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MEETINGS SCHEDULED
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, ONE GOVERNMENT CENTER
APRIL 14, 2026
AGENDA

5:00 P.M. JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

5:55 P.M. PUBLIC HEARINGS (OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE IF IT RUNS PAST 5:55 P.M.)

Jointly Owned Pole Location

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

   Arizona Street — One (1) new jointly owned pole location

   This petition is proposing to install one new, jointly owned midspan pole (P1-50), between Pole 1 and Pole 2, and approximately 130 feet southeast of the centerline of the intersection of Eastern Avenue and County Street. In accordance with Plan No. 31285348

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

   Bedford Street — One (1) new jointly owned pole location

   This petition is proposing to install one new, jointly owned, 55-foot Class H1 midspan pole (P64-50) approximately 143 feet westerly of the centerline of the intersection of Eastern Avenue and Bedford Street between existing poles P64 and P65. In accordance with Plan No. 31284377

   Restriction:
   Must not impede existing driveway.

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

   East Main Street — One (1) new jointly owned pole location

   This petition is proposing to install one new, jointly owned midspan pole (Pole 12-50) on East Main Street approximately 61 feet northerly of existing Pole 12. In accordance with Plan No. 31260059

   Restriction:
   Must not impede existing driveway.

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

Locust Street — One (1) new jointly owned pole location

This petition is proposing to install one new, jointly owned pole (P67-50) approximately 120 feet east of the centerline of the intersection of Locust Street and Sherman Street. In accordance with Plan No. 31260029

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

Northeastern Avenue — One (1) new jointly owned pole location

This petition is proposing to install one new, jointly owned midspan pole (P25-50), at the intersection of David Street and Hiram Street, located approximately 103 feet southwest of Pole 26. In accordance with Plan No. 31260011

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

Peckham Street — One (1) new jointly owned pole location

This petition is proposing to install one new, jointly owned midspan pole (P19-50) approximately 55 feet west of Pole 20. In accordance with Plan No. 31260049

6:00 P.M. CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON FINANCE MEETING (OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC HEARINGS IF THEY RUN PAST 6:00 P.M.)

1. Citizen Input
2. *Mayor and Proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Enterprise Fund budgets for Water and Sewer Divisions (referred 3-24-2026)
3. *Transfers and appropriations

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 – None

PRIORITY MATTERS

1. *Mayor and order to accept M.G.L. Ch. 90, Sec. 17C, which relates to Establishment of 25-miles-per-hour speed limit in thickly settled or business district in city or town; violation
2. *Mayor and gift order to accept a donation for services of a professionally trained comfort and search-and-rescue dog for use by the Emergency Medical Services Division
3. *Mayor and Community Development Agency Five Year Consolidated Plan and Year Two Annual Action Plan
4. *Mayor and order appropriating $4,459,575.32 from Community Preservation Act funds for Fiscal Year 2026 community projects
5. *Mayor and the following appropriations:
   a. $225,000 from FY25 Surplus Revenue to Facilities, Capital
   b. $250,000 from FY25 Surplus Revenue to Police, Capital
   c. $397,500 from FY25 Surplus Revenue to Fire and Emergency Services

d. $245,000 from FY25 Surplus Revenue to Community Maintenance, Capital
e. $1,600,000.00 from FY25 Surplus Revenue to Demolition Revolving Fund
f. $3,000,000.00 from FY 25 Surplus Revenue to Employer Health Trust Fund

6. *Mayor and communication to City Council regarding a resolution adopted at the Regular Meeting of the City Council held on March 24, 2026

PRIORITY COMMUNICATIONS

7. *Traffic Commission recommending amendments to the traffic ordinances
8. *Chair of the Board of Elections update regarding polling locations

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Economic Development and Tourism recommending:

9. Approve
*Communication – Letter to Administration requesting the creation of a Tourism Advisory Committee

Committee on Regulations recommending:
Adoption, as amended:

10. *Order – J & M Development Group Corp, 263 Gifford Road, Westport, MA, 02790 – Removal of 12 feet (on County Street) of curbing for a total opening of 32 feet at 215-219 Earle Street

11. *Order – Tucker Dachshund, LLC, 88 Earle Street – Removal of 39 feet of curbing (on Laurel Street) for a total opening of 82 feet at 25 Rhode Island Avenue

Committee on Ordinances and Legislation recommending:
All readings with emergency preamble:

12. *Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, Handicapped parking
- Osborn Street, North, 20 feet east of Brown Street
- Stewart Street, South, 29 feet east of North Underwood Street

First reading:

13. *Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, Miscellaneous
Section 1
Parking prohibited during certain hours (inserts)
- Progress Street, North, Starting at Stafford Road for a distance of 282 feet westerly, Monday through Friday, 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.
- Progress Street, South, Starting at Stafford Road for a distance of 275 feet westerly, Monday through Friday, 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Section 2
Two-hour parking (insert)
- Pleasant Street, South, east of Cash Street

Section 3
Handicapped parking removals
- Barnes Street, South, 322 feet west of County Street
- Hunter Street, South, 184 feet south of William Street
- Seabury Street, West, 104 feet north of Bank Street
- Sprague Street, North, 257 feet east of Bay Street
- Tuttle Street, East, 64 feet south of Dwelly Street

14. Committee on Public Safety recommending:
Grant Leave to Withdraw
*Resolution – The Committee on Public Safety convene with the Police Chief to discuss strategies to combat vehicular vandalism in the President Avenue and Madison Street neighborhood

ORDINANCES – None

RESOLUTIONS

15. *Committee on Real Estate, Facilities and Housing convene with a representative from the Administration, the Veterans' Services Officer, and the Director of City Operations to discuss plans for 755 Pine Street (the former Veterans Association of Bristol County location)
16. *Committee on Regulations convene with the Director of Engineering and Planning to discuss the creation of a fine for applications that are submitted after the curb removal work has been completed prior to being approved by the Traffic Commission and City Council
17. *Committee on Ordinances and Legislation convene with the City Administrator, Corporation Counsel and a representative of Fall River Government Television to discuss the creation of a proposed ordinance requiring all public meetings to be recorded with either video or audio
18. *City Council approves of the issuance of City Council Official Citations and authorizes the City Council President to implement the changes necessary to make this process more expedient for presentations in the community or in the City Council Chamber

CITATIONS

19. Maria N. Sardinha – Recipient of Fall River Icon Award and for 65 years of dedicated service and generosity to the City of Fall River

ORDERS – HEARINGS

Jointly Owned Poles

20. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc., Arizona Street – One (1) new jointly owned pole location
21. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc., Bedford Street – One (1) new jointly owned pole location
22. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc., East Main Street – One (1) new jointly owned pole location
23. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc., Locust Street – One (1) new jointly owned pole location
24. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc., Northeastern Avenue – One (1) new jointly owned pole location
25. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc., Peckham Street – One (1) new jointly owned pole location

ORDERS – MISCELLANEOUS

26. Police Chief's report on licenses
Taxicab Drivers
William Louis

27. Auto Body Shop License Transfer
Auto Body Shop License No. 93, located at 151 Cove Street, from Albert Piva d/b/a Piva's Auto Repair and Body Shop to Alexander Medeiros d/b/a Al Piva's Auto Repair and Body Shop

28. Auto Repair Shop License Renewal
Naomi Soares d/b/a RS Performance and Repair, 1030 Dwelly Street

29. Auto Repair Shop License Transfer
Auto Repair Shop License No. 167, located at 151 Cove Street, from Albert Piva d/b/a Piva's Auto Repair and Body Shop to Alexander Medeiros d/b/a Al Piva's Auto Repair and Body Shop

COMMUNICATIONS – INVITATIONS – PETITIONS

30. *Claims

31. *City Engineer – Street opening less than 5 years on Lee Street
32. *City Engineer – Street opening less than 5 years on Harvard Street
33. *City Engineer – Street opening less than 5 years on Hartwell Street

34. Drainlayer Licenses

A. DiFazio Construction, Inc.
Alexandre's Excavating, Inc.
Biszko Contracting Corp.
Bristol Pacific Homes, Inc.
Century Paving & Construction Corp.
Coastal Water Sewer & Excavation, Inc.
DB & Son Excavating, Inc.
Dixon Inc.
East Coast Landscaping & Construction Co., Inc.
Feeney Brothers Excavation LLC
Foley Excavation LLC
Green Acres Landscape & Construction Co., Inc.
HM Lopes, LLC
Hydra Tech Inc.
JLC Construction Co., Inc.
J.R.D., Inc.
J&R Resendes Corp.
K.R. Rezendes, Inc.
LAL Construction Co., Inc.
MRC Contracting, Inc.
R. Wordell Enterprises, LLC
Sandstone Construction Co., Inc
SLT Construction Corporation

35. Planning Board Minutes – February 19, 2026

City Council Minutes

36. *Joint Meeting of City Council and School Committee – March 10, 2026
37. *Committee on Finance – March 10, 2026
38. *Regular Meeting of the City Council – March 10, 2026
39. *Public Hearings – March 24, 2026
40. *Committee on Finance – March 24, 2026
41. *Regular Meeting of the City Council – March 24, 2026

