labossierre – Your dedication to the Fall River community for over 40 years and services that have improved the quality of life for all (adopted 1-13-2026)
Councilor Pereira made brief remarks regarding Mr. Labossierre's contributions to the City of Fall River over the past forty years and wished him well in retirement. Sara Riley also commended Mr. Labossierre's work within the Copicut neighborhood and throughout the City. Mr. Labossierre thanked the City Council for their support in various environmental matters over the years and asked them to continue supporting projects that will benefit the City of Fall River's ecosystems.
- Family of the late Kathleen (Beaulieu) Castro – Honoring her commitment to improve the Greater Fall River area (adopted 1-13-2026)
Councilor Pereira made brief remarks regarding Mrs. Castro's contributions to the City of Fall River and presented the citation to her brother, Thomas Beaulieu. Mr. Beaulieu made remarks regarding his late sister's accomplishments and thanked the City Council for honoring her impact within the community.

PRIORITY MATTERS

1. Mayor and request for confirmation of the reappointment of Ricky P. Sahady to the Zoning Board of Appeals
On a motion made by Councilor Camara and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to confirm the appointment.

2. Mayor and request for confirmation of the appointment of Sharon Jussaume to the Council on Aging

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

3. Mayor and request for confirmation of the appointment of James Cusick to the Conservation Commission

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

4. Mayor and request for confirmation of the appointment of John Brandt to the Conservation Commission

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

5. Mayor and request to deliver State of the City address on March 10, 2026

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

6. Mayor and request for a Joint Meeting of the City Council and the School Committee on April 14, 2026 re: development of FY2027 budget

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

7. Mayor and proposed ordinance re: Salary amendments for the Director of Health and Human Services

On a motion made by Councilor Camara and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted that the proposed ordinance be referred to the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation.

8. Mayor and request for approval of the termination of Kyle Coletti as Constable

The City Clerk stated that a letter of resignation was received from Mr. Coletti earlier in the day and this request was no longer necessary. On a motion made by Councilor Camara and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted that the request be granted leave to withdraw.

9. Mayor and request from Purchasing Agent for City Council approval to conduct a public online auction for surplus property

Councilor Pereira emphasized the need for in-person auctions for surplus property, as the public is not always aware of online auctions. Councilor Canuel stated that funds collected from property sold for the Fall River Fire Department or Fall River Police Department should be allocated back into the accounts of those departments, not the General Fund. Councilor Cadime stated that, as these departments receive free cash and local receipt funding, if the departments do not have a revolving fund or a special revenue fund, the auction capital must be placed in the General Fund. Councilor Camara agreed that in-person auctions should be used in conjunction with online auctions and suggested that the matter be referred to the Committee on Finance for discussion. On a motion made by Councilor Canuel and seconded by Councilor Pereira, it was unanimously voted to refer the request to the Committee on Finance.

10. Mayor and grant order from Borderland Partners, LLC, in the amount of \$5,910.00 for completion of a community stroke risk factor and symptom awareness project, in collaboration with Brown University Health at Saint Anne's Hospital

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

Approved, March 13, 2026

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

11. Mayor and appropriation of \$221,413.23 from EMS, Retained Earnings to EMS, Salaries

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

PRIORITY COMMUNICATIONS

12. Administrator of Community Utilities request to postpone the submission date of the proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund Budgets due to the rescheduling of the Watuppa Water Board and Sewer Commission meetings following the recent snow storm

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

13. Traffic Commission recommending amendments to the traffic ordinances

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted that the recommendations be referred to the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Ordinances and Legislation recommending:

All readings with emergency preamble:

14. Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, Handicapped parking
- Bowen Street, West, 206 feet south of Slade Street
 - Cory Street, South, 101 feet east of Almy Street
 - Locust Street, North, 153 feet east of Linden Street
 - Montaup Street, West, 103 feet north of Globe Street
 - North Main Street, East, 189 feet south of Locust Street
 - Snell Street, North, 548 feet east of Lawrence Street
 - Tripp Street, West, 74 feet south of Charles Street
 - Woodman Street, North, 20 feet east of King Street

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

Approved, March 13, 2026

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

15. First Reading
Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, Miscellaneous

Section 1

Parking prohibited at all times (insert)

- Lindsey Street, East, from Cory Street to Brightman Street

Section 2

Parking prohibited at all times (strike out)

- Lindsey Street, East, from Ballard Street to Brightman Street

Section 3

Handicapped parking removals

- George Street, South, 146 feet west of Oregon Street
- Grove Street, West, 126 feet south of Walnut Street
- Oliver Street, North, 151 feet east of Broadway
- Pitman Street, East, 110 feet south of Webster Street

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

First Reading, as amended

16. Proposed Ordinance – Salary amendments for the Commissioner of Municipal Buildings and Code Enforcement/Inspector of Buildings

On a motion made by Councilor Camara and seconded by Councilor Pereira, it was unanimously voted that the proposed ordinance be passed through first reading, as amended.

17. Grant Leave to Withdraw

Resolution – Convene with Corporation Counsel, the Fire Chief and the Director of Inspectional Services to discuss the creation of an ordinance that would impose stricter safety requirements and more frequent inspections of assisted-living facilities

On a motion made by Councilor Camara and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted that the resolution be granted leave to withdraw.

ORDINANCES – None

RESOLUTIONS

18. City Council urges Mayor, Senator Michael J. Rodrigues, and the entire Fall River State Legislative Delegation to advance and approve the terms and conditions set forth in House Bill H.4071, enabling the City of Fall River to develop the waterfront neighborhood to generate revenue and housing opportunities

Councilor Cadime requested that the City Council support this resolution as this House Bill will allow a portion of property sales within the waterfront neighborhood to be allocated to the City through the Redevelopment Authority (RDA) to ensure additional investment of those funds. Councilor Cadime requested that a formal letter be sent to Massachusetts Senate President Karen E. Spilka, Speaker of the House Ronald J. Mariano, and the Fall River Legislative Delegation.

Councilor Canuel stated that a new draft of this bill, now titled House Bill H.4973, was referred from the Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to the Committee on Ways and Means on January 22, 2026, with a favorable review. Councilor Canuel explained that the text within this new draft was amended, and he no longer supports the newly drafted House Bill H.4973 and will not support this resolution.

Councilor Pereira explained that federal, state and municipal funding has been utilized for the waterfront development area of Fall River, but ultimately the City will be responsible for the permitting and zoning of this neighborhood. Councilor Pereira expressed concern that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will not be in favor of property ownership being transferred to the RDA and that State Senator Michael J. Rodrigues made comments in opposition to this matter on the radio. Councilor Pereira stated that she will support the resolution but does not anticipate support from the state legislature.

Councilor Camara stated that he cannot support this resolution, as the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has dedicated years of work to this redevelopment along with the City of Fall River. Councilor Camara emphasized that collaboration between the municipality and the Commonwealth is the ideal method of redeveloping this land.

Councilor Cadime stated that this resolution would only result in a formal letter being sent to the Statehouse requesting legislative support for the bill, and if that support occurred the RDA would receive additional investment revenue when the properties are sold. Councilor Camara expressed concern that the revenue would be going to the RDA and not to the City of Fall River and stated that the City should work in tandem with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Cadime, it was voted 6 yeas, 3 nays to adopt the resolution, with Vice President Dionne and Councilors Camara and Canuel voting in the negative.

19. Committee on Finance and the Community Preservation Committee hold a joint meeting with the Administration to discuss upcoming priorities for Community Preservation Act funding categories and potential projects

Councilor Cadime explained that he filed this resolution to increase collaboration with the Community Development Committee (CPC), as the Community Development Act (CPA) funding benefits the City greatly and additional information regarding various proposals would be valuable. Councilor Cadime stated that the CPC could provide more information regarding their goals and objectives when granting funds to proposals in various CPA categories. Councilor Camara stated that this may be challenging, as CPC receives proposals very frequently and they must follow specific timelines for each request. Councilor Camara suggested that the CPC submit copies of the proposals to the City Council as they are received. Councilor Pereira stated that the CPC works with a third party in Boston, MA, who assists with confirming compliance with all Massachusetts General Laws related to the CPA, and suggested that this individual be invited as well. Councilor Pereira expressed concern regarding the process of approving and considering various proposals that are submitted to the CPC. On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to adopt the resolution.

20. Committee on Economic Development and Tourism convene with the Administration's Event Resource Coordinator, Fall River Arts and Culture Commission, and Creative Arts Network, Inc., to discuss upcoming 2026 events

Councilor Pereira stated that the intention of this resolution is to encourage organizations to work collaboratively throughout the City to discuss various events scheduled in the Greater Fall River area. Vice President Dionne asked for clarification about the organizations that will be invited to partake in this discussion. Councilor Pereira stated that she listed three organizations within the resolution to begin the discussion, but that all event planning groups in the City are welcome to attend. On a motion made by Councilor Camara and seconded by Councilor Pereira, it was voted 9 yeas to adopt the resolution.

21. Committee on Public Safety convene with the Administration, the Director of City Operations and a representative of the Fall River Police Department to discuss improving lighting downtown

Councilor Peckham made brief remarks regarding the inadequate lighting in various areas downtown, such as South Main Street, and stated that he is working with the Fall River Police Department Signal Division to increase lighting on various streets. Councilor Canuel stated that the Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Year 2027 includes allocations for decorative lighting and suggested that this line item be investigated further. Councilor Pereira stated that a lighting study may be beneficial as well, as Light-Emitting Diode (LED) bulbs do not provide the same brightness as older bulbs that were used in the past. Councilor Raposo suggested also discussing the walkway lights near the Veterans Memorial Bicentennial Park, as many of those lights are damaged and not functional. Councilor Camara stated that infrastructure improvements may been required as well and that the lower-cost LED bulbs that were used in the past significantly darkened the streets downtown. On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to adopt the resolution.

22. City Council send letter to Mayor requesting proposed ordinance for an "Act Relative to the Appointment of the Police Chief in the City of Fall River" and subsequent appointment of a Chief by September 30, 2026, under new Civil Service regulations

Vice President Dionne explained that this resolution would allow the City Councilors to obtain additional information regarding the new process of hiring a Police Chief, as well as a timeline of all necessary steps in the process. Vice President Dionne clarified that the date of September 30, 2026, listed in the resolution is the end of the current Police Chief's contract, but she understands that a new Chief may not be hired that quickly and this date may vary. Councilor Peckham stated that he is in support of the resolution and asked if the Administration had begun the process of hiring a new Police Chief. Vice President Dionne stated that, at a recent meeting of the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation, the Director of Human Resources had stated that the Mayor was prepared to request a Massachusetts Civil Service Exam. On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to adopt the resolution.

23. Committee on Public Safety convene with the Administration, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Chief of Emergency Medical Services, Chief of Emergency Management Agency, the Administrator of Community Utilities, the Interim Director of the Department of Community Maintenance, the Director of City Operations and the Director of Traffic and Parking to discuss the development of a strategic emergency response plan

Councilor Peckham explained that during the Blizzard of 2026 the City faced challenges with communication and coordination between various Department Heads and Chiefs. Councilor Peckham expressed concern regarding the lack of check lists and requirements for those who must respond during emergency events and stated that this resolution is intended to assist with the creation of procedures and protocols to increase public safety and awareness during an emergency. Councilor Peckham also stated that the development of these new procedures was recommended by representatives of the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency and the Massachusetts National Guard, who assisted the City of Fall River during the historic blizzard. On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to adopt the resolution.

24. Administration ensure present and future snow and ice removal payments are made within thirty (30) days of proper invoice submission and approval

Councilor Cadime stated that timely payments for snow and ice removal services will help to attract new vendors to the City. A motion was made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham to amend the resolution by striking out, in the last paragraph, "thirty (30) days of proper invoice submission and approval," and inserting, in its place, "thirty (30) days of the storm."

Councilor Camara suggested that the amendment be changed to reflect the date of services, to be more specific as to when the payment must be made. A motion was made by Councilor Cadime and seconded by Councilor Raposo to amend the resolution by striking out, in the last paragraph, "thirty (30) days of proper invoice submission and approval," and inserting, in its place, "thirty (30) days from the day the services were rendered to the City of Fall River."

Councilor Canuel suggested that this timeframe be decreased to two weeks, instead of thirty days, to incentivize more plow drivers to work with the City. Councilor Pereira stated that the drivers must submit invoices to the City and text should reflect the invoice date, not the date of service. Councilors Camara and Canuel provided an overview of a recent Committee on Public Works and Transportation meeting, where it was explained that the City's plow sector leader submits the hours of all drivers to the Administration, not the private vendors themselves. Councilor Camara stated that his suggested amendment would require the sector leader to submit the hours for payment in a timely manner. Councilor Pereira expressed concern regarding this process, as the sector leaders are not with the drivers throughout the storm and cannot verify the services provided. Councilor Pereira requested that the Administration clarify this process prior to acting upon the resolution.

Councilor Cadime expressed support for the resolution and stated that invoices would need to be submitted to the City to ensure the routes, hours and equipment utilized match the submission of the sector leader. Councilor Cadime emphasized that, in the past, there have been issues with third-party vendors leaving their assigned route and this documentation not only assists with providing adequate compensation, but also with record keeping in the event of a financial audit. Councilor Cadime stated that the City could pay even sooner, but the payment should be submitted no later than thirty days after the service has been performed.

A motion was made by Vice President Dionne and seconded by Councilor Camara to amend the resolution by striking out, in the last paragraph, "thirty (30) days of proper invoice submission and approval," and inserting, in its place, "a thirty (30) day payment timeframe from the day the services were rendered to the City of Fall River,"

A further motion made by Councilor Dionne and seconded by Councilor Peckham, to amend the resolution by striking out, in the last paragraph, "thirty (30) days of proper invoice submission and approval," and inserting, in its place, "a thirty (30) day payment timeframe from the day the services were rendered to the City of Fall River," and to adopt the resolution, as amended.

Councilor Camara then stated that he agreed with the fifteen-day adjustment to shorten the payment process that was suggested by Councilor Canuel. Councilor Cadime stated that, in other municipalities, these payments are usually submitted within about two weeks, and he is not opposed to the amendment, but his main goal was to avoid any payments being delayed by more than thirty days.

A motion was made by Councilor Canuel and seconded by Councilor Pereira to amend the resolution by striking out, in the last paragraph, "within thirty (30) days of proper invoice submission and approval," and inserting, in its place, "a fifteen (15) day payment timeframe from the day the services were rendered to the City of Fall River."

On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Canuel, it was unanimously voted to amend the resolution by striking out, in the last paragraph, "within thirty (30) days of proper invoice submission and approval," and inserting, in its place, "a fifteen (15) day payment timeframe, with a maximum of thirty (30) days, from the day the services were rendered to the City of Fall River," and to adopt the resolution, as amended.

25. City Council submit a letter of support to the Massachusetts Senate and House of Representatives to urge the advancement and adoption of the Massachusetts Assisted Living Residences Commission Report to ensure increased safety for assisted living facility residents, staff and all first responders

Councilor Raposo stated that the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation held a detailed discussion regarding this matter, and requests that the City Council send a letter of support regarding the Massachusetts Assisted Living Residences Commission Report. On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to adopt the resolution.

26. Committee on Economic Development and Tourism convene with the Administration to discuss the potential financial benefits of increased development within the City of Fall River that would result from the creation of a separate City Planner position

Councilor Pereira stated that most Gateway Cities in Massachusetts have a City Planner or Planning Office that focuses solely on development within the municipality. Councilor Pereira explained that, with the large amount of redevelopment occurring in the City, specifically near the waterfront, having one person performing engineering and planning tasks for the City creates significant challenges due to the workload, and this resolution was to discuss benefits that would result from creating a separate City Planner position.

Councilor Cadime stated that he appreciates the intent of the resolution, but that the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism is not an appropriate body to discuss the City Planner and City Engineer positions. Councilor Cadime stated that the current Director of Engineering and Planning is doing a phenomenal job and receives a stipend for one of the two titles, which reduces salary expenses for the City. Councilor Cadime explained that the Director of Engineering and Planning has worked diligently to increase development in Fall River by advocating for Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District funding and improving lighting throughout the City. Councilor Cadime emphasized that this individual has performed all assigned tasks with excellence and he will not support the resolution.

