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TUESDAY, JUNE 29, 2021

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CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, ONE GOVERNMENT CENTER

5:30 P.M. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

REVISED AGENDA

1. Citizen Input
Due to the COVID-19 Essential Services Advisory, citizen input can be submitted by email to city_council@fallriverma.org by Tuesday, June 29, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. to be read at the meeting.
2. *Mayor and communication regarding the Fiscal Year 2022 Municipal Budget
3. Continue discussion of proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Municipal Budget with the Police and Fire Departments and the Department of Community Maintenance

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

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Finance:

2. Orders – Proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Municipal Budget
 - a. General Fund
 - b. Emergency Medical Services Enterprise Fund
 - c. Sewer Enterprise Fund
 - d. Water Enterprise Fund



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PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

June 28, 2021

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

Councilor President and Members of the Honorable Council:

With the City Council's rejection of the total budget at the June 22, 2021 City Council meeting, Massachusetts General Laws (M.G.L. ch.44 §32) and the City of Fall River's Charter (Article 6, Section 6-4) state that if the City Council does not take action on any budget items within 45 days after its receipt, the proposed budget goes into effect for that fiscal year. I have been advised the budget, which was formally presented to the City Council on May 11th, 2021 will be in effect on July 1, 2021.

The vote of the City Council last week to reject the entire budget was ineffective in stopping the FY 2022 budget from being enacted. A vote of the City Council to reduce or reject the budget in its entirety- or a vote to reduce categories of spending by a total amount or percentage- without voting to reduce particular line items by specific dollar amounts is invalid. The Council chose not to act on any of the recommended line item amounts by approving, reducing, or rejecting individual line items. Due to expiration of the 45 day time period following the budget's May 11th receipt, the original proposed budget has been adopted.

The City Council has held hearings, as well as participated in meetings with the administration and department heads, to grant them the opportunity to make specific changes to the budget. No such changes nor recommendations were received within the 45 day timeframe.

As the budget process and its approval are governed by municipal and state law, we must adhere strictly to this process and we must plan to maintain current operations and City services as we begin the new fiscal year. I am available to discuss this matter with the Council at their request.

Sincerely,

Paul Coogan
Mayor