BULLETINS – NEWSLETTERS – NOTICES

42. *Department of Public Utilities – Notice of inquiry and request for comments re investigation by the Department of Public Utilities on its own motion into gas and electric delivery charges and bill redesign, with a comment deadline of April 30, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

Chelsea Pacheco

Assistant City Clerk

POTENTIAL MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (if received):

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Finance recommending:

Action:

14a. Orders – Proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Enterprise Fund budgets for Water and Sewer Divisions

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PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

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March 12, 2026

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

RE: FY27 Budget Submission
Water and Sewer Division

Dear Members of the City Council:

Please see attached the FY 27 Budgets for the Water and Sewer Divisions. The FY 27 Budgets as submitted do not need a change in the current rate structure.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

CITY OF FALL RIVER
IN CITY COUNCIL
MAR 24 2026
Referred to the
Committee on Finance

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City of Fall River, *In City Council* FINANCE 2

BE IT ORDERED: That the following FY27 appropriations be provided through the Sewer rates under Chapter 53F 1/2 in the aggregate, amounting to $16,155,881.00 be appropriated as follows:

A. Voted: That the following sums be appropriated for the Water Enterprise.

from Water Rate Revenues, for Water, Salaries	$	3,545,696
from Water Rate Revenues, for Water, Expenses	$	3,203,810
from Water Rate Revenues, for Water, Capital	$	350,000
from Water Rate Revenues, for Water, Transfers	$	2,628,209
from Water Rate Revenues, for Water, Debt	$	6,428,166
TOTAL:	$	16,155,881

and that $16,571,442 be raised as follows:

Water Retained Earnings	$	-
Departmental Receipts	$	16,155,881
	$	16,155,881

Recommend that the following sums be appropriated to operate the Water Enterprise:

Direct		
Salaries	$	3,545,696
Expenses	$	3,203,810
Capital	$	350,000
Transfer to Stabilization	$	-
Debt	$	6,428,166
Subtotal	$	13,527,672

Indirect		
Health Insurance	$	618,839
Pensions	$	1,195,932
Other	$	813,438
Subtotal	$	2,628,209
TOTAL:	$	16,155,881

FINANCE 2

City of Fall River, *In City Council*

BE IT ORDERED: That the following FY27 appropriations be provided through the Sewer rates under Chapter 53F 1/2 in the aggregate, amounting to $32,404,108.00 be appropriated as follows:

A. Voted: That the following sums be appropriated for the Sewer Enterprise.

from Sewer Rate Revenues, for Sewer, Salaries	$	852,240
from Sewer Rate Revenues, for Sewer, Expenses	$	15,587,989
from Sewer Rate Revenues, for Sewer, Capital	$	300,000
from Sewer Rate Revenues, for Sewer, Transfers	$	948,000
from Sewer Rate Revenues, for Sewer, Debt	$	14,715,879
TOTAL:	$	32,404,108

and that $32,785,387 be raised as follows:

Sewer Retained Earnings	$	-
Departmental Receipts	$	32,404,108
	$	32,404,108

Recommend that the following sums be appropriated to operate the Sewer Enterprise:

Direct		
Salaries	$	852,240
Expenses	$	15,587,989
Capital	$	300,000
Transfer to Stabilization	$	-
Debt	$	14,715,879
Subtotal	$	31,456,108

Indirect		
Health Insurance	$	154,615
Pensions	$	292,624
Other	$	500,761
Subtotal	$	948,000
TOTAL:	$	32,404,108

FINANCE 2

Community Utilities

FY 27 Budget Overview

Sewer Division **$ 32,404,108**

Rates Sewer $ 8.11 per a CCF

Storm Water $ 50.00 Per ERU per Quarter

Budget

- No Retained Earnings Used
- Reduction in Debt Service realized
- Increase in revenue realized

Water Division **$16,155,881**

Rates Water $ 4.24 per CCF

Budget

- No Retained Earnings Used
- Reduction in Debt Service realized
- Increase in revenue realized

Total Impact to Customer per Year

Sewer	$ 0.00
Water	$ 0.00
Total	**$ 0.00**

COMMUNITY UTILITIES - WATER - SEWER
CITY OF FALL RIVER

FINANCE

March 12, 2026

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

RE: FY27 Budget Submission
Sewer Division

Dear Mayor Coogan:

Please find enclosed the documents for the above referenced submittal. This submittal meets the Ordinance Sections 2-183 and 2-184 that require that Enterprise Fund Budgets be submitted to the City Council by April 1, and if a rate change is proposaled it must be submitted by May 1.

The Sewer Division budget has been approved by the Sewer Commission. There is no proposed increase in the Rate.

Sincerely,

Paul J. Ferland EIT
Administrator of Community Utilities

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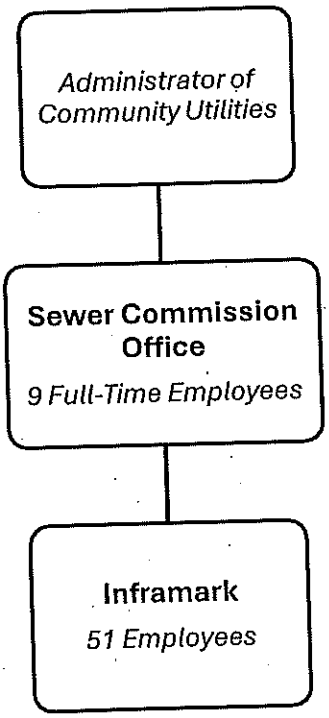
Mission: Protect the public health, public Safety and the environment. Protect and improve the sewer and storm water assets. Perform at the least reasonable cost.

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Description:

- Comply with Federal/State sewer and storm water NPDES permits.
- Comply with Federal CSO Court Order.
- Comply with the Federal EPA SSO Administrative Order.
- Comply with all applicable regulations.
- Minimize sewer and storm water bills as reasonably as possible while meeting the goals and objectives.
- Implement the Integrated Sewer/Stormwater Master Plan (IP Plan).

Organizational Chart:



Sewer Enterprise Fund

FY2027 Revenue Detail

	FY2025 Actuals	FY2026 Revised Budget	FY2026 Projected	FY2027 Proposed Budget
User Charges	$ 28,645,711	$ 29,453,787	$ 28,969,035	$ 29,704,508
Sewer User Charges	20,337,772.46	21,077,907.00	20,788,993.29	21,328,628.00
Steptage Revenue	874,710.21	1,000,000.00	1,072,090.25	1,000,000.00
Sewer Demands	46,209.00	55,000.00	41,934.30	55,000.00
Sewer Final Demands	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00
Stormwater Fee	7,386,989.75	7,320,850.00	7,065,987.17	7,320,850.00
Sewer Liens	$ 1,634,102	$ 1,400,000	$ 1,898,435	$ 1,600,000
Tax Liens Redeemed	107,492.73	200,000.00	113,069.00	200,000.00
Utility Liens Redeemed 2023	39,889.34	-	-	-
Utility Liens Redeemed 2024	-	1,200,000.00	-	-
Utility Liens Redeemed 2025	1,486,720.40	-	54,448.73	-
Utility Liens Redeemed 2026	-	-	1,730,917.17	1,400,000.00
Interest & Penalties	$ 179,356	$ 210,600	$ 169,982	$ 210,600
I & P - Septage	1,460.82	600.00	263.45	600.00
I & P - Tax Liens	44,561.37	70,000.00	33,733.80	70,000.00
I & P - Sewer Liens	123,216.59	120,000.00	129,634.86	120,000.00
I & P - Utility Liens	10,117.20	20,000.00	6,350.09	20,000.00
Other Revenue	$ 953,305	$ 889,000	$ 720,106	$ 889,000
Permit Fees	64,840.84	89,000.00	76,957.50	89,000.00
Other Revenue	888,464.14	800,000.00	643,148.84	800,000.00
Retained Earnings *(Free Cash)*	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Sewer Stabilization Fund	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total Sewer Enterprise Fund Revenue	$ 31,412,475	$ 31,953,387	$ 31,757,558	$ 32,404,108

FINANCE 2

Sewer Enterprise Fund

	FY2025 Actuals	FY2026 Revised Budget	FY2027 Proposed Budget	FY25 - 26 Change %
REVENUES:				
User Charges	28,645,711	29,453,787	29,704,508	0.9%
Sewer Liens	1,634,102	1,400,000	1,600,000	14.3%
Interest & Penalties	179,356	210,600	210,600	0.0%
Other Revenue	953,305	889,000	889,000	0.0%
Retained Earnings *(Free Cash)*	-	-	-	0.0%
Sewer Stabilization Fund	-	-	-	0.0%
TOTAL RESOURCES FOR APPROPRIATION	**$ 31,412,475**	**$ 31,953,387**	**$ 32,404,108**	**1.4%**
EXPENSES:				
Salaries & Wages	604,499	759,080	852,240	12.3%
Sewer Administrative Expenses	194,774	294,500	295,000	0.2%
Sewer Treatment Plant Expenses	13,409,371	14,527,165	15,292,989	5.3%
Capital	269,491	300,000	300,000	0.0%
Sewer Stabilization Fund	-	-	-	0.0%
Indirect Charges	1,680,000	948,000	948,000	0.0%
Debt Service	11,728,024	15,124,642	14,715,879	-2.7%
TOTAL SEWER APPROPRIATION	**$ 27,886,159**	**$ 31,953,387**	**$ 32,404,108**	**1.4%**
BUDGET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	**$ 3,526,316**	**$ -**	**$ 0**	**0.0%**