Councilor Camara stated that he understands the need to discuss how the City will address this matter in the future but stated that the current Director performs his tasks very well and the position doesn't need to be amended right now. Councilor Camara suggested that the resolution be amended so the discussion can be held in the Committee on Finance instead of the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism. Councilor Pereira stated that the resolution could be amended and that she agrees the current Director of Engineering and Planning is an excellent employee, but that she feels he is assigned too many tasks for one person.

On a motion made by Councilor Pereira and seconded by Councilor Camara, it was voted 4 yeas, 5 nays to amend the resolution by striking out, in the last paragraph, "the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism," and inserting in its place, "the Committee on Finance," with Councilors Camara, Canuel, Hart and Pereira voting in the affirmative, and the motion failed to carry.

On a further motion made by Councilor Pereira and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was voted 9 nays to adopt the resolution, and the motion failed to carry.

27. *City Council oppose the termination of the Superintendent of Fall River Public Schools without cause, and encourage the School Committee to allow for her continued tenure. Councilor Pereira stated that the City Council addressed a similar situation with the termination of the Superintendent of Fall River Public Schools in 2021, as there was cause for the termination request, and sent a formal letter requesting that Superintendent resign. Councilor Pereira stated that she submitted this resolution with the intention of supporting the current Superintendent, as there was no cause presented for her termination.*

Councilor Canuel stated that the City Council does not have the power to determine if the Superintendent should remain employed and expressed concern that this resolution would overstep the boundaries between the City Council and the School Committee. Councilor Raposo agreed and Councilor Peckham stated that the former Superintendent's termination in 2021 was a very different circumstance than the current matter. Councilor Peckham explained that in 2021, he received numerous phone calls from parents regarding the Superintendent whereas no communication has been received in relation to the current employee. Councilor Pereira stated that she had received calls from City residents who supported the current Superintendent which led to her filing of the resolution.

Vice President Dionne stated that she would not support the resolution and agreed that the situation in 2021 was very different. Vice President Dionne stated that this resolution is requesting that the City Council formally oppose the School Committee's power to remove the current Superintendent without cause. Vice President Dionne emphasized that the School Committee has the power to hire and terminate all employees within the Fall River School Department and the City Council cannot be in favor or opposition of decisions made appropriately within the School Committee's jurisdiction. Councilor Raposo emphasized that there has been discussion regarding litigation on this matter and recommended ending discussion of this matter.

Councilor Camara stated that he supports the current Superintendent and is unsure why the School Committee has discussed terminating her employment. Councilor Camara stated that he supports the resolution and opposes the potential termination of this individual without cause. Councilor Pereira suggested removing the term "formally" from the resolution and the City Council could send correspondence regarding the cost of terminating an active employee without cause.

Councilor Cadime emphasized that the Councilors who oppose the resolution are not in favor of expressing support or opposition to a decision that well within the School Committee's jurisdiction, and reiterated that the former Superintendent who was asked to resign had evidence of conflict throughout their tenure, leaving the City Council with no other option than to support the termination of their employment. Councilor Cadime stated that the current Superintendent's contract has a clause stating that the School Committee has the right to terminate their employment with or without cause. Councilor Cadime explained that he does not know the current Superintendent personally and he is not comfortable with the City Council expressing any opinion.

Councilor Hart explained that he was a School Committee member in 2021 when a former Superintendent was asked to resign and stated that this circumstance is very different. However, Councilor Hart expressed concern regarding the lack of transparency from the School Committee as to why they are considering the current Superintendent's termination and stated he is supportive of the resolution.

Vice President Dionne stated that there are multiple viewpoints related to this matter and the City Council should not comment on decisions that are outside of their jurisdiction. Vice President Dionne utilized audio from the Regular Meeting of the City Council held on February 23, 2021, during which Councilor Pereira emphasized that she was not comfortable expressing an opinion in relation to the termination of the Superintendent who served the City at the time. Councilor Camara emphasized that this discussion should not be interpreted as an investigation as to why the School Committee is considering the termination of the current Superintendent, and the resolution is suggesting expressing opposition to ending their contract with no reason being shared with the public.

A motion was made by Councilor Hart to move the previous question but there was no second.

Vice President Dionne stated all City Councilors are entitled to individual opinions, but the Councilors cannot rate the performance of School Department employees. Vice President Dionne also emphasized that the City Councilors do not know the purpose of the discussions to terminate the Superintendent, and that matter is under the purview of the School Committee.

Councilor Pereira reiterated that she felt strongly about this matter and wished to express her opposition to the termination of the Superintendent without cause and emphasized that removal of this leader within the School Department would have a negative effect on students and teachers. Councilor Camara stated that he is in support of the resolution and opposed to the School Committee's decision to consider terminating the Superintendent's contract.

Councilor Raposo expressed concern regarding potential litigation and stated that the School Committee and City Council should respect each other's powers as elected officials.

On a motion made by Councilor Hart and seconded by Councilor Camara, it was voted 3 yeas, 6 nays to adopt the resolution, with Councilors Camara, Hart and Pereira voting in the affirmative, and the motion failed to carry.

28. City Council requests a report of expenditures not related to veteran benefits paid through Veterans' Services accounts for Fiscal Years 2020 through 2024

A motion was made by Councilor Peckham and seconded by Councilor Raposo to adopt the resolution. Councilor Cadime stated that he filed this resolution to address numerous complaints he has received in relation to expenses of the Veterans' Services accounts over the years and his intention is to obtain all data related to these purchases. Councilor Cadime stated that this data would confirm that all expenses are related to anticipated products and services that were intended to be obtained by the budgetary funds. Councilor Cadime requested amending the resolution so the data could be collected from 2020 to 2026, instead of 2024.

On a motion made by Councilor Cadime and seconded by Councilor Camara, it was unanimously voted to amend the resolution by striking out, in all related areas of the resolution, "2020 through 2024," and inserting, in its place, "2020 through 2026." On a further motion made by Councilor Pereira and seconded by Councilor Camara, it was unanimously voted to adopt the resolution, as amended.

CITATIONS

29. Recognition of the following departments for their steadfast service to the City of Fall River in response to the July 13, 2025, Gabriel House Assisted Living Residences fire:
- a. Fall River Fire Department
 - b. Fall River Emergency Medical Services Department
 - c. Fall River Police Department
 - d. Fall River Emergency Management Agency

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

30. Matthew J. Kuss Middle School Boys Basketball Team – Winning the 2026 Fall River Boys Middle School Basketball City Championship

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

31. James Madison Morton Middle School Girls Basketball Team – Winning the Fall River Girls Middle School Basketball Championship for the 10th year in a row

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

32. Brian Bishop – Donating electrical services, materials and community outreach

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

33. Greg's Saturday Kitchen – 40 years of service to the residents of Fall River

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

34. Matt Medeiros – Development of the "Plowed?" application during the Blizzard of 2026

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

ORDERS – HEARINGS

Street Acceptance – Hearing to be scheduled for March 24, 2026, for:

35. Draper Street, extending southerly from Globe Mills Avenue to terminus and northerly from Globe Mills Avenue to terminus

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

ORDERS – MISCELLANEOUS

36. Auto Repair Shop License Renewals

Wilson Frank Elias d/b/a One Stop Auto Center Inc., 697 Pleasant Street
Antonio F. Garcia, A. Garcia, Inc. d/b/a Garcia Automotive, 127 Eastern Avenue
Antonio De Couto d/b/a Tony's Towing and Auto Repair, 69 Napoleon Street
Haissam Elazar, Haissam Elazar, Inc. d/b/a Joe's Gas and Auto Sales,
2608 South Main Street

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

Approved, March 13, 2026

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

37. Police Chief's report on licenses

Taxicab Drivers

Joseph D. Beauregard Kerry Kyle Johnson Joseph Pereira Betsy Tirado

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

COMMUNICATIONS – INVITATIONS – PETITIONS

38. Claims

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

39. Assistant Corporation Counsel Response to Open Meeting Law complaint filed by Patrick Higgins regarding January 27, 2026 alleged violation by the City Council and City Council President

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

40. Communication from city resident re: parking ticket appeal process
Councilor Raposo stated that he has received multiple emails from this resident and he is interested in discussing the matter further to determine if any changes are necessary within the City code in relation to the process of appealing a parking ticket. On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted that the communication be referred to the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation.

41. Drainlayer License – Communications Construction Group, LLC

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

Approved, March 13, 2026

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to take items 42 through 46 together.

42. Community Preservation Committee Minutes:
January 8, 2026 January 9, 2026 January 14, 2026 February 9, 2026
43. Planning Board Minutes – December 10, 2025
44. Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes – January 15, 2026

City Council Minutes

45. Committee on Finance – February 10, 2026
46. Regular Meeting of the City Council – February 10, 2026

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted that the minutes for the Community Preservation Committee, the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals be accepted and placed on file and the City Council minutes be approved.

BULLETINS – NEWSLETTERS – NOTICES

47. Notice of Casualty and Loss at 171 O'Grady Street
On a motion made by Councilor Peckham and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted that the notice be accepted and placed on file

ITEMS FILED AFTER THE AGENDA DEADLINE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE: MARCH 10, 2026

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Finance recommending:

Action

- 17a. Order – Appropriating \$750,000.00 from the Opioid Stabilization Fund to the Opioid Settlement Revolving Fund

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

President Ponte commended the City Council for addressing the many items on the agenda that were rescheduled due to the Blizzard of 2026.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Cadime, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:58 p.m.

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:

Agenda packet (attached)

Audio from the Regular Meeting of the City Council held on February 23, 2021

A true copy. Attest:



City Clerk

In City Council, April 14, 2026
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ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

MEETINGS SCHEDULED
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, ONE GOVERNMENT CENTER
MARCH 10, 2026
AGENDA

5:30 P.M. JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mayor Paul E. Coogan's State of the City Address

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

1. Citizen Input
2. *Five Year Financial Forecast (referred 2-10-2026)
3. *Order – Appropriating \$750,000.00 from the Opioid Stabilization Fund to the Opioid Settlement Revolving Fund (referred 2-10-2026)
4. Transfer and appropriation

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

PRESENTATION OF CITATIONS

- Family of the late Kathleen (Beaulieu) Castro – Honoring her commitment to improve the Greater Fall River area (adopted 1-13-2026)
- Mike Labossierre – Your dedication to the Fall River community for over 40 years and services that have improved the quality of life for all (adopted 1-13-2026)

PRIORITY MATTERS

1. *Mayor and request for confirmation of the reappointment of Ricky P. Sahady to the Zoning Board of Appeals
2. *Mayor and request for confirmation of the appointment of Sharon Jussaume to the Council on Aging
3. *Mayor and request for confirmation of the appointment of James Cusick to the Conservation Commission
4. *Mayor and request for confirmation of the appointment of John Brandt to the Conservation Commission
5. *Mayor and request to deliver State of the City address on March 10, 2026
6. *Mayor and request for a Joint Meeting of the City Council and the School Committee on April 14, 2026 re: development of FY2027 budget
7. *Mayor and proposed ordinance re: Salary amendments for the Director of Health and Human Services

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8. *Mayor and request for approval of the termination of Kyle Coletti as Constable
9. *Mayor and request from Purchasing Agent for City Council approval to conduct a public online auction for surplus property
10. *Mayor and grant order from Borderland Partners, LLC, in the amount of \$5,910.00 for completion of a community stroke risk factor and symptom awareness project, in collaboration with Brown University Health at Saint Anne's Hospital
11. *Mayor and appropriation of \$221,413.23 from EMS, Retained Earnings to EMS, Salaries

PRIORITY COMMUNICATIONS

12. *Administrator of Community Utilities request to postpone the submission date of the proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund Budgets due to the rescheduling of the Watuppa Water Board and Sewer Commission meetings following the recent snow storm
13. *Traffic Commission recommending amendments to the traffic ordinances

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Ordinances and Legislation recommending:

All readings with emergency preamble:

14. *Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, Handicapped parking
 - Bowen Street, West, 206 feet south of Slade Street
 - Cory Street, South, 101 feet east of Almy Street
 - Locust Street, North, 153 feet east of Linden Street
 - Montaup Street, West, 103 feet north of Globe Street
 - North Main Street, East, 189 feet south of Locust Street
 - Snell Street, North, 548 feet east of Lawrence Street
 - Tripp Street, West, 74 feet south of Charles Street
 - Woodman Street, North, 20 feet east of King Street

First Reading

15. *Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, Miscellaneous

Section 1.

Parking prohibited at all times (insert)

- Lindsey Street, East, from Cory Street to Brightman Street

Section 2

Parking prohibited at all times (strike out)

- Lindsey Street, East, from Ballard Street to Brightman Street

Section 3

Handicapped parking removals

- George Street, South, 146 feet west of Oregon Street
- Grove Street, West, 126 feet south of Walnut Street
- Oliver Street, North, 151 feet east of Broadway
- Pitman Street, East, 110 feet south of Webster Street

First Reading, as amended

16. *Proposed Ordinance – Salary amendments for the Commissioner of Municipal Buildings and Code Enforcement/Inspector of Buildings

17. Grant Leave to Withdraw

*Resolution – Convene with Corporation Counsel, the Fire Chief and the Director of Inspectional Services to discuss the creation of an ordinance that would impose stricter safety requirements and more frequent inspections of assisted-living facilities

ORDINANCES – None

RESOLUTIONS

18. *City Council urges Mayor, Senator Michael J. Rodrigues, and the entire Fall River State Legislative Delegation to advance and approve the terms and conditions set forth in House Bill H.4071, enabling the City of Fall River to develop the waterfront neighborhood to generate revenue and housing opportunities
19. *Committee on Finance and the Community Preservation Committee hold a joint meeting with the Administration to discuss upcoming priorities for Community Preservation Act funding categories and potential projects
20. *Committee on Economic Development and Tourism convene with the Administration's Event Resource Coordinator, Fall River Arts and Culture Commission, and Creative Arts Network, Inc., to discuss upcoming 2026 events
21. *Committee on Public Safety convene with the Administration, the Director of City Operations and a representative of the Fall River Police Department to discuss improving lighting downtown
22. *City Council send letter to Mayor requesting proposed ordinance for an "Act Relative to the Appointment of the Police Chief in the City of Fall River" and subsequent appointment of a Chief by September 30, 2026 under new Civil Service regulations
23. *Committee on Public Safety convene with the Administration, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Chief of Emergency Medical Services, Chief of Emergency Management Agency, the Administrator of Community Utilities, the Interim Director of the Department of Community Maintenance, the Director of City Operations and the Director of Traffic and Parking to discuss the development of a strategic emergency response plan
24. *Administration ensure present and future snow and ice removal payments are made within thirty (30) days of proper invoice submission and approval
25. *City Council submit a letter of support to the Massachusetts Senate and House of Representatives to urge the advancement and adoption of the Massachusetts Assisted Living Residences Commission Report to ensure increased safety for assisted living facility residents, staff and all first responders
26. *Committee on Economic Development and Tourism convene with the Administration to discuss the potential financial benefits of increased development within the City of Fall River that would result from the creation of a separate City Planner position
27. *City Council oppose the termination of the Superintendent of Fall River Public Schools without cause, and encourage the School Committee to allow for her continued tenure
28. *City Council requests a report of expenditures not related to veteran benefits paid through Veterans' Services accounts for Fiscal Years 2020 through 2024

CITATIONS

29. Recognition of the following departments for their steadfast service to the City of Fall River in response to the July 13, 2025, Gabriel House Assisted Living Residences fire:
 - a. Fall River Fire Department
 - b. Fall River Emergency Medical Services Department
 - c. Fall River Police Department
 - d. Fall River Emergency Management Agency
30. Matthew J. Kuss Middle School Boys Basketball Team – Winning the 2026 Fall River Boys Middle School Basketball City Championship