FINANCE 2

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Sewer Enterprise Fund

FY2027 Expense Detail

	FY2025 Actuals	FY2026 Revised Budget	FY2026 Projected	FY2027 Proposed Budget
Salaries & Wages	$ 604,499	$ 759,080	$ 507,996	$ 852,240
Salaries & Wages - Permanent	516,211	678,359	482,667	735,348
Longevity	5,000	3,000	3,500	2,500
Overtime	257	-	721	-
Holiday Pay	-	-	-	-
Retirement Buyouts	63,350	31,874	-	60,000
Medicare Match	8,464	4,997	6,408	10,503
Uniform Allowance	3,600	4,500	4,050	6,300
Other Stipends	7,617	16,000	10,650	16,000
Other Personnel Costs	-	20,350	-	21,589
Sewer Administrative Expenses	$ 194,774	$ 294,500	$ 265,103	$ 295,000
Office Supplies	2,783	2,000	1,454	1,500
Advertising	3,991	3,000	3,000	3,000
Engineering & Architecture Services	-	25,000	15,000	25,000
Telephone	9,895	17,000	21,653	20,000
Computer Services	5,187	1,500	2,000	1,500
Educational Supplies	3,477	4,000	2,382	2,000
Meter Parts & Supplies	39,192	50,000	45,000	50,000
Water/Sewer	112,864	189,000	171,224	189,000
In-State Travel	342	500	300	500
Dues & Memberships	1,867	2,000	3,090	2,000
Claims & Damages	15,176	500	-	500
Sewer Treatment Plant Expenses	$ 13,409,371	$ 14,527,165	$ 14,455,392	$ 15,292,989
Electricity	1,820,885	1,900,000	2,247,457	2,200,000
Natural Gas	126,487	100,000	73,979	100,000
Rentals & Leases	3,313	9,000	6,000	9,000
Other Professional Services	8,074,176	8,288,747	8,288,747	8,846,388
Postage	180	34,000	30,000	34,000
Other Purchased Services	2,422,343	2,839,701	2,768,912	2,891,901
Chemicals	930,119	1,322,717	1,007,100	1,176,700
Conferences	2,901	1,000	2,197	1,000
Motor Vehicle Insurance	28,967	32,000	31,000	34,000
Capital	$ 269,491	$ 300,000	$ 400,000	$ 300,000
Sewer Stabilization Fund	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Indirect Charges	$ 1,680,000	$ 948,000	$ 948,000	$ 948,000
Transfer to General Fund	1,485,000.00	458,089.00	458,089.00	500,761.00
Health Insurance	95,000.04	131,226.00	131,226.00	154,615.00
Retirement Contributions	100,000.00	358,685.00	358,685.00	292,624.00
Debt Service	$ 11,728,024	$ 15,124,642	$ 14,885,997	$ 14,715,879
Principal, Long-Term Debt	8,275,058	10,386,957	10,386,957	10,202,563
Interest, Long-Term Debt	2,805,410	3,993,669	3,993,669	3,874,659
Interest, Short-Term Debt	421,443	358,645	120,000	310,583
Debt Administrative Costs	226,113	385,371	385,371	328,074
Total Sewer Enterprise Fund Expenses	$ 27,886,159	$ 31,953,387	$ 31,462,488	$ 32,404,108

Sewer Enterprise Fund

FY2027 Personnel Detail

Position	Employee	FTE	FY2027 Base Salary	Longevity	Total Stipends	Total Add. Pay	Total FY2027 Salary
Administrator of Community Utilities	Ferland	1	155,000.00	500.00	5,500.00	900.00	**161,900.00**
Project Manager	Garcia	1	88,252.50	1,000.00	-	-	**89,252.50**
Project Manager	Jacob	1	79,847.50	-	2,000.00	900.00	**82,747.50**
Project Specialist	Gonsalves	1	59,885.63	1,000.00	-	-	**60,885.63**
Senior Engineer Aide	DeSoto	1	51,339.15	-	2,500.00	900.00	**54,739.15**
Water Maintenance Worker I, CDL/BH	Candido	1	46,989.19	-	2,000.00	900.00	**49,889.19**
Deputy Administrator of Community Utilities	*Vacancy*	1	110,000.00	-	2,000.00	900.00	**112,900.00**
Project Manager, Safety Coordinator	*Vacancy*	1	82,000.00	-	2,000.00	900.00	**84,900.00**
Senior Engineer Aide, Inspection Markoffs	*Vacancy*	1	49,808.59	-	-	900.00	**50,708.59**
Sewer Commission, President	Almeida	-	2,000.00	-	-	-	**2,000.00**
Sewer Commission, Clerk	Ferland	-	3,125.00	-	-	-	**3,125.00**
Sewer Commission, Asst. Clerk	Tighe	-	1,500.00	-	-	-	**1,500.00**
Sewer Commission, Member	Alves	-	1,400.00	-	-	-	**1,400.00**
Sewer Commission, Member	Howayeck	-	1,400.00	-	-	-	**1,400.00**
Sewer Commission, Member	Souse	-	1,400.00	-	-	-	**1,400.00**
Sewer Commission, Member	*Vacancy*	-	1,400.00	-	-	-	**1,400.00**
Total Sewer Personnel		**9**	**735,348**	**2,500**	**16,000**	**6,300**	**$ 760,148**

FINANCE 2

COMMUNITY UTILITIES - WATER - SEWER
CITY OF FALL RIVER

FINANCE 2

March 12, 2026

The Honorable Paul E Coogan
One Government Center
Fall River, MA 02722

RE: FY27 Budget Submission
Water Division

Dear Mayor Coogan:

Please find enclosed the documents for the above referenced submittal. This submittal meets the Ordinance Sections 2-183 and 2-184 that require that Enterprise Fund Budgets be submitted to the City Council by April 1, and if a rate change is proposaled it must be submitted by May 1.

The Water Division budget has been approved by the Watuppa Water Board. There is no proposed increase in the Rate.

Sincerely,

Paul J. Ferland EIT
Administrator of Community Utilities

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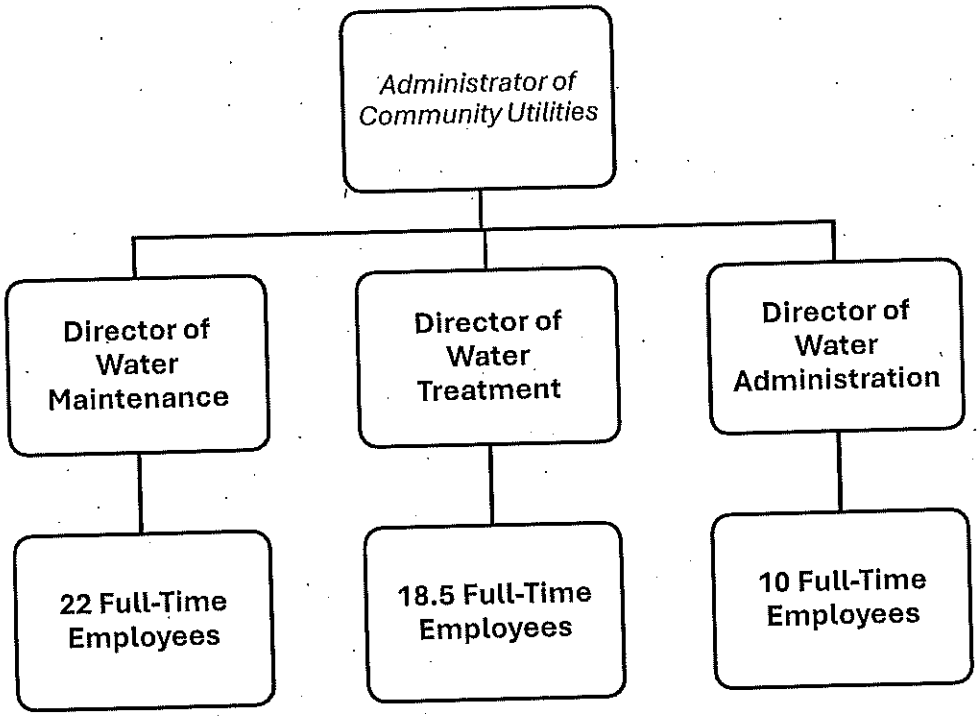
Mission: Protect the public health, public Safety and the environment. Protect and improve the sewer and storm water assets. Perform at the least reasonable cost.

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Description:

- Comply with Federal/State water permits.
- Comply with State Administrative Order on Lead compliance.
- Comply with the Federal Disinfection Byproduct rule.
- Comply with all applicable regulations.
- Minimize water bills as reasonably as possible while meeting the goals and objectives.
- Implement the 20 year Master Plan.

Organizational Chart:



Water Enterprise Fund

	FY2025 Actuals	FY2026 Revised Budget	FY2027 Proposed Budget	FY25 - 26 Change %
REVENUES:				
User Charges	14,192,731	14,676,042	14,737,481	0.4%
Water Liens	853,434	650,000	900,000	38.5%
Interest & Penalties	85,384	111,000	111,000	0.0%
Other Revenue	319,444	407,400	407,400	0.0%
Retained Earnings *(Free Cash)*	-	-	-	0.0%
Water Stabilization Fund	-	200,000	-	-100.0%
TOTAL RESOURCES FOR APPROPRIATION	**$ 15,450,992**	**$ 16,044,442**	**$ 16,155,881**	**0.7%**
EXPENSES:				
Water Administration	**$ 10,432,988**	**$ 10,429,345**	**$ 10,305,909**	**-1.2%**
Salaries & Wages	605,304	572,803	649,124	13.3%
Expenses	156,064	230,410	250,410	8.7%
Capital	427,619	300,000	350,000	16.7%
Water Stabilization Fund	-	-	-	0.0%
Indirect Charges	3,025,238	2,598,238	2,628,209	1.2%
Debt Service	6,218,763	6,727,894	6,428,166	-4.5%
Water Maintenance & Distribution	**$ 1,554,553**	**$ 2,056,155**	**$ 2,114,227**	**2.8%**
Salaries & Wages	1,020,059	1,460,455	1,452,527	-0.5%
Expenses	534,495	595,700	661,700	11.1%
Water Treatment Plant	**$ 2,951,751**	**$ 3,558,942**	**$ 3,735,745**	**5.0%**
Salaries & Wages	1,178,174	1,387,242	1,444,045	4.1%
Expenses	1,773,577	2,171,700	2,291,700	5.5%
TOTAL WATER APPROPRIATION	**$ 14,939,292**	**$ 16,044,442**	**$ 16,155,881**	**0.7%**
BUDGET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	**$ 511,700**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**0.0%**

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Water Enterprise Fund

FY2027 Revenue Detail

	FY2025 Actuals	FY2026 Revised Budget	FY2026 Projected	FY2027 Proposed Budget
User Charges	**$ 14,192,731**	**$ 14,676,042**	**$ 14,859,992**	**$ 14,737,481**
Water User Charges	12,725,911.25	13,186,752.00	13,486,421.75	13,248,191.00
Other Water Charges	153,106.27	150,000.00	82,399.58	150,000.00
Water Demands	44,558.22	50,000.00	40,435.29	50,000.00
Water Final Demands	30.00	20.00	15.00	20.00
Base Meter Fee	1,269,125.09	1,289,270.00	1,250,720.43	1,289,270.00
Water Liens	**$ 853,434**	**$ 650,000**	**$ 918,626**	**$ 900,000**
Tax Liens Redeemed	53,724.70	100,000.00	67,669.59	100,000.00
Utility Liens Redeemed 2023	26,739.93	-	-	-
Utility Liens Redeemed 2024	-	550,000.00	-	-
Utility Liens Redeemed 2025	772,969.45	-	29,103.04	-
Utility Liens Redeemed 2026	-	-	821,853.44	800,000.00
Interest & Penalties	**$ 85,384**	**$ 111,000**	**$ 76,000**	**$ 111,000**
I & P - Tax Liens	25,376.11	40,000.00	16,614.03	40,000.00
I & P - Water Liens	54,438.27	65,000.00	56,123.79	65,000.00
I & P - Utility Liens	5,569.17	6,000.00	3,262.46	6,000.00
Other Revenue	**$ 319,444**	**$ 407,400**	**$ 310,943**	**$ 407,400**
Lumber Revenue	895.00	900.00	1,672.50	900.00
Tower Rental	162,074.91	200,000.00	150,126.84	200,000.00
Bulk Sales	51,110.87	50,000.00	58,663.35	50,000.00
Applications & Testing	2,400.00	6,500.00	1,350.00	6,500.00
Other Revenue	102,962.85	150,000.00	99,130.13	150,000.00
Retained Earnings *(Free Cash)*	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**
Water Stabilization Fund	**$ -**	**$ 200,000**	**$ -**	**$ -**
Total Water Enterprise Fund Revenue	**$ 15,450,992**	**$ 16,044,442**	**$ 16,165,561**	**$ 16,155,881**

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Water Administration Expenses

FY2027 Expense Detail

	FY2025 Actuals	FY2026 Revised Budget	FY2026 Projected	FY2027 Proposed Budget
Salaries & Wages	$ 605,304	$ 572,803	$ 590,926	$ 649,124
Salaries & Wages - Permanent	516,635	531,977	475,374	548,376
Longevity	6,200	5,400	5,250	5,500
Overtime	39,232	500	63,739	500
Retirement Buyouts	-	-	-	60,000
Other Personnel Costs	-	20,778	-	20,599
Medicare Match	37,037	7,448	37,263	7,949
Other Stipends	3,500	4,000	5,250	3,500
Uniform Allowance	2,700	2,700	4,050	2,700
Expenses	$ 156,064	$ 230,410	$ 214,720	$ 250,410
Office Supplies	284	1,200	1,186	1,200
R & M, Meters	14,000	14,000	10,113	14,000
Rentals & Leases	637	4,660	956	4,660
Advertising	344	5,550	2,876	5,550
Other Professional Services	47,845	82,000	94,331	102,000
Telephone	19,508	35,000	32,293	35,000
Postage	41,450	45,000	40,000	45,000
Computer Services	353	-	97	-
Other Purchased Services	-	-	-	-
Training	1,785	2,000	1,375	2,000
Meter Parts	10,555	13,000	10,000	13,000
Water/Sewer	19,304	28,000	21,495	28,000
Capital	$ 427,619	$ 300,000	$ 380,000	$ 350,000
Water Stabilization Fund	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Indirect Charges	$ 3,025,238	$ 2,598,238	$ 2,598,238	$ 2,628,209
Transfer to General Fund	1,300,000	903,184	903,184	813,438
Health Insurance	725,238	505,779	505,779	618,839
Retirement Contributions	1,000,000	1,189,275	1,189,275	1,195,932
Debt Service	$ 6,218,763	$ 6,727,894	$ 6,280,259	$ 6,428,166
Principal, Long-Term Debt	4,687,218	4,888,820	4,888,820	4,678,820
Interest, Long-Term Debt	1,227,678	1,252,360	1,252,360	1,272,360
Interest, Short-Term Debt	241,589	522,364	74,729	401,636
Debt Administrative Costs	62,278	64,350	64,350	75,350
Total Water Administration Expenses	$ 10,432,988	$ 10,429,345	$ 10,064,143	$ 10,305,909

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Water Administration Expenses

FY2027 Personnel Detail

Position	Employee	FTE	FY2027 Base Salary	Longevity	Total Stipends	Total Add. Pay	Total FY2027 Salary
Director of Water Administration	Tighe	1	77,232.49	200.00	-	-	77,432.49
Project Specialist	Powers	1	69,080.59	2,000.00	-	-	71,080.59
Water Maintenance Worker I, CDL/BH	Faria	1	53,701.90	600.00	1,000.00	900.00	56,201.90
Water Maintenance Worker I, CDL/BH	Warhall	1	53,701.90	200.00	1,500.00	900.00	56,301.90
Water Service Inspector	Mello	1	53,701.90	-	1,000.00	900.00	55,601.90
Head Admin Clerk	Geraldes	1	48,891.98	500.00	-	-	49,391.98
Head Admin Clerk	Rapoza	1	48,891.98	-	-	-	48,891.98
Head Admin Clerk	Walsh	1	48,891.98	2,000.00	-	-	50,891.98
Head Admin Clerk	Pavao	1	48,891.98	-	-	-	48,891.98
Head Admin Clerk	*Vacancy*	1	45,388.89	-	-	-	45,388.89
Total Water Administration Expenses		**10**	**548,376**	**5,500**	**3,500**	**2,700**	**$ 560,076**

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Water Maintenance & Distribution Expenses