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31. James Madison Morton Middle School Girls Basketball Team – Winning the Fall River Girls Middle School Basketball Championship for the 10th year in a row
32. Brian Bishop – Donating electrical services, materials and community outreach
33. Greg's Saturday Kitchen – 40 years of service to the residents of Fall River
34. Matt Medeiros – Development of the "Plowed?" application during the Blizzard of 2026

ORDERS – HEARINGS

Street Acceptance – Hearing to be scheduled for March 24, 2026, for:

35. Draper Street, extending southerly from Globe Mills to terminus and northerly from Globe Mills Avenue to terminus

ORDERS – MISCELLANEOUS

36. Auto Repair Shop License Renewals
Wilson Frank Elias d/b/a One Stop Auto Center Inc., 697 Pleasant Street
Antonio F. Garcia, A. Garcia, Inc. d/b/a Garcia Automotive, 127 Eastern Avenue
Antonio De Couto d/b/a Tony's Towing and Auto Repair, 69 Napoleon Street
Haissam Elazar, Haissam Elazar, Inc. d/b/a Joe's Gas and Auto Sales,
2608 South Main Street
37. Police Chief's report on licenses
Taxicab Drivers
Joseph D. Beauregard Kerry Kyle Johnson Joseph Pereira Betsy Tirado

COMMUNICATIONS – INVITATIONS – PETITIONS

38. *Claims
39. *Assistant Corporation Counsel Response to Open Meeting Law complaint filed by Patrick Higgins regarding January 27, 2026 alleged violation by the City Council and City Council President
40. *Communication from city resident re: parking ticket appeal process
41. Drainlayer License – Communications Construction Group, LLC
42. Community Preservation Committee Minutes:
January 8, 2026 January 9, 2026 January 14, 2026 February 9, 2026
43. Planning Board Minutes – December 10, 2025
44. Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes – January 15, 2026
- City Council Minutes
45. *Committee on Finance – February 10, 2026
46. *Regular Meeting of the City Council – February 10, 2026

BULLETINS – NEWSLETTERS – NOTICES

47. *Notice of Casualty and Loss at 171 O'Grady Street

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Finance recommending:

Action

Order – Appropriating \$750,000.00 from the Opioid Stabilization Fund to the Opioid Settlement Revolving Fund

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PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

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February 18, 2026

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

Dear Council President and Members of the Honorable Council:

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

Name: Ricky P. Sahady

Address 4700 North Main Street
Unit 4G
Fall River, MA 02720

Position: Zoning Board of Appeals

Term: January 16, 2026

Expires: January 16, 2031

Sincerely,

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Mayor

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Dear Council President and Members of the Honorable Council:

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

Name: Sharon Jussaume

Address 38 Byron Street
Fall River, MA 02724

Position: Council on Aging

Term: February 18, 2026

Expires: February 18, 2029

Sincerely,

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March 5, 2026

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Dear Council President and Members of the Honorable Council:

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

Name: James Cusick

Address 1528 Highland Avenue
Fall River, MA 02720

Position: Conservation Commission

Term: March 5, 2026

Expires: March 4, 2029

Sincerely,

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March 5, 2026

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Dear Council President and Members of the Honorable Council:

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

Name: John Brandt

Address 116 Rock Street
Fall River, MA 02720

Position: Conservation Commission

Term: March 5, 2026

Expires: March 4, 2029

Sincerely,

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February 11, 2026

City Council President
Cliff Ponte
City of Fall River
One Government Center
Fall River, MA 02722

Dear Council President:

In accordance with Section 3-6(c) of the City of Fall River Charter the mayor shall in each year on or before the third Wednesday in March make an address to a joint meeting of the city council and school committee, and shall include the city's multiple member bodies, city officers and department heads, to report on the state of affairs of the city. I am respectfully requesting the ability to deliver the "State of the City" on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 5:30pm prior to start of your City Council meeting.

I ask for your consideration with this request and if additional information is needed, please contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

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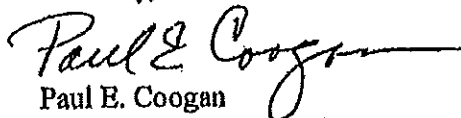
City Council President
Cliff Ponte
City of Fall River
One Government Center
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Dear Council President:

In accordance with Section 6-2 of the City of Fall River Charter at least 75 days before the beginning of the fiscal year, the mayor shall call a joint meeting of the city council and school committee, including the superintendent of schools, to review the fiscal and financial condition of the city. I am reaching out to suggest this Annual Budget Meeting be called at 5:00pm on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, prior to the start of the City Council meeting.

I ask for your consideration with this request and if additional information is needed, please contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely,


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February 13, 2026

The Honorable City Council
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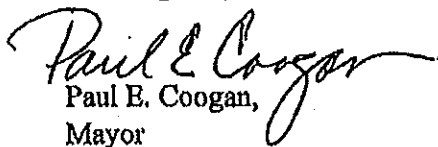
Re: Salary Schedule Updates – Sections 50-301

Dear Honorable Council Members:

Section 50-301 of the City of Fall River Ordinances includes the salary schedule for executive officers, department heads and non-union personnel. The attached request is to change the cap in ordinance for the Director of Health and Human Services.

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

Best Regards,


Paul E. Coogan,
Mayor

City of Fall River, *In City Council*

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

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

By striking out in Section 50-301, which section relates to the Salary schedules for executive officers, department heads and non-union personnel, the following:

Director of Health and Human Services	Grade HHS	Effective Date 7/1/2022	Not to exceed \$101,000.86
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and inserting in place thereof the following:

Director of Health and Human Services	Grade HHS	Effective Date 1/1/2026	Not to exceed \$120,000.00
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PAUL E. COOGAN
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CITY CLERK
FALL RIVER, MA

January 28, 2026

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

RE: Kyle Coletti
39 Hoover Street
Taunton, MA 02780
Constable License #38

Mr. President and Members of the Honorable Council:

In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 41 Section 91:

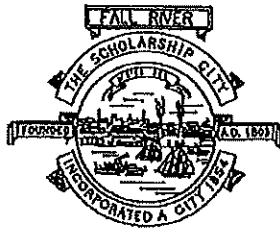
In a city in which the city council accepts this section, or has accepted corresponding provisions of earlier laws, constables shall be appointed by the mayor for terms not exceeding three years. The mayor may, with the consent of the board of aldermen, remove a constable from office for gross misconduct.

Police Chief Kelly Furtado recently recommended the termination of the appointment of Kyle Coletti as a constable for the City of Fall River. This request was in regard to Mr. Coletti not being deemed a suitable person to be a licensed constable in the City. I am requesting your confirmation for the revocation of his constable license.

Thank you for your favorable consideration in this regard.

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

CC: Ines Leite, City Clerk
Kelly Furtado, Chief of Police
Lt. Matthew Mendes, Office of Professional Standards
Det. Faith Amaral, FRPD



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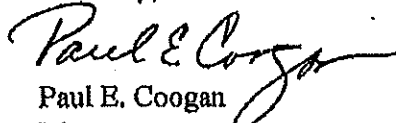
Council President
Members of the Honorable Council
City of Fall River
One Government Center
Fall River, MA 02722

Dear Council President and Members of the Honorable Council,

Attached please find a letter from Purchasing Agent, Trevor Coelho, requesting Council approval to conduct a public online auction for Surplus Property pursuant to Chapter 2, Administration, Article VIII, Public Property, Section 2-972.

We would appreciate your every consideration with this request. Thank you.

Sincerely,


Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

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PURCHASING
CITY OF FALL RIVER

February 19, 2028

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

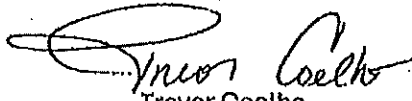
Dear Honorable Mayor Coogan,

Pursuant to Chapter 2. Administration, ARTICLE VIII. Public Property, § 2-972. Surplus Property, I seek your assistance with soliciting Council approval to conduct a public online auction to aid in the disposal of the decommissioned vehicles and equipment being stored across several Citywide departments, including Fire, Police, Library, Collectors, Council on Aging, and City Clerk. Please see the listing on the attached breakdown. This will be facilitated through our continued partnership with Gov Deals. In my capacity as Purchasing Agent, I will coordinate this effort in conjunction with Al Oliverira, Director of City Operations.

These vehicles are decommissioned due to either major accidents, older vehicles with higher mileage with mechanical issues, or repairs that prohibit them from passing inspections. In the case of any operational vehicles, the cost of repairs is too costly for a continued investment. Any emergency equipment or Fall River specific identifiers will be removed or made indiscernible prior to the auction process. An inspection of any/all vehicles or equipment being auctioned can be accommodated upon request. The equipment is no longer of use to the departments and there is no interdepartmental interest in these vehicles or equipment. The estimated value is under \$10,000.00 for each item. Auction proceeds would be considered General Fund miscellaneous revenue.

§ 2-972 Surplus Property; Surplus property determined by the Purchasing Agent to be no longer useful for any municipal purpose shall be sold or disposed of under such terms and conditions as the City Council shall by order determine. Surplus property, which is not bid on or claimed within a reasonable amount of time may be disposed of by the Purchasing Agent in a manner he deems to be in the best interest of the City, with documentation.

Thank you,


Trevor Coelho
Purchasing Agent

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Inventory ID	Description	Long Description	VIN/Serial	Meter Count	Meter	Meter Accurate	Location Name	Make/Brand	Model	Title Restriction
Collector 001	Logic Series Desk Chair	Logic Series Desk Chair Moves down slowly		0			Fall River, MA			Not Applicable
City Clerk 001	A Lot of (2) Intuit Model Cash Drawers	SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS A Lot of (2) Intuit Model Cash Drawers Key Included		0			Fall River, MA	Intuit	2251M151642	Not Applicable
City Clerk 002	Paper Cutter Guillotine	SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS Paper Cutter Guillotine		0			Fall River, MA	Wilton Bradley		Not Applicable
City Clerk 003	Cash Drawer Insert	SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS Cash Drawer Insert		0			Fall River, MA			Not Applicable
City Council 001	Typewriter	SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS Typewriter Working Condition		0			Fall River, MA	Nakajima A-740		Not Applicable
City Council 002	Typewriter (Not Operable)	SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS Typewriter Not Working		0			Fall River, MA	Nakajima A-740		Not Applicable
Library 001	Desk	SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS Desk 42" x 30"		0			104 N Main St			Not Applicable
Library 002	Desk Chair	SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS Desk Chair Poor Condition Tacostratus Arm Sleeves Included		0			104 N Main St			Not Applicable
Library 003	Charging Station	SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS Charging Station	4770205240500257	0			104 N Main St		CS	Not Applicable

Library 004	A Lot of (6) Computer Monitors	A Lot of (6) Computer Monitors 5 Dell 1 Seagate SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS		0			104 N Main St			Not Applicable
Library 005	A Lot of (2) Dell Computers	A Lot of (2) Dell Computers SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS		0			104 N Main St			Not Applicable
Library 006	Snack Vending Machine	Snack Vending Machine Operable SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS		0			104 N Main St			Not Applicable
Library 007	Drink Vending Machine	Drink Vending Machine Operable SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS		0			104 N Main St			Not Applicable
PD 438	2010 Chevrolet Impala	2010 Chevrolet Impala SEDAN 4-DR, 3.9L V6 OHV 16V FMY. Last Known Mileage: 51,525 Starts/Runs with a jump MUST BE TOWED OFF THE LOT SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS	2G1WDSEVMJ147109	51525 Miles	Yes		Fall River Police Department	Chevrolet	Impala	Clean Title
PD 002	2007 Dodge Charger	2007 Dodge Charger SEDAN 4-DR, 2.7L V6 DOHC 24V. Last Known Mileage: Starts/Runs with a jump MUST BE TOWED OFF THE LOT SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS	2B8KA48R071820626	0 Miles	Unknown		Fall River Police Department	Dodge	Charger	Clean Title

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PD 459	2011 Chevrolet Caprice	2011 Chevrolet Caprice SEDAN 4-DR, 6.0L V8 FV. Last Known Mileage: 131,868 Starts/Runs with a jump MUST BE TOWED OFF THE LOT SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS	6G1MST7Z6L50 S51	131,868 Miles	Yes	Full River Police Department	Chevrolet	Caprice	Clean Title
PD 371	2007 Ford Fusion	2007 Ford Fusion SEDAN 4-DR, 2.3L I4 DOHC 16V. Last Known Mileage: 109,994 Starts/Runs with a jump MUST BE TOWED OFF THE LOT SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS	3FAHP07Z7R140 S31	109,934 Miles	Unknown	Full River Police Department	Ford	Fusion	Clean Title
PD 416	2010 Ford Fusion	2010 Ford Fusion SEDAN 4-DR, 2.5L I4 DOHC 16V. Last Known Mileage: 105,349 Starts/Runs with a jump MUST BE TOWED OFF THE LOT SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS	3FAHP0H46AR290 814	105,349 Miles	Unknown	Full River Police Department	Ford	Fusion	Clean Title
PD 370	2007 Ford Fusion	2007 Ford Fusion SEDAN 4-DR, 2.3L I4 DOHC 16V. Last Known Mileage: 108,282 Starts/Runs with a jump MUST BE TOWED OFF THE LOT SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS	3FAHP07Z7R140 S30	108,282 Miles	Yes	Full River Police Department	Ford	Fusion	Clean Title

PD 447	2011 Chevrolet Caprice	2011 Chevrolet Caprice SEDAN 4-DR, 6.0L V8 FV4. Last Known Mileage: 117,206. Starts/Runs with a jump MUST BE TOWED OFF THE LOT SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS	6G1MK5T2A81548 778	117206 Miles	Yes	Fall River Police Department	Chevrolet	Caprice	Clean Title
PD 475	2014 Ford Explorer	2014 Ford Explorer SPORT UTILITY 4-DR, 3.7L V6 DOHC 24V. Last Known Mileage: 164,674 Starts/Runs with a jump MUST BE TOWED OFF THE LOT SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS	1FMSK8AR8GAL 8802	164674 Miles	No	Fall River Police Department	Ford	Explorer	Clean Title
PD 485	2011 Ford Expedition	2011 Ford Expedition SPORT UTILITY 4-DR, 5.4L V8 SOHC 16V FV4. Last Known Mileage: 55,987 Police Lights will be removed Starts/Runs with a jump MUST BE TOWED OFF THE LOT SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS	1FMAUUGS48E532 575	55987 Miles	Yes	Fall River Police Department	Ford	Expedition	Clean Title
PD 437	2010 Chevrolet Impala	2010 Chevrolet Impala SEDAN 4-DR, 3.9L V6 OHV 16V FV4. Last Known Mileage: 55,901 Starts/Runs with a jump MUST BE TOWED OFF THE LOT SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS	2G1WD5BMSA14 7615	55901 Miles	Yes	Fall River Police Department	Chevrolet	Impala	Clean Title

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PD 440	2010 Ford F-150	2010 Ford F-150 EXTENDED CAB PICKUP 4-DR, 5.4L V8 SOHC 24V FRY, Last Known Mileage: 230,600 Blown Motor MUST BE TOWED OFF THE LOT SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS	1FTV00E164AK328 SBS	230600	Miles	Unknown	Fall River Police Department	Ford	F-150	Clean Title
Police 001	A Lot of (Approximately 29) Powerheart G3 Plus AEDs	A Lot of (Approximately 29) Powerheart G3 Plus AEDs Approximately 29 Comes with cases (as shown) AED Trainer Included SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS		0			Fall River Police Department	Cardiac Science	Powerheart G3	Not Applicable
Police 002	A Lot of (5) Phantom Handheld Radars	A Lot of (5) Phantom Handheld Radars SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS		0			Fall River Police Department	Phantom		Not Applicable
Police 003	A Lot of (2) ProLaser III Infrared Lidar Radars	A Lot of (2) ProLaser III Infrared Lidar Radars Cases and contents inside included SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS		0			Fall River Police Department	ProLaser		Not Applicable
Police 004	New World Tint Meter	New World Tint Meter SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS		0			Fall River Police Department	Pocket Detective 2.1		Not Applicable
Police 005	Quest Sound Level Meter	Quest Sound Level Meter SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS		0			Fall River Police Department	Quest		Not Applicable
Police 006	Lifeloc FC20 Portable Breath Test	Lifeloc FC20 Portable Breath Test SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS		0			Fall River Police Department	Lifeloc	FC20	Not Applicable
Police 007	A Lot of (5) Motorola Commport Mics	A Lot of (5) Motorola Commport Mics SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS		0			Fall River Police Department	Motorola	Commport	Not Applicable