FY2027 Expense Detail

	FY2025 Actuals	FY2026 Revised Budget	FY2026 Projected	FY2027 Proposed Budget
Salaries & Wages	**$ 1,020,059**	**$ 1,460,455**	**$ 1,155,131**	**$ 1,452,527**
Salaries & Wages - Permanent	845,323	1,170,730	908,696	1,193,760
Longevity	3,662	4,400	4,018	3,400
Overtime	72,703	100,000	133,447	100,000
Holiday Pay	-	-	-	-
Service Out of Rank	-	-	6,398	-
Employee Buyouts	23,325	20,000	22,298	20,000
Workmen's Compensation, Salaries	46,871	40,000	32,910	32,213
Medicare Match	-	16,390	-	17,061
Other Personnel Costs	-	54,935	-	37,793
Other Stipends	14,674	34,200	27,565	28,500
Uniform Allowance	13,500	19,800	19,800	19,800
Expenses	**$ 534,495**	**$ 595,700**	**$ 769,707**	**$ 661,700**
Electricity	22,172	25,000	16,083	25,000
Heating Fuel	12,778	25,000	9,086	25,000
R & M, Buildings & Grounds	5,752	4,000	2,060	10,000
R & M, Vehicles	51,943	35,000	66,310	77,500
Office Supplies	6,124	6,500	8,483	6,500
R & M, Other	2,667	3,000	2,799	-
R & M, Water Pipe	4,500	16,000	10,000	19,000
Construction Equipment Rental	14,561	8,000	8,175	8,000
Worker's Compensation	39,326	30,000	168,814	30,000
Other Purchased Services	13,202	15,000	44,177	25,000
Gasoline	61,636	75,000	69,752	75,000
R & M, Construction Equipment	11,042	15,000	33,876	25,000
Building & Maintenance Supplies	5,033	5,000	5,254	5,000
Cleaning Supplies	986	3,000	1,528	3,000
Tools	10,217	10,000	7,691	10,000
Motor Oil & Lubricants	12,672	-	-	-
Parts & Accessories	40,118	49,000	44,709	26,500
Training	9,945	5,000	3,682	5,000
Concrete/Cement	71,215	70,000	80,000	90,000
Corps/Stops/Tubing	18,808	20,000	15,000	20,000
Lumber	59	500	186	500
Sand & Gravel	684	-	-	-
Pipe & Fittings	39,691	56,000	40,767	56,000
Hydrants & Hydrant Parts	34,595	46,000	20,515	46,000
Stop Boxes	7,937	16,000	15,485	16,000
Other Supplies	5,366	7,200	5,417	7,200
Motor Vehicle Insurance	31,465	50,000	61,859	50,000
Claims & Damages	-	500	28,000	500
Total Water Maintenance & Distribution	**$ 1,554,553**	**$ 2,056,155**	**$ 1,924,837**	**$ 2,114,227**

Water Maintenance & Distribution Expenses — FY2027 Personnel Detail

Position	Employee	FTE	FY2027 Base Salary	Longevity	Total Stipends	Total Add. Pay	Total FY2027 Salary
Director of Water Maintenance	Jacob	1	85,427.88	500.00	1,500.00	900.00	**88,327.88**
Project Specialist	DeSoto	1	69,080.55	1,000.00	-	900.00	**70,980.55**
Water Maintenance Worker I, Advanced BH	Soares	1	58,177.11	200.00	2,000.00	900.00	**61,277.11**
Water Maintenance Worker I, Advanced BH	Tavares	1	58,177.11	500.00	1,500.00	900.00	**61,077.11**
Senior Engineer Aide	Ettress	1	55,939.40	-	2,500.00	900.00	**59,339.40**
Chief Water Inspector	Cabraldo	1	53,701.90	-	2,500.00	900.00	**57,101.90**
Water Maintenance Worker I, CDL/BH	Desmarais	1	53,701.90	200.00	2,000.00	900.00	**56,801.90**
Water Maintenance Worker I, CDL/BH	Desmarais	1	53,701.90	-	1,500.00	900.00	**56,101.90**
Water Maintenance Worker I, CDL	Rego	1	53,701.90	-	2,000.00	900.00	**56,601.90**
Auto Service Worker I	Millerick	1	53,701.90	1,000.00	-	900.00	**55,601.90**
Water Maintenance Worker I	Carreiro	1	46,989.19	-	1,000.00	900.00	**48,889.19**
Water Maintenance Worker I	Denmead	1	46,989.19	-	-	900.00	**47,889.19**
Water Maintenance Worker I	Nieves-Amado	1	46,989.19	-	1,000.00	900.00	**48,889.19**
Water Maintenance Worker I	Sousa	1	46,989.19	-	1,000.00	900.00	**48,889.19**
Water Maintenance Worker I	Whittle	1	46,989.19	-	1,000.00	900.00	**48,889.19**
Water Maintenance Worker I	Mello	1	45,226.56	-	1,000.00	900.00	**47,126.56**
Water Maintenance Worker II	Da'Anunciacao	1	42,513.98	-	-	900.00	**43,413.98**
Water Maintenance Worker II	Gosselin	1	42,513.98	-	-	900.00	**43,413.98**
Water Maintenance Worker I, Supervisor, Advanced BH	*Vacancy*	1	65,470.77	-	2,000.00	900.00	**68,370.77**
Water Maintenance Worker I, Supervisor, Advanced BH	*Vacancy*	1	65,470.77	-	2,000.00	900.00	**68,370.77**
Water Maintenance Worker I, Advanced BH	*Vacancy*	1	53,203.30	-	2,000.00	900.00	**56,103.30**
Water Maintenance Worker I, CDL/BH	*Vacancy*	1	49,103.09	-	2,000.00	900.00	**52,003.09**
Total Water Maintenance & Distribution		**22**	**1,193,760**	**3,400**	**28,500**	**19,800**	**$ 1,245,460**

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Water Treatment Plant Expenses

FY2027 Expense Detail

	FY2025 Actuals	FY2026 Revised Budget	FY2026 Projected	FY2027 Proposed Budget
Salaries & Wages	**$ 1,178,174**	**$ 1,387,242**	**$ 1,207,247**	**$ 1,444,045**
Salaries & Wages - Permanent	934,490	1,069,697	843,212	1,133,441
Longevity	2,900	3,600	4,950	3,100
Overtime	157,738	150,000	165,034	170,000
Shift Premium	14,271	16,640	13,690	15,080
Holiday Pay	7,455	-	10,165	-
Service Out of Rank	2,847	-	-	-
Employee Buyouts	14,071	7,000	44,279	7,000
Workmen's Compensation, Salaries	-	-	64,733	-
Medicare Match	-	14,976	-	16,435
Other Personnel Costs	-	71,929	-	42,589
Other Stipends	21,797	30,000	37,034	33,000
Uniform Allowance	15,405	16,200	17,550	16,200
Auto Allowance	7,200	7,200	6,600	7,200
Expenses	**$ 1,773,577**	**$ 2,171,700**	**$ 1,938,258**	**$ 2,291,700**
Electricity	631,725	850,000	764,963	950,000
Heating Fuel	58,706	65,000	60,100	65,000
R & M, Buildings & Grounds	21,331	35,000	34,426	45,000
R & M, Reservation Headquarters	52,607	50,000	42,309	60,000
R & M, Pumping Stations	6,843	15,000	14,611	15,000
R & M, Construction Equipment	10,858	15,000	10,018	15,000
Office Supplies	693	1,500	808	1,500
Computer Equipment	9,042	15,000	4,695	15,000
Construction Equipment Rental	-	700	-	700
Other Property Related Service	867	1,000	500	1,000
Worker's Compensation	-	500	-	500
Other Professional Services	59,539	60,000	57,427	60,000
Lab Testing Services	32,346	45,000	36,515	45,000
Laboratory Supplies	6,931	10,000	9,000	10,000
Other Purchased Services	-	-	497	-
Cleaning Supplies	713	1,000	414	1,000
Tools	2,245	3,000	2,960	3,000
Training	5,855	5,000	4,489	5,000
Concrete/Cement	-	500	-	500
Lumber	-	500	677	500
Chemicals	816,011	900,000	810,484	900,000
Other Supplies	-	-	436	-
Intergovernmental	57,266	98,000	82,930	98,000
Total Water Treatment Plant Expenses	**$ 2,951,751**	**$ 3,558,942**	**$ 3,145,505**	**$ 3,735,745**

FINANCE 2

Water Treatment Plant Expenses

FY2027 Personnel Detail

Position	Employee	FTE	FY2027 Base Salary	Longevity	Total Stipends	Total Add. Pay	Total FY2027 Salary
Director of Water Treatment	Piela	1	90,353.75	1,000.00	1,500.00	900.00	**93,753.75**
Project Manager	Smith	1	79,950.00	-	-	900.00	**80,850.00**
Water Quality Management	Griffin	1	78,315.27	1,000.00	4,000.00	900.00	**84,215.27**
Water Treatment Operator 4	Charette	1	69,365.03	-	4,000.00	3,500.00	**76,865.03**
Water Treatment Operator 4	Couturier	1	69,365.03	-	4,000.00	900.00	**74,265.03**
Water Treatment Operator 4	Hjerpe	1	69,365.03	-	4,000.00	2,980.00	**76,345.03**
Water Treatment Operator 4	Medeiros	1	69,365.03	200.00	1,500.00	900.00	**71,965.03**
Water Treatment Operator 4	Youssef	1	69,365.03	200.00	5,500.00	3,500.00	**78,565.03**
Water Treatment Operator 3	Pleiss	1	63,540.86	-	-	900.00	**64,440.86**
Treatment Plant Mechanic	Power	1	62,652.32	-	1,000.00	900.00	**64,552.32**
Water Maintenance Worker I, Advanced BH	Borden	1	58,177.11	500.00	1,000.00	900.00	**60,577.11**
Water Maintenance Worker I	Perez	1	46,989.19	-	-	-	**0.00**
Water Treatment Operator 2	Perry	1	49,226.69	-	1,000.00	900.00	**51,126.69**
Water Filtration Watchman	Barbosa	1	49,226.69	-	-	3,500.00	**52,726.69**
Water Filtration Watchman	Beaupre	1	49,226.69	-	-	3,500.00	**52,726.69**
Water Filtration Watchman	Fillion	1	49,226.69	200.00	1,000.00	3,500.00	**53,926.69**
Administrative Clerk	Mejia	1	45,786.56	-	-	-	**45,786.56**
Water Maintenance Worker I, CDL	*Vacancy*	1	49,103.09	-	1,500.00	900.00	**51,503.09**
Water Treatment Operator 4	*Vacancy*	0.4	14,840.95	-	1,500.00	900.00	**17,240.95**
Total Water Treatment Plant Expenses		**18.4**	**1,133,441**	**3,100**	**31,500**	**30,380**	**$ 1,151,432**

City of Fall River
Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor

PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

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FALL RIVER, MA

March 30, 2026

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 see a request from the Director of Traffic and Parking, Stephanie MacArthur, formally requesting the City Council accept the provisions outlined in MGL Chapter 90, Section 17C, that would authorize the Parking Clerk/Director of Traffic and Parking to reduce the speed limit from 30mph to 25mph in areas designated as high density residential zones, where speed is a significant public safety concern.

For any additional questions or concerns please feel free to contact me or my office.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

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City of Fall River, *In City Council*

ORDERED, that the provisions of Section 17C, of Chapter 90 of the Massachusetts General Laws, which pertain to Establishment of 25 miles per hour speed limit in thickly settled or business district in city or town; violation, be and the same are hereby accepted.

CITY OF FALL RIVER
MASSACHUSETTS

Traffic & Parking Division

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic and Parking

March 30, 2026

Dear Mayor Coogan,

I am writing to formally request the acceptance of the provisions outlined in M.G.L. Chapter 90, Section 17C. If adopted by the City Council, this measure would authorize the Parking Clerk/Director of Traffic and Parking to reduce the speed limit from 30 MPH to 25 MPH in areas designated as high-density residential zones, where speeding is a significant public safety concern.

Please find an attached copy of Chapter 90, Section 17C for your reference.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I would be happy to address any questions or concerns you may have regarding this request.

Sincerely,

Stephanie MacArthur
Parking Clerk/Director of Traffic and Parking

Part I	ADMINISTRATION OF THE GOVERNMENT
Title XIV	PUBLIC WAYS AND WORKS
Chapter 90	MOTOR VEHICLES AND AIRCRAFT
Section 17C	ESTABLISHMENT OF 25-MILES-PER-HOUR SPEED LIMIT IN THICKLY SETTLED OR BUSINESS DISTRICT IN CITY OR TOWN; VIOLATION

Section 17C. (a) Notwithstanding section 17 or any other general or special law to the contrary, the city council, the transportation commissioner of the city of Boston, the board of selectmen, park commissioners, a traffic commission or traffic director of a city or town that accepts this section in the manner provided in section 4 of chapter 4 may, in the interests of public safety and without further authority, establish a speed limit of 25 miles per hour on any roadway inside a thickly settled or business district in the city or town on any way that is not a state highway.

(b) Upon establishing a speed limit under this section, the city or town shall notify the department. The operation of a motor vehicle at a speed in excess of a speed limit established under this section shall be a violation of section 17.

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City of Fall River
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PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

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FALL RIVER, MA

April 9, 2026

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

Dear Council President and Members of the Honorable Council,

I respectfully request your approval to accept a donation for services of a professionally trained comfort and search-and-rescue dog for use by the Emergency Medical Services Division. The donation of these services has been made possible by EMS Chief Beth Faunce who personally funded the acquisition and ongoing training of this dog at no cost to the city.

Thank you for your consideration with this request.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

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City of Fall River, *In City Council*

ORDERED, that under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53A 1/2, the Emergency Medical Services Divison, and the same is hereby, authorized to accept a gift donation for services of a professionally trained comfort and search and rescue dog for use by the Emergency Medical Services Division.

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
CITY OF FALL RIVER

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FALL RIVER, MA

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

Dear Mr. Mayor:

I respectfully submit this request for permission to formally accept the donation of services of a professionally trained comfort and search-and-rescue dog for use by our department.

As part of my commitment to enhancing both officer wellness and community support, I personally funded the acquisition and ongoing training of this dog at no cost to the city. The dog is being trained to provide critical mental health support during high-stress incidents, community engagements, and interactions with individuals affected by trauma.

In addition to these comfort services, the dog is also undergoing advanced training with the goal of achieving certification if live search and rescue operations. Upon completion, the dog will be capable of assisting in locating missing children and vulnerable elderly individuals, significantly expanding our department's response capabilities in time-sensitive situations.

Formally accepting this donation of services will allow the department to fully integrate this vulnerable resource into our operations, ensuring appropriate oversight, liability coverage, and long-term sustainability of the program.

This initiative represents a meaningful step forward in supporting both our personnel and the community we serve, combining compassion with public safety benefits.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. I am available to provide additional information the Council may require.

Respectfully,

Bethann Faunce, Chief
Emergency Medical Services

City of Fall River
Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor

PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

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FALL RIVER, MA

April 9, 2026

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

Dear Council President and Members of the Honorable Council:

I am pleased to forward to you the City of Fall River Year Two Annual Action Plan which I propose to file with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for continued funding of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Programs. The Action Plan details activities to be undertaken during the July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027, program year.

Under separate cover on April 15, 2026, I shall submit a proposed resolution for your consideration at your April 28th meeting. The resolution would authorize submission of the Year Two Annual Action Plan with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Year Two Annual Action Plan is being submitted to you now in order to provide adequate review time prior to City Council consideration of the resolution at the April 28th meeting.

The proposed program of activities, which was advertised on March 11th for public comment, was developed based on testimony and proposals received at public hearings held January 7th and March 25th.

The timetable provides for submission of the Year Two Annual Action Plan no later than May 15, 2026.

Should you or any other Councilor have questions or comments prior to April 28th, I urge you to immediately contact Michael P. Dion, Executive Director/ CFO of the Fall River Community Development Agency. Mr. Dion will also be present at the City Council meeting to respond to any questions.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor
Enclosure

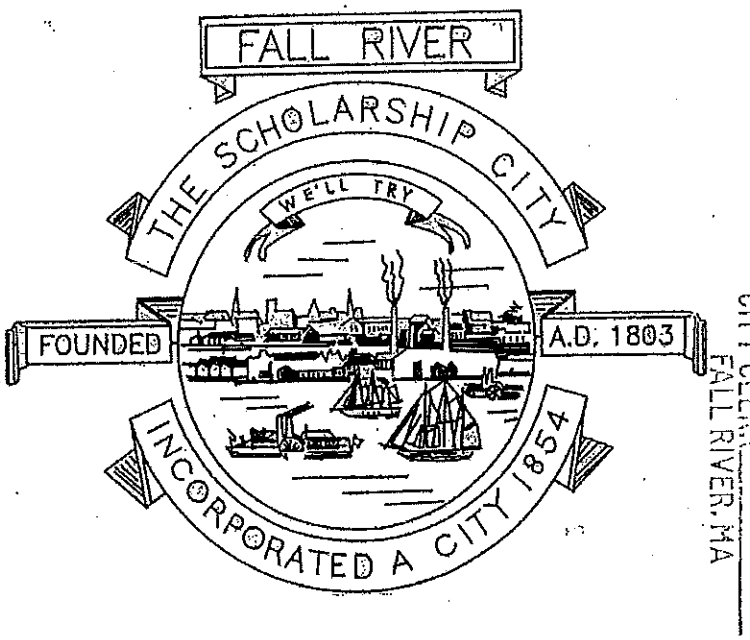
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FINAL FOR PUBLIC REVIEW & COUNCIL DATED 4/7/26

City of Fall River, Massachusetts

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

Fall River Community Development Agency
Michael P. Dion, Executive Director/CFO



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Year 2 Annual Action Plan

July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027

Under 2025-2030 Consolidated Plan
HUD Federal FY26 Funding

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Year 52
Home Investment Partnership (HOME) Program Year 35
Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program Year 40

To Be Submitted to the U.S. Department of
Housing & Urban Development

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PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

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FALL RIVER, MA

April 7, 2026

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

Dear Honorable Council Members:

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) has identified community projects for the fiscal year 2027 and had made recommendations for funding in accordance with the Community Preservation Act (CPA) MGL Chapter 44B Sections 4 to 7.

The total CPA funding request for FY27 is $4,459,575.32 from FY2027 Annual Revenues and CPA Fund Balance Reserves as outlined in the proposed Appropriation Order.

Your approval of the associated Appropriation Order is respectfully requested.