Police 008	A Lot of (3) Talon II Handheld Radars w/ chargers	A Lot of (3) Talon II Handheld Radars w/ chargers This lot includes (3) Talon II Radars (4) Chargers (3) Remotes SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS	0		Fall River Police Department	Talon	Talon II	Not Applicable
Police 009	A Lot of (2) Talon Handheld Radars w/ chargers	A Lot of (2) Talon Handheld Radars w/ chargers This lot includes: (2) Talon Radars (2) Chargers SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS	0		Fall River Police Department	Talon		Not Applicable
Police 010	Custom Signal Eagle Plus Vehicle Mounted Radar	Custom Signal Eagle Plus Vehicle Mounted Radar SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS	0		Fall River Police Department	Eagle		Not Applicable
Police 011	A Lot of (12) Tuning Forks	A Lot of (12) Tuning Forks SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS	0		Fall River Police Department			Not Applicable
Police 012	Laser Labs TM200 Tint Meter	Laser Labs TM200 Tint Meter SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS	0		Fall River Police Department	Laser Labs	TM200	Not Applicable
Central Station 001	A Lot of (Approximately 100) Interspiro SCBA Tanks	A Lot of (Approximately 100) Interspiro SCBA Tanks SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS	0		Center Station			Not Applicable
Central Station 002	A Lot of (Approx. 60) Wiring Harnesses	A Lot of (Approx. 60) Wiring Harnesses SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS	0		Center Station	Interspiro		Not Applicable
Central Station 003	A Lot of (Approximately 150) SCBA Masks/Hoods	A Lot of (Approximately 150) SCBA Masks/Hoods SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS	0		Center Station	Interspiro		Not Applicable
Central Station 004	Scrap Pile	Scrap Pile SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS	0		Center Station			Not Applicable

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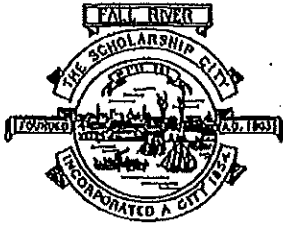
Central Station 005	A Lot of (2) Dell Computer Monitors	A Lot of (2) Dell Computer Monitors	0			Center Station	Dell		Not Applicable
Central Station 006	Dell Desktop Tower	Dell Desktop Tower	0			Center Station	Dell		Not Applicable
Central Station 007	Boiler Scrap Pile	Boiler Scrap Pile	0			Center Station			Not Applicable
Central Station 008	A Lot of (Approximately 20) Aluminum Window Screens	A Lot of (Approximately 20) Aluminum Window Screens	0			Center Station			Not Applicable
Central Station 009	A Lot of Wood Shelving and Ladder Units	A Lot of Wood Shelving and Ladder Units	0			Center Station			Not Applicable
Central Station 010	A Lot of (2) Collapsible Soft Hoses	A Lot of (2) Collapsible Soft Hoses	0			Center Station			Not Applicable
Central Station 011	Approx. 200 Feet of 3/4" Booster Hose	Approx. 200 Feet of 3/4" Booster Hose	0			Center Station			Not Applicable
Central Station 012	A Lot of (4) Ferro Backboards	A Lot of (4) Ferro Backboards	0			Center Station			Not Applicable
FDHQ 001	35 Gallon Oil Collection Drum	35 Gallon Oil Collection Drum	0			FIRE HEADQUARTERS			Not Applicable
FDHQ 002	Homelite 3500 Watt Generator	Homelite 3500 Watt Generator	0			FIRE HEADQUARTERS	Homelite	176435 IC	Not Applicable
FDHQ 003	55 Gallon Drum	55 Gallon Drum	0			FIRE HEADQUARTERS			Not Applicable
FDHQ 004	A lot of (6) Flood Pumps	A lot of (6) Flood Pumps	0			Fall River Police Department			Not Applicable
FDHQ 005	A lot of (2) Hurst Hydraulic Spreaders	A lot of (2) Hurst Hydraulic Spreaders	0			FIRE HEADQUARTERS			Not Applicable
FDHQ 006	A Lot of (2) Blitz Fire Master Streams	A Lot of (2) Blitz Fire Master Streams	0			FIRE HEADQUARTERS			Not Applicable
FDHQ 007	A Lot of (8) Stamese	A Lot of (8) Stamese	0			FIRE HEADQUARTERS			Not Applicable

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FDHQ 008	A Lot of (2) WYES	A Lot of (2) WYES.		0			FIRE HEADQUARTERS		Not Applicable
FDHQ 009	A Lot of (2) Hand Nozzles	SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS A Lot of (2) Hand Nozzles		0			FIRE HEADQUARTERS		Not Applicable
FDHQ 010	1 Smooth Bore Nozzle w/ 4 Tips	SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS 1 Smooth Bore Nozzle w/ 4 Tips		0			FIRE HEADQUARTERS		Not Applicable
FDHQ 011	A Lot of (3) Printers	SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS A Lot of (3) Printers		0			FIRE HEADQUARTERS		Not Applicable
FDHQ 012	Cutters Edge Chainsaw	SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS Cutters Edge Chainsaw		0			FIRE HEADQUARTERS	2360575	Not Applicable
FDHQ 013	A Lot of (4) Telescoping Lights	SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS A Lot of (4) Telescoping Lights		0			FIRE HEADQUARTERS		Not Applicable
FDHQ 014	Bariatric Wheel Chair	SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS Bariatric Wheel Chair		0			FIRE HEADQUARTERS		Not Applicable
FDHQ 015	Stretcher	SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS Stretcher		0			FIRE HEADQUARTERS		Not Applicable
FDHQ 016	A Lot of (2) Office/Conference Room Chairs	SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS A Lot of (2) Office/Conference Room Chairs		0			FIRE HEADQUARTERS		Not Applicable
Senior Center 001	Pool Table	SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS Pool Table Curtes and Pool Balls Included		0			550 Tucker St		Not Applicable
		SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS							

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Inventory ID	Description	Long Description	VIN/Serial	Meter Count	Meter	Meter Accurate	Location Name	Make/Brand	Model	Title Restriction
Central Station 013	Booster Hose	Booster Hose		0			Center Station			Not Applicable
FDHQ 017	A Lot of (2) Strykers	SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS A Lot of (2) Strykers		0			FIRE HEADQUARTERS			Not Applicable
FDHQ 018	A Lot of (Approx. 11) Kenwood Radio Chargers	SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS A Lot of (Approx. 11) Kenwood Radio Chargers		0			FIRE HEADQUARTERS			Not Applicable
FDHQ 019	A Lot of (8) Wix Air Filters (Part #46870)	SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS A Lot of (8) Wix Air Filters (Part #46870)		0			FIRE HEADQUARTERS	Wix	Part #46870	Not Applicable
FDHQ 020	A Lot of (2) Wix Air Filters (Part #4253)	SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS A Lot of (2) Wix Air Filters (Part #4253)		0			FIRE HEADQUARTERS			Not Applicable
FDHQ 021	Wix Air Filter (Part# 46281)	Wix Air Filter (Part# 46281)		0			FIRE HEADQUARTERS			Not Applicable
FDHQ 022	A Lot of ALAX Cleaning Products	SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS A Lot of ALAX Cleaning Products		0			FIRE HEADQUARTERS			Not Applicable
FDHQ 023	A Lot of Miscellaneous Binders	SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS A Lot of Miscellaneous Binders		0			FIRE HEADQUARTERS			Not Applicable
FDHQ 024	A Lot of (4) Metal Desks	SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS A Lot of (4) Metal Desks		0			FIRE HEADQUARTERS			Not Applicable
FDHQ 025	A Lot of Various Wix Air Filter Products	SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS A Lot of Various Wix Air Filter Products		0			FIRE HEADQUARTERS	Wix		Not Applicable
FDHQ 026	A Lot of Misc Alternators/Starters	SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS A Lot of Misc Alternators/Starters		0			FIRE HEADQUARTERS			Not Applicable
FDHQ 027	Right Angle Rechargeable Flashlights	SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS Right Angle Rechargeable Flashlights Comes with Chargers No Batteries SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS		0			FIRE HEADQUARTERS			Not Applicable



PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

City of Fall River
Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor

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FALL RIVER, MA

February 19, 2026

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

Council President and Members of the Honorable Council,

Please find the following grant awards, which the City has been notified of, for your consideration and formal acceptance.

- (1) Borderland Partners, LLC in the amount of \$5,910.00 – for the completion of a community stroke risk factor and symptom awareness project in collaboration with Brown University Health at Saint Anne's Hospital

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

City of Fall River, In City Council

ORDER:

The City of Fall River was awarded a grant from Borderland Partners, LLC in the amount of \$5,910.00 with a duration of February 27, 2026 to July 30, 2026. This grant would fund a collaboration between Fall River Emergency Medical Services and Brown University Health at Saint Anne's Hospital to help raise awareness of stroke risk factors and symptoms in the Fall River community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT VOTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: That the Mayor be and is hereby authorized in the name of the City of Fall River to accept and expend a Grant from Borderland Partners, LLC in the amount of \$5,910.00 to increase public awareness of stroke risk factors and symptoms.

BE IT FURTHER VOTED: That the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fall River, be and hereby is, authorized to execute any and all documents necessary in connection with said grant from Borderland Partners, LLC, including the expenditure thereof.



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CITY OF FALL RIVER

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February 19, 2026

City of Fall River
Honorable Mayor Coogan
1 Government Center
Fall River, MA

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Fall River Emergency Medical Services has received a grant award for \$5,910.00 dollars. We respectfully request permission to accept this award.

This grant award was for a Stroke Community Awareness Collaboration Project, our partner in this project is Brown University Health.

Respectfully,

Bethann Faunce, Chief
Bethann Faunce, Chief
Emergency Medical Services



PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

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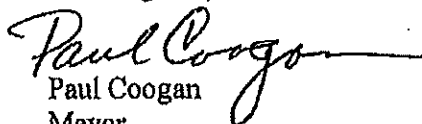
Déar Honorable Council Members:

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

1. \$221,413.23 That the sum of \$221,413.23 be, and the same is, hereby appropriated to BMS, SALARIES from EMS, RETAINED EARNINGS.

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

Best Regards,


Paul Coogan
Mayor

City of Fall River, *In City Council*

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February 24, 2026

ORDERED:

That the sum of \$221,413.23 be, and the same is, hereby transferred to EMS,
Salaries from FY25 EMS Retained Earnings:

FY25 EMS Retained Earnings

\$221,413.23



**EMERGENCY
MEDICAL SERVICES**
CITY OF FALL RIVER

February 19, 2026

City of Fall River
Honorable Mayor Coogan
1 Government Center
Fall River, MA

I am respectfully requesting a transfer of \$221,413.23, appropriation for the completion of the FLSA complaint.

Respectfully,

Bethann Faunce, Chief

Bethann Faunce, Chief
Emergency Medical Services



HUMAN RESOURCES
CITY OF FALL RIVER

February 19, 2026

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

Re: U.S. Department of Labor, Wage & Hour Division Audit

Dear Mr. Mayor:

On September 3, 2025 the United States Department of Labor Wage & Hour Division requested payroll information for the Emergency Medical Services Division for the period of September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2025. After meeting with an investigator from the Wage & Hour Division, we now understand that BMS employees scheduled to work 42 hours in a regular work week are not exempt from overtime for the additional 2 hours per week. BMS employees would need to be actively engaged in fire suppression or prevention to be exempt from the FLSA overtime regulations. EMS has never been engaged in fire suppression or prevention so their schedule has not been compliant with the FLSA since the 10/14 hour schedule began, prior to 1990, and continued when the schedule changed to 24 hours in 2019.

Chief Faunce and her staff worked with the investigator to ensure the investigator's findings were accurate. After several months of scrutinization, the City agrees that we are responsible for payment of \$221,413.23 in back wages to 133 employees which needs to be issued through regular payroll. My understanding is that Chief Faunce will need to request a transfer in order to issue payment. We are legally obligated to pay these wages; and each employee, or former employee, will be required to sign an acknowledgement form.

We are addressing how to correct this issue with the Union and anticipate processing one additional payment for wages post September 1, 2025 when their contract is ratified. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

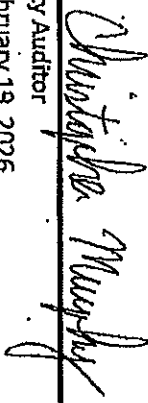
Nick MacCollini
Director of Human Resources

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FY26 Appropriation/Transfer Number Analysis

Line	Original/Revised Appropriation	Amount Transferred	Adjusted Balance
EMS, Retained Earnings	\$ 794,488.00	\$ (221,413.23)	\$ 573,074.77
EMS, Salaries	\$ 9,895,346.00	\$ 221,413.23	\$ 10,116,759.23

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



City Auditor
February 19, 2026



**COMMUNITY UTILITIES -
WATER - SEWER**
CITY OF FALL RIVER



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March 5, 2026

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

RE: FY27 Budget Submission
Water and Sewer Divisions

Dear Members of the City Council:

The FY27 Budget for water and sewer was completed and prepared in time for the typical March 4th deadline. With the Blizzard that impacted the city with closures last week the Watuppa Water Board and Sewer Commission were unable to reschedule and repost the meeting for review and action of the FY 27 Budget.

Those meeting were rescheduled for this week and the budget will be ready to be given to the City Council prior to March 11, 2026.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

Paul J. Ferland EIT
Administrator of Community Utilities

CC:
Paul E Coogan, Mayor
Emily Aprke, CFO

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FALL RIVER, MA

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Traffic & Parking Division



Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

March 3, 2026

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

Honorable Council Members:

At a meeting of the Traffic Board Commission held on Wednesday, February 18, 2026 the following request met all the guidelines, requirements and was approved by the Traffic Commission Board.

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

Article: 70
Section: 387

HANDICAP PARKING

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following:

INSERT

Name of Street	Side	Location
Osborn Street	North	Starting at a point 20 feet East of Brown Street. For a distance of 20 feet East.

Very truly yours,


Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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FALL RIVER, MA

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Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

February 19, 2026

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, February 18, 2026 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
Barnes Street	South	Starting at a point 322 feet West of County St. For a distance of 20 feet Westerly.

Very truly yours,


Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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Mayor

Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

February 19, 2026

The Honorable City Council
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Fall River, MA 02722

Honorable Council Members:

At a meeting of the Traffic Board Commission held on Wednesday, February 18, 2026 the following request was heard and approved by the Traffic Commission.

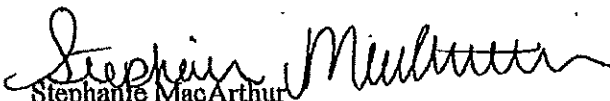
That Chapter 70 of Revised Ordinances be amended in the following Section:

Article: 70
Section: 387 Handicapped Parking

By striking out in proper alphabetical order the following.

Name of Street	Side	Location
Hunter Street	East	Starting at a point 184 feet South of William Street. For a distance of 20 feet South.

Very truly yours,


Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

One Government Center Fall River, MA 02722
TEL: (508) 324-2123 FAX (508) 324-2578 EMAIL Smacarthur@fallriverma.gov

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Mayor

Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

February 19, 2026

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, February 18, 2026 the following request was heard and approved by the Traffic Commission.

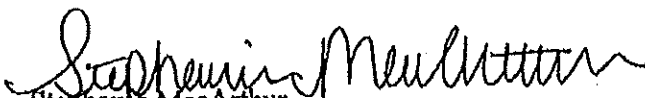
That Chapter 70 of Revised Ordinances be amended in the following Section:

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

By striking out in proper alphabetical order the following.