Should you have any questions or concerns in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

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City of Fall River, *In City Council*

APPROPRIATION ORDER

ORDERED, that the following Fiscal Year 2027 appropriations be provided through the Community Preservation Act (CPA), revenues and reserves under the MGL Chapter 44B Sections 4 to 7 in the aggregate, amounting to $4,459,575.32 to be appropriated as follows:

Voted: That $1,956,253 be appropriated from the CPA Fund FY27 Annual Revenues:

For CPA Administrative Expenditures	$ 45,000.00
For CPA Open Space/Outdoor Recreation PROJECTS	$ 810,857.00
For CPA Historic Resources Preservation PROJECTS	$ 904,771.00
For CPA Community Housing PROJECTS	$ 101,300.00
For CPA Community Housing RESERVES	$ 94,325.00
TOTAL	**$ 1,956,253.00**

And that $2,503,322.32 be appropriated from CPA Reserves and Fund Balance:

For CPA Open Space/Outdoor Recreation PROJECTS	
from CPA Fund Balance Reserved for Open Space/Outdoor Recreation	$ 729,731.88
from CPA Fund Balance Unreserved/Undesignated	$ 453,106.44
For CPA Historic Resources Preservation PROJECTS	
from CPA Fund Balance Reserved for Historic Preservation	$ 960,821.01
from CPA Fund Balance Unreserved/Undesignated	$ 359,662.99
TOTAL	**$ 2,503,322.32**

Note: *This is the fourteenth year of CPA implementation. The anticipated CPA Surcharge revenue is $1,607,241. Supplemental state trust fund distributions are estimated at $286,012. Total $1,956,253. Minimum 10% ($195,625) must be spent or reserved under each of the three categories and the administrative expenditure cannot exceed 5% ($97,812.65).*

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PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

April 9, 2026

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

Dear Honorable Council Members:

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

1.	$225,000.00	That the sum of $225,000.00 be, and the same is hereby transferred to FACILITIES, Capital from the FY25 SURPLUS REVENUE.
2.	$250,000.00	That the sum of $250,000.00 be, and the same is hereby transferred to POLICE, Capital from the FY25 SURPLUS REVENUE.
3.	$397,500.00	That the sum of $397,500.00 be, and the same is hereby transferred to FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES, Capital from the FY25 SURPLUS REVENUE.
4.	$245,000.00	That the sum of $245,000.00 be, and the same is hereby transferred to COMMUNITY MAINTENANCE, Capital from the FY25 SURPLUS REVENUE.
5.	$1,600,000.00	That the sum of $1,600,000.00 be, and the same is hereby transferred to DEMOLITION REVOLVING FUND from the FY25 SURPLUS REVENUE.
6.	$3,000,000.00	That the sum of $3,000,000.00 be, and the same is hereby transferred to the EMPLOYER HEALTH TRUST FUND from the FY25 SURPLUS REVENUE.

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

Best Regards,

Paul Coogan
Mayor

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City of Fall River, *In City Council*

April 14, 2026

ORDERED:

That the sum of $225,000.00 be, and the same is, hereby transferred to Facilities, Capital from the FY25 Surplus Revenue:

FY25 Surplus Revenue	**$225,000.00**

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City of Fall River, *In City Council*

April 14, 2026

ORDERED:

That the sum of $250,000.00 be, and the same is, hereby transferred to Police, Capital from the FY25 Surplus Revenue:

FY25 Surplus Revenue	**$250,000.00**

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City of Fall River, *In City Council*

April 14, 2026

ORDERED:

That the sum of $397,500.00 be, and the same is, hereby transferred to Fire and Emergency Services, Capital from the FY25 Surplus Revenue:

FY25 Surplus Revenue	**$397,500.00**

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City of Fall River, *In City Council*

April 14, 2026

ORDERED:

That the sum of $245,000.00 be, and the same is, hereby transferred to Community Maintenance, Capital from the FY25 Surplus Revenue:

FY25 Surplus Revenue	**$245,000.00**

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City of Fall River, *In City Council*

April 14, 2026

ORDERED:

That the sum of $1,600,000.00 be, and the same is, hereby transferred to Demolition Revolving Fund from the FY25 Surplus Revenue:

FY25 Surplus Revenue	**$1,600,000.00**

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City of Fall River, *In City Council*

April 14, 2026

ORDERED:

That the sum of $3,000,000.00 be, and the same is, hereby transferred to the Employer Health Trust Fund from the FY25 Surplus Revenue:

FY25 Surplus Revenue	**$3,000,000.00**

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CITY OPERATIONS
CITY OF FALL RIVER

April 9, 2026

The Honorable Paul E. Coogan
Mayor of the City of Fall River
One Government Center
Fall River, Massachusetts 02721

Mayor Coogan,

In accordance with the Capital Improvement Plan published on January 28, 2026, we are requesting funding for Library Repointing in the amount of $225,000.00. This project includes design and repairs needed in the most weather deteriorated side of masonry at the Library. It has been funded by a grant from Mass Historic Preservation and ARPA Funds. We are looking to add to this funding to make additional minor repairs to the remaining three sides of the building through a change order with the existing contractor.

Sincerely,

Al Oliveira
Director of City Operations

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City of Fall River, Massachusetts
Police Department
Office of the Chief of Police

Kelly A. Furtado
Chief of Police

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Fall River, MA 02721
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Fax: 508-324-2809

April 9, 2026

The Honorable Paul E. Coogan
Mayor of the City of Fall River
One Government Center
Fall River, Massachusetts 02721

Mayor Coogan,

In accordance with the Capital Improvement Plan published on January 28, 2026, we are requesting funding for our Firearm Replacement and Upgrade Project in the amount of $250,000.00. This funding is to replace the current Fall River Police Department issued firearms from the Smith & Wesson MP series to the Glock firearm with optic sight system. This includes resale of the current issued firearms, and all accessories needed for the new equipment. Thank you for your consideration and contnuous support.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Kelly A Furtado

Kelly A. Furtado
Chief of Police

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FIRE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF FALL RIVER

April 9, 2026

The Honorable Paul E. Coogan
Mayor of the City of Fall River
One Government Center
Fall River, Massachusetts 02721

Mayor Coogan,

In accordance with the Capital Improvement Plan published on January 28, 2026, we are requesting funding for Apparatus Lifts at Fire Headquarters ($160,000.00) and Turnout Gear ($237,500.00) for a total of $397,500.00.

All eight apparatus lifts at Fire Headquarters will be replaced with this amount. These lifts are used daily to work on fire apparatus, ambulances, and council on aging vehicles.

There was a large set of gear bought in 2017, with a 10-year useful life. We now try to buy new gear in smaller bulks within the operating budget to avoid one year of a large financial burden. However, we need about 100 sets in 2027 and would like to break that up with buying half this fiscal year and half next.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey P. Bacon, Fire Chief

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CITY OF FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS

April 9, 2026

The Honorable Paul E. Coogan
Mayor of the City of Fall River
One Government Center
Fall River, Massachusetts 02721

Mayor Coogan,

In accordance with the Capital Improvement Plan published on January 28, 2026, we are requesting funding for Pole Removal within the Parks in the amount of $80,000.00. A study was done in 2018 to remove existing light poles in various parks in critical condition, we would like to complete this work now.

Sincerely,

Darren Medeiros
Director of Parks

CITY OF FALL RIVER
MASSACHUSETTS

Traffic & Parking Division

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic and Parking

April 9, 2026

The Honorable Paul E. Coogan
Mayor of the City of Fall River
One Government Center
Fall River, Massachusetts 02721

Mayor Coogan,

In accordance with the Capital Improvement Plan published on January 28, 2026, we are requesting funding for Roadway Speed Tables in the amount of $165,000.00. Speed tables are intended for high traffic areas within the City where speeding is a known issue. Including areas near parks, schools, business districts, and other locations where there is high pedestrian activity. With the increased vehicle speed in these zones, public safety is the top priority. This has started with some temporary style speed tables; we are exploring where permanent installations would be more beneficial. This funding amount will include both temporary and permanent speed tables.

Sincerely,

Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic and Parking

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INSPECTIONAL SERVICES
CITY OF FALL RIVER

April 9, 2026

Fall River City Council
1 Government Center
Fall River, MA 02722

Re: Former Police Station 158 Bedford Street

Honorary Members of the City Council:
The preparations to demolish the former police station at 158 Bedford Street are in the final stages. In order to schedule the actual demolition, the funds need to be secured. I respectfully ask that $1,600,000.00 be allocated to cover all costs associated with the demolition. Some of the costs are as follows (but not limited to): water access while demolition is taking place, air quality monitoring around the building, the demolition itself, and removal of all debris. As with any demolition, there may be expenses that arise that were not planned for. I respectfully ask that the $1,600,000.00 be allocated as soon as possible so demolition can begin.

Regards,

Glenn Hathaway
Building Commissioner
City of Fall River

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DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL SERVICES
CITY OF FALL RIVER

April 9, 2026

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

Mayor Coogan,

I am submitting a request to transfer $3,000,000 from our FY25 Free Cash Certification to the Employer Health Care Trust Fund. This is to follow the plan discussed during the FY2026 Budget Hearings to begin rebuilding the Employer Health Care Trust Fund balance that was depleted between fiscal years 2023-2025.