Name of Street	Side	Location
Seabury Street	West	Starting at a point 104 feet North of Bank St. For a distance of 20 feet North.

Very truly yours,


Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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Mayor

Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

February 19, 2026

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, February 18, 2026 the following request was heard and approved by the Traffic Commission.

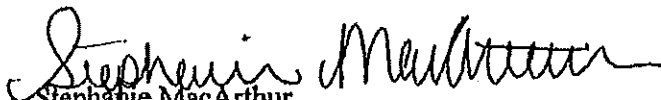
That Chapter 70 of Revised Ordinances be amended in the following Section:

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

By striking out in proper alphabetical order the following.

Name of Street	Side	Location
Sprague Street	North	Starting at a point 257 feet East of Bay St. For a distance of 20 feet East.

Very truly yours,


Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

February 19, 2026

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, February 18, 2026 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**

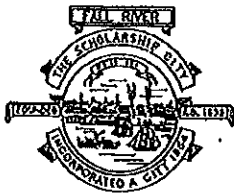
By striking out in proper alphabetical order the following.

Name of Street	Side	Location
Tuttle Street	East	Starting at a point 64 feet South of Dwelly Street. For a distance of 20 feet South.

Very truly yours,

Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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Mayor

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Stephanie MacArthur
Parking Clerk

February 20, 2026.

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FALL RIVER, MA

**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, January 21, 2026 the following request met all the guidelines, requirements and was approved by the Traffic Commission Board.

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

Article: 70
Section: 376

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following.

INSERT

Name of Street	Side	Location	Hours/Days
Pleasant Street	South	Starting at a point 64 feet East of Cash Street for a Distance of 40 feet east	2 Hour Parking Only Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Carmen Fashions
1415 Pleasant Street
Fall River MA 02723

Very truly yours,


Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic and Parking

One Government Center - Room 234 - Fall River, MA 02722
Tel: (508) 324-2123 Fax: (508) 324-2578

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CITY OF FALL RIVER

To the City Council

Councillors:

The Committee on Ordinances and Legislation, at a meeting held on March 3, 2026, voted unanimously to recommend the accompanying proposed ordinance, accompanied by an emergency preamble, be passed through first reading, second reading, passed to be enrolled and passed to be ordained.


Clerk of Committees

EMERGENCY PREAMBLE

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

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

City of Fall River, *In City Council*

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

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

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

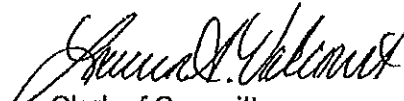
Name of Street	Side	Location
Bowen Street	West	Starting at a point 206 feet south of Slade Street, for a distance of 20 feet southerly
Cory Street	South	Starting at a point 101 feet east of Almy Street, for a distance of 20 feet easterly
Locust Street	North	Starting at a point 153 feet east of Linden Street, for a distance of 20 feet easterly
Montaup Street	West	Starting at a point 103 feet north of Globe Street, for a distance of 20 feet northerly
North Main Street	East	Starting at a point 189 feet south of Locust Street, for a distance of 20 feet southerly
Snell Street	North	Starting at a point 548 feet east of Lawrence Street, for a distance of 20 feet easterly
Tripp Street	West	Starting at a point 74 feet south of Charles Street, for a distance of 20 feet southerly
Woodman Street	North	Starting at a point 20 feet east of King Street, for a distance of 20 feet easterly

CITY OF FALL RIVER

To the City Council

Councillors:

The Committee on Ordinances and Legislation, at a meeting held on March 3, 2026, voted unanimously to recommend that the accompanying proposed ordinance be passed through first reading.


Clerk of Committees

City of Fall River, *In City Council*

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

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

Section 1

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

Name of Street	Side	Location
Lindsey Street	East	From Cory Street to Brightman Street

Section 2

By striking out in Section 70-371, which section relates to parking prohibited at all times, the following:

Name of Street	Side	Location
Lindsey Street	East	From Ballard Street to Brightman Street

Section 3

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

Name of Street	Side	Location
George Street	South	Starting at a point 146 feet west of Oregon Street, for a distance of 20 feet westerly
Grove Street	West	Starting at a point 126 feet south of Walnut Street, for a distance of 20 feet southerly
Oliver Street	North	Starting at a point 151 feet east of Broadway, for a distance of 20 feet easterly
Pitman Street	East	Starting at a point 110 feet south of Webster Street, for a distance of 20 feet southerly

CITY OF FALL RIVER

To the City Council

Councillors:

The Committee on Ordinances and Legislation, at a meeting held on March 3, 2026, voted unanimously to recommend that the accompanying proposed ordinance be passed through first reading, as amended.


Clerk of Committees

City of Fall River, *In City Council*

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

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

By striking out in Section 50-301, which section relates to Salary schedules for executive officers, department heads and non-union personnel, the following:

Director of Municipal Buildings and Code Enforcement/Inspector of Buildings	Grade DOMB	Effective Date 7/1/2022	Not to exceed \$100,723.61
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and inserting in place thereof the following:

Commissioner of Municipal Buildings and Code Enforcement/Inspector of Buildings	Grade DOMB	Effective Date 1/1/2026	Not to exceed \$120,000.00
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CITY OF FALL RIVER

To the City Council

Councillors:

The Committee on Ordinances and Legislation, at a meeting held on March 3, 2026, voted unanimously to recommend that the accompanying resolution be granted leave to withdraw.


Clerk of Committees

City of Fall River, *In City Council*

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(Vice President Linda M. Pereira)

WHEREAS, the recent Gabriel House Assisted-Living Facility fire was a tragic event for all within the Fall River community, including residents, family members and first responders, and

WHEREAS, this devastating occurrence has brought to light the significant differences of inspection and emergency procedure regulations for assisted-living facilities versus those applied to long-term care facilities, which are much more frequent and detailed within Massachusetts General Laws, and

WHEREAS, stricter regulations for assisted-living facilities, such as more frequent safety-related inspections from various government and private entities, could assist with emergency response time, evacuation protocols and adequate assistance for those who have mobility-related disabilities, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation convene with Corporation Counsel, the Fire Chief and the Director of Inspectional Services to discuss the creation of an ordinance to impose stricter requirements for various types of inspections and emergency procedures for assisted-living facilities within the City of Fall River.

In City Council, August 12, 2025
Adopted.

A true copy. Attest:

Alison M. Bruchard

City Clerk

City of Fall River, In City Council

(Councillor Shawn E. Cadlme and President Cliff A. Ponte)

WHEREAS, In 2001 the City of Fall River and the Fall River Office of Economic Development commissioned a waterfront Master Plan by Land Design Research, and

WHEREAS, the report recommended pursuing state and federal support to enhance the waterfront area, including streetscape improvements along Davol, Water, and Anawan Streets; revitalization of the Fall River City Pier; restoration of commuter rail service with a waterfront terminal; removal of the Route 196 "spaghetti ramps"; and removal of the elevated Route 79 highway to support housing, commercial, and service-sector development, and

WHEREAS, the City of Fall River has actively pursued these recommendations by securing state and federal funding to improve waterfront access and redevelopment opportunities, and

WHEREAS, the Fall River Redevelopment Authority commissioned the Davol Street Corridor Master Plan in January 2024, which, after public input, proposes approximately two million square feet of development, including 1,480 residential units, 61,000 square feet of retail, restaurant, and commercial space, 2,200 parking spaces, and an estimated \$1 billion in private investment, and

WHEREAS, Massachusetts Bill House No. 4071 authorizes the conveyance of land formerly used for highway purposes to the Fall River Redevelopment Authority for economic development uses, including residential, retail, and commercial development, and

WHEREAS, the conveyance requires the Fall River Redevelopment Authority to remit 50 percent of the fair-market value of each parcel sold or leased over a ten-year period to the Commonwealth, and

WHEREAS, the Fall River Redevelopment Authority will reinvest all their proceeds from the sale or lease of each parcel over the same ten-year period into the Waterfront Transit-Oriented District and elsewhere in the City to support economic development, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council urges Mayor Paul E. Coogan, Senator Michael J. Rodrigues, and the entire Fall River State Legislative Delegation to work collaboratively, and proactively, to advance and approve the terms and conditions set forth in H.4071, enabling the City of Fall River to realize the full residential, commercial, and economic development potential of its waterfront and to generate significant new economic development revenues, property tax revenues and housing opportunities.

(Filed 2-6-2026)

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City of Fall River, In City Council

(Councillor Shawn E. Cadime)

WHEREAS, the Community Preservation Act (M.G.L. c. 44B) provides a dedicated funding source to support community housing, open space, historic preservation, and recreation projects, and

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) each play important and complementary roles in the review, prioritization, and appropriation of CPA-funded projects, and

WHEREAS, coordination between the CPC and the City Council is beneficial to ensure shared understanding of funding priorities, project readiness, and long-term fiscal planning, now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee on Finance and the Community Preservation Committee hold a joint meeting with the Administration to discuss upcoming priorities for Community Preservation Act funding categories and potential projects.

(Filed 2-8-2020)

City of Fall River, In City Council

(Councillor Linda M. Perelra)

WHEREAS, organizations such as the Fall River Arts and Culture Commission, Creative Arts Network, Inc. and various other community groups host various types of events, festivals and celebrations, and

WHEREAS, these events are attended by residents, visitors and business owners of the City of Fall River and help with economic development and tourism revenue within the community, and

WHEREAS, neighborhood engagement has a positive impact on the Greater Fall River area and the efforts of these organizations should be admired and supported, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism convene with the Administration's Event Resource Coordinator, representatives of the Fall River Arts and Culture Commission and representatives from the Creative Arts Network, Inc., to discuss upcoming events that are scheduled within the City of Fall River for the upcoming calendar year.

(Filed 2-17-2026)

City of Fall River, In City Council

(Councillor Christopher M. Peckham, Sr.)

WHEREAS, it has been observed that street lighting throughout the City, particularly in the downtown district, is extremely low and inadequate, and

WHEREAS, insufficient street lighting creates significant safety hazards for pedestrians and vehicular traffic by reducing visibility and increasing the risk of accidents, and

WHEREAS, such conditions also contribute to an unsafe environment for residents, businesses, and visitors in the affected areas, potentially deterring economic activity and diminishing the overall quality of life in the downtown district, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee on Public Safety convene with the Administration, the Director of City Operations and a representative of the Fall River Police Department to discuss improving street lighting to enhance public safety and promote a secure environment in the downtown district and throughout the City.

(Filed 2-18-2026)

City of Fall River, In City Council

22

(Vice President Michelle M. Dionne)

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council requested, through a Home Rule Petition, that the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts enact legislation entitled, "An Act Relative to the Appointment of the Police Chief in the City of Fall River," and

WHEREAS, notification was received that this Act was signed into law by the Governor on January 29, 2026, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council send a letter to the Mayor requesting that a proposed ordinance making the necessary changes in the Code of the City of Fall River, for compliance and implementation of this new Act, be submitted for consideration by the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said letter also request that a Chief of Police be appointed under these new regulations by September 30, 2026.

(Filed 2-19-2026)

City of Fall River, *In City Council*

23

(Councilor Christopher M. Peckham, Sr.)

WHEREAS, the response to any state of emergency within the City of Fall River should be guided by a clear, written, and directive plan to ensure coordinated and effective action, and

WHEREAS, as witnessed during the blizzard of 2026, the absence of a comprehensive strategic emergency response plan contributed to miscommunication and confusion among department heads, resulting in delays in responding to emergency situations, and

WHEREAS, congregating all relevant department heads and key personnel in one centralized location during a declared state of emergency promotes faster decision-making, improved coordination, and a more productive and timely response to emergencies, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee on Public Safety convene with the Administration, the Chiefs of the Police Department, Fire Department, Emergency Medical Services Department, and Emergency Management Agency, along with the Administrator of Community Utilities, the Interim Director of the Department of Community Maintenance, the Director of City Operations, and the Director of Traffic and Parking to discuss, develop, and recommend a strategic emergency response plan for implementation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said plan shall include provisions for advancements and updates to the current centralized emergency operations center located at 140 Commerce Drive, where all listed department heads and key personnel are required to assemble and coordinate during any declared state of emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Committee on Public Safety shall report back to the full City Council with its findings, recommendations, and a proposed timeline for implementation of the strategic emergency response plan no later than 90 days after the adoption of this resolution.

(Filed 2-27-2026)

City of Fall River, *In City Council*

24

(President Cliff A. Ponte and Councilor Shawn E. Cadime)

WHEREAS, the City of Fall River relies upon private snow and ice removal vendors to ensure the safe and timely clearing of public roadways, sidewalks, and municipal properties during winter weather events, and

WHEREAS, the Snow & Ice Removal Account is one of the accounts legally permitted to operate under deficit spending authority due to the unpredictable nature and severity of winter storms, and

WHEREAS, recent winter storm events have created financial obligations to snow removal vendors that must be satisfied in a timely manner, and

WHEREAS, there were circumstances during prior storms in which vendors were not paid within an appropriate timeframe, creating hardship for local contractors and small businesses who rely upon timely municipal payment, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that once invoices are reviewed, approved, and processed through Accounts Payable, payment to snow and ice vendors shall be issued without delay, and that the Administration shall take all necessary steps to ensure future snow and ice removal payments are made within thirty (30) days of proper invoice submission and approval.

(Filed 3-2-2026)

City of Fall River, *In City Council*

25

(Committee on Ordinances and Legislation)

WHEREAS, the Massachusetts Assisted Living Residences Commission Report, which was resubmitted to the state legislature on January 12, 2026, reviewed and strengthened recommendations for safety regulations related to assisted living residences across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and

WHEREAS, the Massachusetts Assisted Living Residences Commission issued comprehensive recommendations designed to improve informed decision-making in relation to resident needs, provide more accessibility to public information and transparency, increase necessary staffing levels and strengthen emergency preparedness and safety, and

WHEREAS, the safety of assisted living residents, staff, and all first responders, including the Fall River Fire Department, Fall River Police Department, Fall River Emergency Medical Services and Fall River Emergency Management Agency, who serve these facilities in times of emergency are of utmost importance to the City of Fall River, and

WHEREAS, these recommendations must be presented and voted upon by the House of Representatives and Senate of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council submit a letter of support to the Massachusetts Senate and House of Representatives to urge the advancement and adoption of this legislation that will implement the recommendations within the Massachusetts Assisted Living Residences Commission Report to ensure increased safety for assisted living facility residents, staff and all first responders throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

(Filed 3-4-2026)

City of Fall River, *In City Council*

26

(Councilor Linda M. Pereira)

WHEREAS, the redevelopment of the Route 79/Davol Street corridor is crucial to the economic growth of the City of Fall River, and

WHEREAS, upgrades and renovations to several other locations throughout the City, such as Pleasant Street and North Main Street, will increase the financial incomes of small businesses, restaurants, and event spaces, and

WHEREAS, most municipalities have a stand-alone City Planner to assist with the development of renovation, construction and improvement plans throughout the community as well as programs for use of City-owned land and facilities, and

WHEREAS, currently, the tasks of both the Engineering Department and the Planning Division are assigned to one individual, who performs the duties to the best of their ability, but is limited with the ability to solely work on development and improvement plans that would benefit the City of Fall River financially with tourism and investment, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism convene with the Administration to discuss the potential financial benefits of increased development within the City of Fall River that would result from the creation of a separate City Planner position.

(Filed 3-5-2026)

City of Fall River, In City Council

(Councilor Linda M. Pereira)

WHEREAS, there have been ongoing discussions regarding the School Committee's intention to terminate the employment of Superintendent Tracy Curley, Ph.D., of Fall River Public Schools, without cause, and

WHEREAS, the Fall River Educator's Association has recently gone on record in opposition to the Superintendent's termination, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council formally oppose the termination of the Superintendent of Fall River Public Schools, and encourage the School Committee to allow for her continued tenure to benefit the well-being of the students, parents and teachers.

(Filed 3-5-2026)

City of Fall River, In City Council

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(Councilor Shawn E. Cadime)

WHEREAS, members of the City Council have received inquiries and concerns from members of the public regarding expenditures associated with Veterans Services, and

WHEREAS, transparency and accountability in the use of public funds is essential to maintaining public trust, and

WHEREAS, the City Council seeks to review expenditures to ensure that all funds have been utilized appropriately and in accordance with applicable laws and policies, and

WHEREAS, this request is not related to or intended to review individual veteran benefits, but rather expenditures related to operations, services, reimbursements, or other payments made through Veterans Services accounts, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby requests that the Administration provide the City Council with a report detailing all expenditures not related to veteran benefits for Fiscal Years 2020 through 2024, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the report shall include:

- A list of all vendors and individuals who received payment for services, reimbursements, or other expenses paid through Veterans' Services accounts during Fiscal Years 2020 through 2024
- The amount of each payment and the date of payment
- The purpose or description of the expense, where available
- Identification of the account or funding source from which the payment was made, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this request specifically excludes all payments related to direct veteran benefits and any information protected by privacy laws.

(Filed 3-5-2026)

**MIKE'S AUTO BODY**

535 BAY ST, FALL RIVER, MA 02724

Phone: (508) 675-1192

FAX: (508) 675-1191

Workfile ID:

eddb5f96

Federal ID:

043085842

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JOE BOTELHO
508

508 324 5055

Preliminary Estimate**Customer: Botelho, Joseph****Job Number:**

Written By: Steven Medeiros

Insured: Botelho, Joseph

Policy #:

Claim #:

Type of Loss:

Date of Loss:

Days to Repair: 0

Point of Impact:

Owner:

Inspection Location:

Insurance Company:

Botelho, Joseph

MIKE'S AUTO BODY

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535 BAY ST

Fall River, MA 02721

FALL RIVER, MA 02724

(508) 324-5055 Cell

Repair Facility

(508) 675-1192 Business

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FALL RIVER, MA
#26-9A**VEHICLE**

2009 VOLV C70 Automatic 2D CNVT 5-2.5L Turbocharged Gasoline - TBD - Red

VIN: YV1MC67249J072405

Interior Color:

Mileage In:

Vehicle Out:

License:

Exterior Color: Red

Mileage Out:

State:

Production Date:

Condition:

Job #:

TRANSMISSION

Automatic Transmission

Overdrive

POWER

Power Steering

Power Brakes

Power Windows

Power Locks

Power Mirrors

Heated Mirrors

Power Driver Seat

Power Passenger Seat

Memory Package

DECOR

Dual Mirrors

Body Side Moldings

Tinted Glass

Console/Storage

Wood Interior Trim

CONVENIENCE

Air Conditioning

Intermittent Wipers

Tilt Wheel

Cruise Control

Rear Defogger

Keyless Entry

Alarm

Message Center

Steering Wheel Touch Controls

Telescopic Wheel

Climate Control

RADIO

AM Radio

FM Radio

Stereo

Search/Seek

CD Player

Auxiliary Audio Connection

SAFETY

Drivers Side Air Bag

Passenger Air Bag

Anti-Lock Brakes (4)

4 Wheel Disc Brakes

Front Side Impact Air Bags

Head/Curtain Air Bags

Hands Free Device

Roll Bar

ROOF

Power Convertible Roof

SEATS

Cloth Seats

Bucket Seats

WHEELS

Aluminum/Alloy Wheels

PAINT

Clear Coat Paint

OTHER

Fog Lamps

Traction Control

Stability Control

Signal Integrated Mirrors

Power Trunk/Liftgate

Amica

Claims Processing - Amica Scan Center
PO Box 9690
Providence, RI 02940-9690

Toll Free: 1-800-59-AMICA
(1-800-592-6422)
Fax: 1---

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February 5, 2026

City Clerk
One Government Center
Fall River, MA 02722

File Number: 60010658618
Date of Loss: February 3, 2026
Owner/Insured: William Guilmette
Street: 708 Robeson St
Town: Fall River
Type of Loss: Water

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CITY CLERK
FALL RIVER, MA
#26-14

To Whom It May Concern:

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

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

Sincerely,

Nicholas J. Dale

Nicholas J. Dale
Claims Department
800-592-6422 x21801
NDALE@AMICA.COM



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City of Fall River
Notice of Claim

CITY CLERK 26-15
FALL RIVER, MA

1. Claimant's name: Susan Thornon
2. Claimant's complete address: 78 Foote St Fall River, Ma 02724
3. Telephone number: Home: 774-305-9782 Work: _____
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
Property damage to vehicle (tire damage) caused by
5. Date and time of accident: 2/2/26 3:00 Amount of damages claimed: \$ 359.88 pothole
6. Exact location of the incident: (Include as much detail as possible):
1007 Globe St Fall River
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):

I was traveling on Globe St a two way road that has become significantly narrowed due to accumulated snowbanks because of these conditions there was limited room to maneuver safely within the roadway. while doing so I struck a pothole causing immediate damage that was unavoidable. The damage was caused by unsafe road conditions, pothole was not marked or repaired.

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: 2/2/26

Claimant's signature: Susan Thornon

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

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Date:

2/10/26



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FALL RIVER, MACity of Fall River
Notice of Claim

1. Claimant's name: Joseph Demello
2. Claimant's complete address: 363 Linden St Fall River ma 02720
3. Telephone number: Home: 508.679.2388 Work: _____
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
auto accident
5. Date and time of accident: 02-04-2020 Amount of damages claimed: \$ _____
6. Exact location of the incident: (Include as much detail as possible):
637 South Main St
7. Circumstances of the Incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
other veh collided with my vehicle. rear ended
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 don't have full coverage

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

Date: 02-09-20Claimant's signature: J. Demello

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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City of Fall River
Notice of Claim

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1. Claimant's name: CSM, LLP o/b/o USAA a/s/o Maureen Curley-Dawson
2. Claimant's complete address: c/o Clerkin, Sinclair & Mahfouz, LLP; 2929 N Central Expwy, Ste. 320, Richardson, TX 75080
3. Telephone number: Home: 903-218-0098 Work: 903-218-0098
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
Auto accident
5. Date and time of accident: 5/28/2025 at 1:18 P.M. Amount of damages claimed: \$ 1,984.67
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):
260 Prospect St in Fall River, MA
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
On May 28, 2025, at approximately 1:18 p.m., USAA's insured vehicle (2019 Kia Sportage; MA license plate number: 5DWG63) was parked near 260 Prospect St in Fall River, MA, when it was hit on the left side due to a City of Fall River Department of Water vehicle (2019 Ford; MA license plate number: M4790A), driven by Noah Desmarais. The City of Fall River Department of Water employee failed to keep a proper lookout and caused the collision with USAA's insured vehicle.
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
USAA; c/o Clerkin, Sinclair & Mahfouz, LLP; 2929 N Central Expwy, Ste. 320, Richardson, TX 75080

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

Date: 2/06/2026

Claimant's signature: Kristen Davis-Burns

Kristen Davis-Burns o/b/o CSM, LLP o/b/o
USAA a/s/o Maureen Curley-Dawson

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City of Fall River
Notice of Claim

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1. Claimant's name: Tony Alves #26-18
2. Claimant's complete address: 6 Barlow St 1st Floor FALL RIVER, MA
3. Telephone number: Home: 508-246-2483 Work: _____
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
Flat tire
5. Date and time of accident: 1/31/26 2:50pm Amount of damages claimed: \$ 200.29
6. Exact location of the incident: (Include as much detail as possible):
Driving on Dartmouth St Fall River
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
I was driving on Dartmouth St, I hit a big hole and my tire sensor light came on, I pulled over and noticed my passenger side front tire was flat. I drove to Town Fast Tire to get it fixed.
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: 2/12/26

Claimant's signature: Tony Alves

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Date: 2/12/26

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FALL RIVER, MA



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City of Fall River
Notice of Claim

1. Claimant's name: Tony Alves
2. Claimant's complete address: 6 Barlow St 1st Rear
3. Telephone number: Home: 508-246-2483 Work: _____
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
Flat tire
5. Date and time of accident: 1/31/26 2:50pm Amount of damages claimed: \$ 200.29
6. Exact location of the Incident: (Include as much detail as possible):
824 County St Fall River
7. Circumstances of the Incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
I was driving on County St when I hit a big pothole, my tire sensor light came on, I pulled over and noticed my passenger side front tire was flat. I drove to Town Fair Tire to get it fixed.
8. Have you submitted a claim to any insurance company for damages arising from this incident? If so, name and address of insurance company: ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Date: 2/18/26 Claimant's signature: Tony Alves

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City of Fall River
Notice of Claim

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FALL RIVER, MA
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1. Claimant's name: Rosa Luge
2. Claimant's complete address: 154 Pelham St. Fall River, MA
3. Telephone number: Home: 774-339-4233 Work: _____
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
Broken front window
5. Date and time of accident: 1/25/2026 Amount of damages claimed: \$ _____
6. Exact location of the incident: (Include as much detail as possible):
front window -
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
The town snow plow stuck cleaning snow pushing snow caused a rock to strike my front window which broke. I am requesting damage be documented and addressed.
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: 2-9-2026 Claimant's signature: Rosa Luge

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FALL RIVER, MA

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City of Fall River
Notice of Claim

1. Claimant's name: Keyden Rodriguez
2. Claimant's complete address: 100 Green St Apt 214 Fall River, MA 02720
3. Telephone number: Home: 774-451-8585 Work: _____
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
Keyden Rodriguez fell at the Frank M. Sylvia Elementary School
5. Date and time of accident: 12/11/25 930AM Amount of damages claimed: \$ 5,000,000.00
6. Exact location of the incident: (Include as much detail as possible):
Frank M. Sylvia Elementary School 1899 Meridian St. Fall River, MA in his OT class
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
Keyden was in his occupational therapy class at the school when the staff failed to supervise him and he was able to climb up on a 15 inch high mat then jump down fracturing his right femur.
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: _____ Claimant's signature: [Signature]
Nahomie Reyes (Feb 2, 2026 12:25:14 EST)

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City of Fall River
Notice of Claim

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1. Claimant's name: David Lockhart
2. Claimant's complete address: 89 Blaine ST, Fall River, MA CITY OF FALL RIVER, MA
3. Telephone number: Home: 774-301-3004 Work: _____
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
Auto damage from pothole
5. Date and time of accident: 1/30/26 15:39 Amount of damages claimed: \$ 186.00
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):
Jefferson ST (Between Frost ST & Gratton ST)
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
I was driving down ~~the~~ Jefferson ST to go to Atlantic Charter School
when I hit the pothole.
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: 2/18/26

Claimant's signature: David Lockhart

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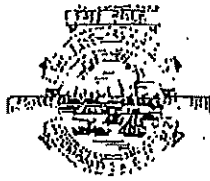
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1. Claimant's name: Catanna Camara #26-22
CITY CLERK
2. Claimant's complete address: 20 Roever St. Fall River, MA 02721
3. Telephone number: Home: 508-974-5726 Work: N/A
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
Property Damage (vehicle)
5. Date and time of accident: 02-08-2026 Amount of damages claimed: \$ still to be determined by insurance
8:30 PM
6. Exact location of the incident: (Include as much detail as possible):
Harrison street, left side, right off Alden street
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
Turning left into Harrison street from Alden street, my car hit a massive pothole on the left side, scrapping my cars undercarriage. Attached are photos of the pothole
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
Arbella Insurance, 1 Lakeshore Center Suite 102, Bridgewater, MA 02824

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

Date: 02-10-2026

Claimant's signature: Catanna Camara

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City of Fall River
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26-23
CITY CLERK
FALL RIVER, MA

1. Claimant's name: Ryan Donato
2. Claimant's complete address: 72 Swindlells St
3. Telephone number: Home: 114-707-6867 Work: Same
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
Big pot hole
5. Date and time of accident: Feb 17, 26 Amount of damages claimed: \$ 112.80
6. Exact location of the incident: (Include as much detail as possible):
Roc liffe St
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
I was drueing on Roc liffe st on to Doyle St and hit a big pot hole on Roc liffe st near the enerig in to the Project its a good size pot hole you can see in the picture
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: 17, 2026Claimant's signature: Ry D

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CITY CLERK #26-24
FALL RIVER, MA



City of Fall River
Notice of Claim

1. Claimant's name: Mevis A. Corral
2. Claimant's complete address: 64 Eagle St #7 Fall River, MA 02723
3. Telephone number: cell 508 324 5504 Home: _____ Work: _____
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
Property Damage
5. Date and time of accident: 1/30/24 4:37 PM Amount of damages claimed: \$ Estimate Attached
6. Exact location of the incident: (Include as much detail as possible):
Front door entrance, frame, door (see pictures 8)
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
Search warrant for 2nd floor for a person that does not live here. (search warrant attached)
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: 2/19/24

Claimant's signature: Mevis A. Corral

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Date: 2/19/24



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City of Fall River
Notice of Claim

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2026 FEB 20 A 11:43

1. Claimant's name: Stephen Shane Silva #26-25
2. Claimant's complete address: 248 Corbett St. Fall River, MA 02720 FALL RIVER, MA
3. Telephone number: Home: 508-679-5005 Work: cell: 774-770-8800
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
Auto accident
5. Date and time of accident: 02/8/2026 9:16am Amount of damages claimed: \$ 7,818.60
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):
Eastern Ave & County St Fall River Ma
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
police report is attached on back!
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
Geico insurance

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

Date: 2/20/2026

Claimant's signature: [Signature]

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Notice of Claim

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2026 MAR -2 P. 2:30

1. Claimant's name: Brendan Berube #26-26
2. Claimant's complete address: 492 Bullock St. Fall River, Massachusetts 02720 CITY CLERK
3. Telephone number: Home: 5086468511 Work: _____
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
Auto Accident
5. Date and time of accident: 02/25/2026 - 3:05AM Amount of damages claimed: \$ _____
6. Exact location of the incident: (Include as much detail as possible):
492 Bullock St. Fall River, MA - 02720 - Accident occurred in front of my residence
7. Circumstances of the Incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
At approximately 3:05AM, a plow truck hit my parked vehicle in front of my place of residence. The plow truck then got stuck in front of my place of residence for a brief period of time before proceeding. The plow truck did not leave behind any notification or identification of the incident. This was a hit and run incident. My truck was parked on the appropriate side of the street.
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: 03-02-2026

Claimant's signature: [Signature]

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Date:

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City of Fall River
Notice of Claim

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2026 MAR -3 P 1:57

1. Claimant's name: Antonio Maldonado
2. Claimant's complete address: 720 June street Fall River, Mass 02720 CITY CLERK #26-27 FALL RIVER, MA
3. Telephone number: Home: 774-528-2434 Work: _____
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
Auto Accident
5. Date and time of accident: 02-25-26 Amount of damages claimed: \$ 2,712.90
6. Exact location of the incident: (Include as much detail as possible):
720 June street, fall river mass 02720.
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
SFE Attached
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: 03-03-2026

Claimant's signature: _____

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Notice of Claim

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2026 MAR -4 P 2:19

1. Claimant's name: Rodrigo Rodrigues Flavio CITY CLERK #26-28
FALL RIVER, MA
2. Claimant's complete address: 69 GRANT ST
3. Telephone number: Home: 774 520 5587 Work: 774 520 7904
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
PROPERTY DAMAGE
5. Date and time of accident: 02/23/26 09:10AM Amount of damages claimed: \$
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):
IN FRONT OF MY HOUSE AT 69 GRANT ST, FALL RIVER, 02721
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
MY VEHICLE WAS PARKED IN FRONT OF MY HOUSE, WHEN A SNOWPLOW THAT WAS CLEARING THE STREET GOT STUCK IN THE SNOW. SINCE IT COULDN'T GET OUT, THE DRIVE CALLED A TRACTOR FOR HELP, BUT IN THE PROCESS THEY DAMAGED THE ENTIRE DRIVER'S SIDE OF MY VEHICLE.
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
PROGRESSIVE INSURANCE. 300 NORTH COMMONS BLVD, OHIO 44143

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

Date: 03/02/26

Claimant's signature: [Signature]

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Date: 3/4/26



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2026 MAR -4 P 2:30

#26-29

1. Claimant's name: Holland Landy
2. Claimant's complete address: 715 North Main Street Apt. 8 Fall River, MA 02720
3. Telephone number: Home: 508-415-2571 Work: _____
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
towing fee charged due to no parking from snowstorm
5. Date and time of accident: 2/26/26 Amount of damages claimed: \$ 183
6. Exact location of the incident: (Include as much detail as possible):
870 North Main Street Fall River, MA 02720
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
See attached page
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: 2/26/26

Claimant's signature: [Signature]

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Traffic

Date: 3/4/26



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City of Fall River
Notice of Claim

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2026 MAR -5 A 10:06

1. Claimant's name: Louis Marques
2. Claimant's complete address: 345 Oak Grove Ave. Fall River, MA 02723 #26-30
3. Telephone number: Home: 508-262-8843 Work: _____
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
Fence damaged by snow plow
5. Date and time of accident: 2/27/26, 19:52:46 Amount of damages claimed: \$ 732.18
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):
Fence at driveway on Locust St side of home address listed above:
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
A bulldozer was removing excess snow from side of street and had pulled in to my driveway to better maneuver the plow.
As he pulled out of the driveway at exactly 7:52:46 pm (I have video), he hit the fence, pulling main post from the ground.
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: 3/5/26

Claimant's signature: Louis Marques

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**OFFICE OF THE
CORPORATION COUNSEL**
CITY OF FALL RIVER

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2026 MAR -5 A 10:19

February 24, 2026

Patrick Higgins
P.O. Box 290
Northport, AL 35476

CITY CLERK
FALL RIVER, MA

VIA: Email: patrick@openmeetinglawenforcer.com

RE: Open Meeting Law Complaint against Fall River City Council and Cliff Ponte,
Council President,
Date of Alleged Violation: 01/27/2026

Dear Mr. Higgins

As you may be aware, City Hall was closed February 23rd to the 26th and as such this response is late. This correspondence is sent pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 24 and 940 CMR 29.00 et seq., in response to your Open Meeting Law Complaint against the Fall River City Council and its President, Cliff Ponte, which the City of Fall River received on February 3, 2026. On February 10, 2026, the City Council met to review your complaint and voted to refer the matter to this office for formal response.

Your complaint essentially alleges 1) that the Regular meeting of the City Council did not start its meeting at a time in conformance with its posted agenda and in violation of the open meeting law; and 2) the posted agenda did not contain a list of the "Claims" to be deliberated upon and voted to send.

After careful review with the city clerk's office, the city refutes your open meeting law violations claim.

I. Posted Meeting Times

In line with its regular practice, the City Council held several committee meetings back-to-back beginning at 5:00 p.m. prior to the start of its Regular Meeting of the City Council on January 23, 2026. At 12:42 p.m., the Clerk of Committees posted the Agenda for the City Council meetings scheduled for January 27, 2026, starting at 5:00 p.m. Said notice was properly posted, within 48 hours in advance of the scheduled meeting. See the posted Agenda for the January 27, 2026, meeting attached hereto. In line with said posted Agenda and the minutes of said meetings, the meetings took place as follows:

- The Committee on Ordinances and Legislation meeting began at its posted start time, 5:00 p.m., and adjourned at 6:09 p.m. (See Meeting Minutes, attached hereto.)

- The City Council Public Hearings were posted with a 5:55 p.m. anticipated start time or immediately following the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation meeting if it ran past the 5:55 p.m. start time. The City Council Public Hearings opened at 6:12 p.m. and adjourned at 6:17 p.m. (See Meeting Minutes, attached hereto.)
- The Committee on Finance was posted with a 6:00 p.m. start time or immediately following the Public Hearings if they run past the 6:00 p.m. start time. The Committee on Finance meeting opened at 6:17 p.m. and adjourned at 7:02 p.m. (See Meeting Minutes, attached hereto.)
- The Regular Meeting of the City Council was posted with a 7:00 p.m. start time or immediately following the Committee on Finance meeting if it runs past 7:00 pm. This regular meeting of the City Council meeting opened at 7:03 p.m. and adjourned at 7:59 p.m. (See Meeting Minutes, attached hereto.)

The Division of Open Government has indicated that "[w]hen noticing consecutive meetings of two public bodies, the notices may state that the second meeting will start at a precise time, or later if the prior meeting runs late. However, a public body's meeting cannot start earlier than the posted start time. See OML 2103-161. The City's posted Agenda and the meeting start times on January 27, 2026 as depicted in the meeting minutes, were in conformity to this determination.

II. "Claims" as an Agenda Item

The Open Meeting Law requires that a meeting notice "contain a listing of topics that the chair reasonably anticipates will be discussed," with enough specificity so that a reasonable member of the public may understand the nature of the business. M.G.L. c. 30A, §20(b); 940 CMR 39.03(1)(b). Attorney General guidance recognizes that the appropriate level of specificity is context-dependent and may consider established practices of the public body.

In Fall River, "Claims" is a standing agenda item at monthly City Council meetings, reserved for the referral of routine, small-dollar claims against the City to Corporation Counsel for processing. These typically involve minor incidents such as pothole damage, small fender benders involving City vehicles, or property damage. Caused by municipal activity (e.g., tree limb damage).

The practice is longstanding, well known to regular attendees, and administrative in nature. There is no deliberation in open session on the merits of any individual claim; the Council's action consists solely of referring each claim to the legal department for handling in accordance with applicable procedures.

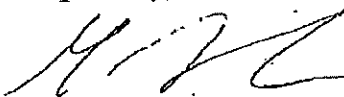
Consistent with longstanding practice, the claims to be referred during the January 27, 2026, meeting were published with the Agenda on the City website in advance and assigned a number. When the "Claims" agenda item was reached during the January 27, 2026, City Council meeting, it was referred to by number. The "Claims" label on the Agenda is therefore not the sole source of information; members of the public had the ability to review the actual claims before the meeting and could match the agenda item number to the corresponding section of the published agenda to find the claims.

Given the monthly occurrence, consistent format, limited administrative nature, and availability of claim details in the publicly posted packet, the description "claims" reasonably informed the public of the topic to be addressed. In these circumstances, the agenda item met the statutory requirement for specificity.

For the reasons stated above, the City of Fall River respectfully submits that the January 27, 2026, agenda item "Claims" complied with the Open Meeting Law. The City remains committed to transparency and will continue to ensure that agendas and supporting materials are clear and accessible to the public.

Please note that you have the right to appeal to the Massachusetts Attorney General – Division of Open Government.

Respectfully,



Gary P. Howayeck
Assistant Corporation Counsel

Enc.

Cc: Mira Netsy, MA Office Attorney General-Division of Open Government
via email: Mira.Netsky@mass.gov
Fall River City Council

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2026 MAR -4 A 8:20

Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council,

I am writing to respectfully request review of what appears to be a gap in the City's parking ticket appeal process that may be affecting residents with limited financial means.

After receiving multiple parking citations related to a recent traffic change on my street, I attempted to understand the appeal process. I learned that each administrative appeal requires a filing fee and that there is currently no hardship or indigency pathway available for residents who cannot afford those fees. Because I was unable to pay the appeal costs at the time, my appeal window expired, and I was later denied any chance for a late appeal regardless of financial hardship.

My concern is not only about my individual situation, but about the broader policy implications. A system where access to appeal depends entirely on a person's ability to pay creates a barrier for low-income residents, even when there may be legitimate questions about signage or enforcement, as there is was and is in my current situation.

I am respectfully asking the city to consider reviewing:

- Whether the City would consider adopting or modeling elements of M.G.L. c. 90 §20A½, including mechanisms that could allow residents experiencing financial hardship meaningful access to the appeal process.
- Whether discretion can be exercised in cases where residents were unable to appeal due to financial hardship
- Whether additional clarity or consistency in the process can be provided going forward

My hope is simply that this issue can be reviewed at a policy level so residents are not prevented from accessing the appeal process solely due to cost., as I was.

During my communications regarding the appeal process, the City's attorney, Mr. Fredette, advised that if I wished to pursue the matter further, the remaining option would be to sue the City. As my intention is not to seek litigation, I am bringing this concern forward at a policy level instead.

Fall River is a historically valued "working class" city, that people from all class types call home and as many of you, I'm sure, ran on the merit of making this city better for all residents, I hope that my concern is taken seriously, and genuinely considered. I have exhausted all avenues as a resident including bringing the parking situation to the forefront of the Traffic Commissions agenda in lieu of the daily hardship that is now imposed upon the residents of the Brightman Street area.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Vada Boulay

Fall River Resident

138 Brightman street, apt. 1 FR, MA 02720

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MEETING: February 10, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, One Government Center

PRESENT: President Cliff A. Ponte, presiding;
Councilors Shawn E. Cadime, Joseph D. Camara, Michael G. Canuel,
Michelle M. Dionne, Paul B. Hart, Christopher M. Peckham, Sr.,
and Andrew J. Raposo

ABSENT: Councilor Linda M. Pereira

IN ATTENDANCE: Emily Arpke, Director of Financial Services
Chief Jeffrey Bacon, Fall River Fire Department
Chief Beth Faunce, Fall River Emergency Medical Services
Chief Kelly Furtado, Fall River Police Department
Alan J. Rumsey, Esq., Corporation Counsel

The chair called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and announced that the meeting may be recorded with audio or video and transmitted through any medium.

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

1. Citizen Input Time

On a motion made by Councilor Peckham and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to waive the rules to allow a non-Fall River resident to speak, with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.

James Dupont, 118 Elm Street, East Raynham, MA, 02767 – Local taxes and state aid

2. Fiscal Year 2026 Quarter 2 Budget Report

Emily Arpke, Director of Financial Services, provided a brief overview of various departments that are currently showing higher than anticipated salary and expense line items within the quarterly report, including the Department of Municipal Information Services (MIS), the Law Department and the Fall River Fire Department. Ms. Arpke explained that the Department of MIS currently has two vacancies and this has increased the use of third-party companies to assist with technology security, the Fire Department is currently utilizing overtime pay due to increasing the number of staff for each engine following the Gabriel House fire in July of 2025, and that the Law Department has two significant litigation cases that are ongoing this year, causing a large expenditure of funds within the expenses account for outside counsel.

Councilor Cadime and the Director of Financial Services discussed various deficits throughout the report, the timeline of revenue receipts for different departments, anticipated funding from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA), vehicle excise tax revenue, anticipated Public Consulting Group (PGC) grant funding for the Emergency Medical Services Department and Fire Department, and the increase of Law Department expenses. Ms. Arpke explained that the City began receiving property tax payments at the beginning of February, so that will offset many deficits shown within the Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) Quarter 2 Budget Report. Councilor Cadime asked for more information regarding the lack of road salt expenditures in this quarter. The Director of Financial Services clarified that there has been a shortage of salt that is affecting many cities and towns in the region, there were procurement issues with some snow removal materials and that there was one delayed payment for the supplies in December 2025. Ms. Arpke also provided information regarding the MSBA submissions for Westhall Elementary School, B.M.C. Durfee High School, and James Tansey Elementary School, and stated that the audits of for some of these schools are still pending. Ms. Arpke also provided information regarding the motor vehicle excise taxes and that they were just sent out to taxpayers recently. Councilor Cadime expressed concern regarding proposed amendments to existing state laws for the motor vehicle taxes that are being discussed by state legislatures, which would remove the flagging system for unpaid motor vehicle excise taxes. The Director of Financial Services explained that the funding from the PGC is usually issued at the end of the fiscal year, so the budgetary line items for both the EMS Department and Fire Department appear to be low but will be balanced once this funding is received. Ms. Arpke also stated that the Law Department has had an increase in costs for outside counsel and experts due to two major court cases that are ongoing.

Councilor Raposo and Ms. Arpke discussed various line items related to local receipts and funding for snow removal services. Ms. Arpke clarified that one-time receipts and insurance payments affect the balance of the line items within the report, as they have not all been received when the document is finalized. The Director of Financial Services also provided details regarding the line items for snow removal services, the timing of the use of road salt and plowing employees, and the increase in snowfall this year compared to previous years.

Councilor Raposo and Chief Jeffrey Bacon, Fall River Fire Department, discussed the ongoing overtime scheduling within the Fire Department that has occurred since the Gabriel House Fire in July of 2025. Chief Bacon explained that he is aware that the current protocol for employee overtime is not financially sustainable and provided information regarding the planned hiring of new firefighters within the next few months to offset the need for overtime shifts. Chief Bacon also explained that he is working with New Bedford, Taunton and Westport to run a Fire Academy program that will begin in April, which will also assist with hiring additional staffing. Ms. Arpke explained that state funding for the Fire Department has been entirely expended, and that the overtime shifts are now being paid for by the municipal budget funding and a related financial transfer will be presented to the City Council.

Councilor Raposo and Chief Beth Faunce, EMS Department, discussed various line items including funding deficits, increased costs of medical supplies and the success of the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) school programs. Chief Faunce explained that many of the department's expenses are up-front costs that must be paid at the beginning of the year, which makes the line item appear to be low in the second quarter. Chief Faunce also provided information regarding programs that are in place with various schools, including Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School and B.M.C. Durfee High School, that assist with EMT training for students who are at least eighteen years old. Councilor Raposo and Ms. Arpke discussed

the awaited PCG funding for the EMS Department, and Ms. Arpke reiterated that this funding is usually received at the end of the fiscal year.

Councillor Raposo also asked for additional information regarding projects related to the Fire Museum, planned renovations for the City Clerk's office and the Employer Health Trust Fund. Chief Bacon explained that the museum's roof structure was repaired a few years ago, and that the project is still present in the report due to some of the funding being used for the repairs of the Central Fire Station, which is not yet complete. Ms. Arpke explained that the renovations for the City Clerk's office will be paid for with funding from the Facilities Maintenance, Expenses fund, and that the payments for updated furniture will utilize the City Clerk, Expenses fund. The Director of Financial Services provided information regarding the Employer Health Trust Fund and clarified that the amount within the fund changes rapidly as claims are processed. Ms. Arpke also clarified that the most recent report from Gallagher Insurance, Risk Management and Consulting reported 90% of anticipated projection of expenses for November 2025, and that she would forward this information to the Councillors.

Councillor Canuel and Chief Faunce discussed the EMS Department revenue percentages of FY26 in comparison to Fiscal Year 2025. Chief Faunce and Ms. Arpke explained that, as the budget for the EMS Enterprise Fund was increased for FY26, the percentages have changed even though the revenue has remained stable, so the percentage rate appears lower this year. Councillor Canuel and Chief Faunce also discussed the EMS Enterprise Fund's increased expense totals, which are due to increasing costs of medical supplies, health insurance for employees and the date of reimbursement funding from PGC to compensate for MassHealth ambulance revenue, which is not anticipated until the end of FY26.

Councillor Canuel and Chief Kelly Furtado, Fall River Police Department, discussed overtime funding for dispatch employees and the Environmental Police Officers unit. Chief Furtado explained that the Police Department will be hiring additional dispatchers to relieve the current overtime costs and that grant funding may also assist with these expenses. Chief Furtado also provided information regarding the elimination of the Environmental Police Officers line item within the budget, as these employees are police officers who are assigned to the Environmental Unit of the department.

Councillor Canuel requested information regarding school operating costs, Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School and Bristol County Agricultural High School assessments, MIS expenditures and the Employer Health Trust Fund. Ms. Arpke explained that the beginning of the school year occurs late in the first quarter of the fiscal year, and the increased expenditure on salaries appears during the second quarter. The Director of Financial Services also provided information regarding the regional school debt revised assessments that occurred this year and stated that she would provide additional data regarding these increases following the meetings. Ms. Arpke explained that the MIS Department currently has two vacant positions, one of which is a Network Administrator position, and therefore additional funds have been used for third-party assistance services. The Director of Financial Services clarified that, while the expenses have increased, the salary totals have decreased due to the vacancies. Councillor Canuel and Ms. Arpke held a brief discussion regarding the Employer Health Trust Fund, including the timing of claims versus payments, changes to prescription drug programs and portions that are paid by the City and the School Department.

Vice President Dionne and Chief Bacon discussed the increased overtime expenses within the Fire Department. Chief Bacon explained that, ideally, the department should have a minimum of four firefighters per truck per shift. Chief Bacon also stated that, while the five firefighters who were transferred from the EMS Department helped to reduce some overtime, that number of staffing is only able to increase labor for one shift per day.

Vice President Dionne and Chief Furtado discussed increased expenditures within the Police Department budget, including new mandates from the Municipal Police Training Committee (MPTC) for Taser and firearm training. Chief Furtado explained that these mandates are costly for the department, as equipment and rental time totals have increased. Chief Furtado stated that one cartridge for the Taser equipment costs \$50, and each officer is required to train with four cartridges. Chief Furtado explained that she had recently met with other Bristol County Police Chiefs to discuss the cost of the new MPTC requirements, and they are working to create a more financially feasible training schedule that shortens the rental times of firearm training facilities. Vice President Dionne and Ms. Arpke also held a brief discussion regarding the lack of information within the report in relation to bulletproof vests for the officers. The Director of Financial Services explained that grant funding assists with those expenses, so the municipal budget is not utilized for that equipment.

Vice President Dionne and Chief Faunce discussed the current agreement between a private property owner and the EMS Department for the rental of the current EMS headquarters. Chief Faunce clarified that she has met with the Mayor and Corporation Counsel to determine the best process of creating a long-term lease agreement, which will be presented to the City Council for review and approval prior to the submission of the Fiscal Year 2027 EMS Enterprise Fund Budget.

President Ponte and Chief Bacon held a detailed discussion regarding the lack funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Staffing for Adequate Firefighters and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant, which is issued when the number of requested firefighters will create a net gain for the Fire Department's services. Chief Bacon clarified that he was advised to only apply for five additional firefighters, which is lower than previous years and did not reach the threshold necessary to develop a positive net gain, so the City was denied grant funding. President Ponte asked if the SAFER grant funding could be utilized to assist with overtime payments and Chief Bacon explained that the use of the capital is restricted to salaries and benefits for employees. Chief Bacon also provided detailed information regarding the number of firefighters needed to cover all shifts that are currently being paid overtime and stated that, with newly trained firefighters being hired in the spring, the new employee total will increase from 182 to 194. President Ponte and Chief Bacon discussed the City's historical receipt of SAFER grant funding, and Chief Bacon clarified that it has been six or seven years since the last successful grant application.

Councillor Camara asked if there were any additional departments that had significant overspending in comparison to their original proposed FY26 budget. The Director of Financial Services stated that there are a few departments that will require small transfers due to salary adjustments, but those totals shouldn't total more than \$20,000. Ms. Arpke also stated that the City's current legal cases through the Law Department are currently the largest, over budget expense, but that this type of expenditure does not occur each year and is unique to FY26.

Councilor Peckham and Chief Bacon discussed the SAFER grant and the limit of five additional firefighters within the City's application. Councilor Peckham emphasized the need for more than five firefighters after the Gabriel House fire. Chief Bacon explained that the submission of the grant application was due one week prior to the tragic fire, so the application did not reflect the staffing changes that have occurred following that event. A brief discussion was held between Councilor Peckham and Chief Faunce regarding EMS Data Processing expenses, which appeared to show a large increase within the quarterly budget report. Chief Faunce explained that the line items were not separated appropriately within the document, and that the data related to this expense in the report was incorrect.

Councilor Cadime, Chief Bacon and Ms. Arpke held a detailed discussion regarding the ideal total of firefighter employees to avoid overtime expenditure and increase public safety. Chief Bacon stated that 209 firefighters would be the ideal number, but 200 is a more realistic goal. Ms. Arpke explained that the City can increase the number of employees to 194 with the current available funding. Chief Bacon also stated that he has studied time-off data for the current firefighters and that this information assisted with determining the number of new hires that would reduce the current overtime expenses.

Councilor Cadime also requested clarification regarding vacancies, salaries and overtime for School Resource Officers (SROs). Chief Furtado explained that there is currently one vacant position and that the SRO salaries are determined by the union's bargaining agreements. Chief Furtado and Ms. Arpke also clarified that the schools are only billed for the first two hours of overtime for these officers and that if their shift exceeds those two hours, the Police Department will pay the remaining overtime balance owed.

Vice President Dionne and Chief Bacon discussed necessary repairs within the Stanley Street Fire Station and the assistance the Fire Department has been receiving from the Facilities Division. Chief Bacon explained that the station was built at the beginning of the twentieth century and needs structural repairs. Councilor Peckham asked for additional information regarding the necessary repairs, and Chief Bacon stated that he will first meet with the House Captain and the Deputy Fire Chief to discuss the matter and will share all information with the City Council. Chief Bacon explained that the employees in the Facilities Division have been very prompt to respond to any requests or concerns of the Fire Department within various stations.

Councilor Raposo and Ms. Arpke discussed the current vacancies in the MIS Department and the need for third party vendors to assist with various technological services. Ms. Arpke stated that the Network Administrator position has been vacant since October of 2025 and that the City is looking to hire someone with appropriate qualifications. Councilor Raposo asked about the status of the attendance lottery for Bristol County Agricultural High School and Ms. Arpke explained that the school has the maximum number of students from Fall River attending each year.

Councilor Cadime and Chief Furtado held a brief discussion regarding the reclassification of SROs to detectives within the Fall River Police Department. Chief Furtado confirmed that the titles were amended about eighteen months ago and that detective is the standard national rank for SROs.

3. Transfers and appropriations

Councilor Raposo asked if the requested transfer of funds to the Opioid Stabilization Fund would be used to provide additional funding for the Fall River Addiction Support and Treatment (FAST) Team. Ms. Arpke stated she will obtain more information from the Director of Health and Human Services and the Opioid Coordinator. Councilor Raposo expressed concern that the FAST Team will not be able to continue operations following the significant federal funding cuts that have occurred this year.

Vice President Dionne agreed and stated that additional details would be necessary prior to her voting in favor of this financial transfer. Ms. Arpke stated that the use of this Opioid Settlement Funds has very stringent guidelines, but that she would work to obtain additional information from the Health and Human Services Department. President Ponte suggested that the Director of Financial Services work to develop a process where she receives weekly or monthly reports from all departments. Ms. Arpke stated that the software used for City finances notifies her immediately about any account that is being overspent. Vice President Dionne stated that this matter should be referred to the Committee on Finance for further discussion.

Councilor Raposo asked if there was any risk of the FAST Team ending services within the next two weeks if the matter is referred to the Committee on Finance for further discussion, and Ms. Arpke stated that they have available funding to remain operational for that period. President Ponte asked that, in the future, if a negative fund balance requires a financial transfer, the related department head attend the meeting to answer questions. Councilor Cadime asked what the total spending limit is for this Opioid Settlement Revolving Fund and Ms. Arpke stated the limit is \$1,500,000.

Councilor Canuel requested clarification regarding the new pumper vehicle that the Fire Department will be purchasing with their requested funding transfer. Chief Bacon explained that the mileage of the vehicle is 44,000 and that it is expected to be a useful reserve truck for the next five years. Councilor Canuel and Chief Bacon held a brief discussion regarding the timeline for purchasing new fire apparatus as well as the financial strategies used to purchase the large vehicles. Chief Bacon stated that the average wait time for the new vehicles is two years and that the Fire Department prepays for the truck, along with the purchase of a bond to protect the related funding, and this strategy keeps the cost from increasing while the apparatus is built.

Councilor Raposo and Ms. Arpke discussed the long-term plan for fire truck purchases, and Ms. Arpke stated that the goal is to purchase one vehicle per year. Ms. Arpke stated that more detailed information will also be included in the upcoming Capital Improvement Plan hearing. Councilor Raposo asked Chief Furtado for information regarding newly purchased police apparatus. Chief Furtado stated that the Police Department is currently purchasing two new cruiser motorcycles to replace older models.

Councilor Cadime and Chief Bacon discussed the benefits and risks of buying used fire apparatus. Chief Bacon explained that the used pumper vehicle was purchased through an apparatus dealership and was thoroughly inspected by the City's mechanic shop. Chief Bacon stated that purchasing this used vehicle would assist the department while they wait for the newer trucks to be built.

Councillor Raposo and Alan J. Rumsey, Esq., Corporation Counsel, discussed the increased expenditure within the Law Department due to ongoing litigation. Attorney Rumsey stated that, due to two significant court cases, expenses have increased dramatically during FY26. Attorney Rumsey explained that, over the past six months, the Law Department has spent roughly \$330,000 on outside counsel and expert witnesses and this is almost the total amount of the departmental expenses budget for FY26.

Councillor Cadime asked if the depositions and discovery phases of the trials are completed. Attorney Rumsey stated that there is a large amount of documentation the judge is still reviewing, but that he is confident that many of the City's defendants will be dismissed and that will allow the Law Department to focus on the actual issues of the case. Attorney Rumsey also clarified that all attorneys involved in this matter are outside counsel.

On a further motion made by Councillor Raposo and seconded by Vice President Dionne, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:38 p.m., with Councillor Pereira absent and not voting.

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:

Agenda packet (attached)


Clerk of Committees

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

MEETING: February 10, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, One Government Center

PRESENT: President Cliff A. Ponte, presiding;
Councilors Shawn E. Cadime, Joseph D. Camara, Michael G. Canuel,
Michelle M. Dionne, Paul B. Hart, Christopher M. Peckham, Sr.,
and Andrew J. Raposo

ABSENT: Councilor Linda M. Pereira

IN ATTENDANCE: None

President Ponte called the meeting to order at 7:39 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 requests for confirmation of reappointments to the Commission on Disability:
 - a. Ann O'Neil-Souza

Vice President Dionne stated that the term start date for the three reappointments are listed with term start dates earlier in the month, and that those dates should be amended to match the date that the City Council confirms the appointments. On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to confirm the reappointment with a February 10, 2026, effective date, with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.

- b. Dennis Polselli

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to confirm the reappointment with a February 10, 2026, effective date, with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.

- c. Daniel Robillard

On a motion made by Councilor Peckham and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to confirm the reappointment with a February 10, 2026, effective date, with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.

2. Mayor and Five Year Financial Forecast

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

3. Mayor and proposed ordinance re: salary amendments for the Director of Municipal Buildings and Code Enforcement/Inspector of Buildings

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

4. Mayor and order requesting approval to deficit spend the snow and ice account
The City Clerk clarified that, while an order had been included with the agenda packet, the approval of the City Council is not required and that the communication was submitted by the Administration to notify the City Council of the necessary deficit spending. On a motion made by Councilor Cadime and seconded by Councilor Canuel, it was unanimously voted that the communication be accepted and placed on file, with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.

5. Mayor and order appropriating \$750,000.00 from the Opioid Stabilization Fund to the Opioid Settlement Revolving Fund

On a motion made by Vice President Dionne and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was voted to refer the order to the Committee on Finance, with Councilor Camara opposed and Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.

6. Mayor and the following transfers and appropriations:

- a. \$1,230,000.00 from FY25 Surplus Revenue to Fire and Emergency Services, Capital

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

- b. \$656,000.00 from FY25 Surplus Revenue to Police, Capital

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

- c. \$350,000.00 from FY25 Surplus Revenue to Administrative Services, Expenses

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

PRIORITY COMMUNICATIONS

7. City Council President's letter re: status of Central Fire Station and asbestos testing report and related responses from Director of City Operations and Fire Chief
Councilor Raposo asked if President Ponte had received a copy of a new abatement report for the Central Fire Station within the past two weeks and President Ponte stated that he has not received results of any report that occurred after the January 27, 2026, City Council meetings. On a motion made by Councilor Camara and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted that the communication be accepted and placed on file, with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS -- None

ORDINANCES**Second reading and enrollment**

9. Proposed Ordinance – Amendments to the titles of the Committee on Real Estate and the Committee on Human Services, Housing, Youth, Elder and Veterans' Affairs
On a motion made by Councilor Camara and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted that the proposed ordinance be passed through second reading and enrollment, with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting. On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted that the proposed ordinance be passed to be ordained, with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.
 Approved, February 11, 2026
 Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

RESOLUTIONS

10. Committee on Public Works and Transportation convene with representatives of the Department of Community Maintenance, the Division of Traffic and Parking, the Public Safety Chiefs and the Chief Operating Officer of the Fall River Public Schools to discuss the snow removal protocols following the storm on January 25 and 26, 2026
Councilor Canuel made brief remarks regarding the need to discuss the challenges that the City faced following the large snow storm in late January and troubleshoot problems such as the low number of employed snow plow drivers, the rising costs of material, such as road salt, and related parking and sidewalk blockage following the snowfall. On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Vice President Dionne, it was unanimously voted to adopt the resolution, with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.

CITATIONS – None**ORDERS – HEARINGS**

11. Street Acceptances – Hearings to be scheduled for February 24, 2026 for:
 • Brookfield Terrace extending from the southerly side of Fieldstone Lane westerly to terminus
 • Fieldstone Lane extending from the southerly terminus of Hayfield Lane to Courtney Street
 • Stonybrook Circle extending from the westerly side of Fieldstone Lane westerly to terminus
On a motion made by Councilor Peckham and seconded by Councilor Camara, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order, with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.

ORDERS – MISCELLANEOUS

12. Auto Body Shop License Renewals
 Thomas Santos d/b/a Santos Custom Coatings, LLC, 753 Pleasant Street
 Paul Medeiros d/b/a Paul's Auto Body and Sales, 325 Oman Street
On a motion made by Councilor Peckham and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order, with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.
 Approved, February 11, 2026
 Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

13. Auto Repair Shop License Renewal

S M Automotive, LLC d/b/a S M Automotive Repair, 193 Oak Grove Avenue
On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was
unanimously voted to adopt the order, with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.
Approved, February 11, 2026
Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

COMMUNICATIONS – INVITATIONS – PETITIONS

14. Claims

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

15. Open Meeting Law complaint filed by Patrick Higgins re: January 27, 2026, alleged
violation by City Council

Vice President Dionne requested additional information regarding this complaint, and Councilor
Canuel stated that the minutes show all meetings starting at appropriate times. The City Clerk
stated that, as the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation meeting ended late, all
subsequent meetings began later than the time listed on the City Council Meetings agenda and
therefore the violations listed in the complaint did not occur. On a motion made by Councilor
Camara and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to refer the matter to
Corporation Counsel, with Councilor Pereira 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 18 together, with Councilor Pereira absent and not
voting.

City Council Minutes

16. Public Hearings – January 27, 2026

17. Committee on Finance – January 27, 2026

18. Regular Meeting of the City Council – January 27, 2026

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

BULLETINS – NEWSLETTERS – NOTICES – None

A recess was held from 7:54 p.m. to 7:55 p.m. for the signing of the proposed ordinance.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously
voted to adjourn at 7:56 p.m., with Councilor Pereira absent and not voting.

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:

Agenda packet (attached)

A true copy. Attest:

Christa Silva Paulino Leite
City Clerk

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Claim Number: 01-009-605519
Date Of Loss: 02/16/2026
Policy Number: 43308453
Id#: Rosalyn Price English

February 16, 2026

ATTENTION: Building Commissioner or Inspector of Buildings Fire Department or Arson Squad, Board of Health or Board of Selectmen C/O City or Town Hall

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MASS. GEN. LAWS, CHAPTER 139, SECTION 3B

Our Insured: ROSALYN PRICE ENGLISH
Property Address: 171 Ogrady St Fall River, MA, 02720-4900
Policy Number: 43308453
Claim Number: 01-009-605519
Date of Loss: 02/16/2026

This correspondence shall serve as notice that, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 139, Section 3B, a claim has been made involving loss, damage or destruction to a building or other structure which may either exceed \$1,000 or cause Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 143, Section 6 to be applicable.

If any notice pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 139, Section 3B is appropriate, please direct such notice to my attention and kindly, pursuant to the information provided above, include the insured's name, address, policy number, claim number and date of loss. If you contact us via email, please use claimdocuments@afics.com and be sure to reference the claim number in the subject line of your email.

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Margaret Galvan

Margaret Galvan
Bilingual Desk Adjuster
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