Sincerely,

Emily Arpke
Director of Financial Services

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FY26 Appropriation/Transfer Number Analysis

Line	Original/Revised Appropriation	Amount Transferred	Adjusted Balance
General Fund Surplus Revenue	$ 13,338,506.00	$ (5,717,500.00)	$ 7,621,006.00
Facilities, Capital	$ -	$ 225,000.00	$ 225,000.00
Police, Capital	$ 656,000.00	$ 250,000.00	$ 906,000.00
Fire & Emergency Services, Capital	$ 1,230,000.00	$ 397,500.00	$ 1,627,500.00
Community Maintenance, Capital	$ -	$ 245,000.00	$ 245,000.00
Community Services, Transfers to Demolition Revolving Fund	$ 20,000.00	$ 1,600,000.00	$ 1,620,000.00
Employer Health Care Trust Fund	$ 43,041,747.38	$ 3,000,000.00	$ 46,041,747.38

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

Christopher Murphy

City Auditor
April 9, 2026

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City of Fall River
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PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

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March 26, 2026

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

Dear Council President and Members of the Honorable Council,

I have reviewed the resolution passed by the City Council at its meeting on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, purporting to authorize the Council to retain outside legal counsel or a qualified investigative firm to assist with an investigation into the actions of the Police Department. For the reasons detailed in the letter/opinion of Corporation Counsel dated March 24, 2026, a copy of which is attached, I hereby veto each action purportedly authorized by the vote of the City Council in its Resolution.

I should note, however, that the so-called "Resolution" of the City Council is improper on its face and does not require a veto. A resolution is, by definition, a formal statement expressing the opinion, will, or intent of a body of people. A resolution does not authorize the taking of any action, which is why resolutions cannot be vetoed (see Section 3-7 of the City of Fall River Charter). Nonetheless, in an abundance of caution, I am issuing this veto to avoid any confusion regarding my complete and total disapproval of the Council's decision to authorize any action against the advice of the Corporation Counsel for the City of Fall River, and my belief that such action was invalid under Chapter 43B, of the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,
Paul E. Coogan
Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

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OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL
CITY OF FALL RIVER

24 March 2026

Fall River City Council
One Government Center
Fall River, MA 02722

Re: Resolution 6a – 3/24/26

Dear Councilors:

I am writing this letter to address my legal concerns with the Resolution attached as Attachment 6a to tonight's City Council agenda. In summary, it is my legal opinion that the investigatory authority of the Council is limited in scope to the informational requests detailed in Section 2-7(b) and (c). A copy of Section 2-7 of the City of Fall River Home Rule Charter is attached for your review.

Although Section 2-7(a) of the Charter provides the City Council with the authority to make investigations into the affairs of the city, the Charter does not grant the Council with the authority to retain an outside investigator. Section 2-7 has four subsections and, when these subsections are read together, they clarify the scope of the Council's investigatory authority. These subsections, in pertinent part, read as follows:

- Section 2-7(a) In General – Council may "make investigations into the affairs of the city and into the conduct and performance of any city agency."
- Section 2-7(b) Information Requests – Council may require a city employee to "appear before the city council to give any information that the city council may require…".
- Section 2-7(c) Mayor – Council may "request specific information from the mayor on any municipal matter…".
- Section 2-7(d) Notice – Council "shall, by resolution, request the attendance of any officer or employee of the city to appear..." and provides details regarding the requirements of said notice.

As a caveat to this expedited opinion, I want it to be clear that I have not been provided with ample time to conduct thorough legal research on the issue. I do believe that this legal opinion is correct, however, given the lack of notice (I did not receive this Resolution until this morning), perhaps it is best to table the matter until additional research can be completed.

As a reminder, the Corporation Counsel serves as the legal advisor to the City Council. Pursuant to 2-527 of the Code of the City of Fall River, the Corporation Counsel holds the exclusive authority to initiate any suit or legal proceeding on behalf of the City and, pursuant to 2-528, only the Corporation Counsel, with approval from the mayor, may retain outside legal counsel.

Finally, my correspondence is not intended to serve as a comprehensive response to all the issues contained in the Resolution. Additional concerns, such as potential appropriation issues and/or open meeting law issues have not been reviewed or addressed in this letter.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Very truly yours,

Alan J. Rumsey, ~~Esq.~~
Corporation Counsel

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CITY OF FALL RIVER
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Traffic & Parking Division

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Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

March 23, 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, March 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**
Hope Street	**South**	Starting at a point 39 feet East of Grant Street. For a distance of 20 feet East.

Very truly yours,

Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

JS

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Director of Traffic & Parking

March 23, 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, March 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**
Park Street	**South**	Starting at a point 113 feet West of Ridge Street. For a distance of 20 feet West.

Very truly yours,

Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

JS

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Traffic & Parking Division

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Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

March 23, 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, March 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**
Eddy Street	West	Starting at a point 152 feet South of Locust St. For a distance of 20 feet South.

Very truly yours,

Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

JS.

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Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

April 6, 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 March 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** **Parking Prohibited at All Times**
Section: **371**

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following.

INSERT

Name of Street	**Side**	**Location**
Brightman Street	North	for a distance of 30 feet of Lindsey Street.

Very truly yours,

Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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Traffic & Parking Division

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Director of Traffic & Parking

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April 6, 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 March 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 **Parking Prohibited at All Times**
Section: 371

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following.

INSERT

Name of Street	**Side**	**Location**
Pine Street	South	Starting at a point 244 feet West of Robeson Street for a distance of 422 feet West.

Very truly yours,

Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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Traffic & Parking Division

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Mayor

Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

April 6, 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 March 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 **Parking Prohibited at All Times**
Section: 371

By striking out proper alphabetical order the following.

INSERT

Name of Street	**Side**	**Location**
Brightman Street	North	for a distance of 100 feet of Lindsey Street.

Very truly yours,

Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF FALL RIVER

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FALL RIVER, MA

Honorable Cliff A. Ponte, President
Honorable Members of the City Council
One Government Center
Fall River, MA. 02722

Dear President Ponte and Members of the City Council,

I wanted to provide an update regarding my proposed changes to polling locations in response to the Resolution adopted by the City Council at the end of 2025. Following a meeting with the ADA Working Group as well as Councilors Dionne and Cadime in February, I will be conducting an accessibility survey of the city's twenty-seven (27) precincts with Director MacArthur and two members of the Disability Commission on Tuesday, May 5th.

Part of the overall assessment will include inspecting the newly proposed consolidated voting locations. Foremost amongst the ADA Working Group's concern was to relocate Precincts 2C & 5A which are currently located at the Niagara Fire Station on Plymouth Avenue. With the assistance of Director Curran, I will be able to move both precincts to the Niagara-Maplewood Senior Center. Also included as part of the assessment will be the new voting location at Durfee High School *(entrance via the old Nagle building)*. Precincts 8B, 8C & 9A which are currently located at Bristol Community College will be relocated to the high school. In addition, Precinct 7A will be merged from its current location at United Methodist Church to the high school as well.

As I informed the sponsors of the resolution, it's my tentative plan to submit the list of polling locations for the City Council's approval by the beginning of June. Notices will be mailed to every registered voter as required by statute well in advance of the September 1st State Primary.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Best Regards,

Ryan Lyons
Chairman & Director
Chief Elections Official
Board of Elections Dept.

Ryan Lyons, Chairman & Director
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CITY OF FALL RIVER

To the City Council

Councillors:

The Committee on Economic Development and Tourism, at a meeting held on March 31, 2026, voted unanimously to recommend that the accompanying drafted communication be approved and sent to the Administration.

Assistant Clerk of Committees

April ___, 2026

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

Dear Mayor Coogan,

At a meeting of the Fall River City Council held on _____, 2026, on a motion that was made by Councilor _____ and seconded by Councilor _____, it was _____ voted to send a letter to the Administration to formally request the creation of a Tourism Advisory Committee.

There are several outstanding organizations within the City of Fall River that currently produce, plan, advertise or coordinate events. The creation of a Tourism Advisory Committee would allow for the discussion and coordination of recreational, cultural and culinary events within the City of Fall River and assist with community outreach along with the Event Resource Coordinator. The Tourism Advisory Committee, with a recommended membership of no less than five members and no more than seven members, would also provide an excellent partnership with other public bodies, such as the City Council Committee on Economic Development and Tourism.

The City Council looks forward to your response regarding this request. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Chelsea Pacheco
Assistant City Clerk

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CITY OF FALL RIVER

To the City Council

Councillors:

The Committee on Regulations, at a meeting held on April 6, 2026, voted unanimously to recommend that the accompanying order be adopted, as amended, with Councilor Camara absent and not voting.

Clerk of Committees

City of Fall River, *In City Council*

WHEREAS, the following order for a curb removal was as follows:

ORDERED, that permission be and the same is hereby granted to:

J & M Development Group Corp, 263 Gifford Road, Westport, MA, 02790, for the removal of curbing as follows:

	Existing Opening	Curbing to be Removed	Curbing to be Added	Combined Opening Proposed After Alteration
215-219 Earle Street	20' Earle Street	12' County Street	0'	32'

The existing parcel is served by a 20-foot curb opening on Earle Street. The applicant proposes an additional 12-foot opening on County Street. The total opening for the location will be 32 feet. Work is already completed.

and, on March 24, 2026 the order was referred to the Committee on Regulations now therefore, be it

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The existing parcel is served by a 20-foot curb opening on Earle Street. The applicant proposes an additional 12-foot opening on County Street. The total opening for the location will be 32 feet. Work is already completed.

Stipulation
A double permit fee to be paid within 30 days of adoption as the curbing was removed prior to City Council approval.

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CITY OF FALL RIVER

To the City Council

Councillors:

The Committee on Regulations, at a meeting held on April 6, 2026, voted unanimously to recommend that the accompanying order be adopted, as amended, with Councilor Camara absent and not voting.

Clerk of Committees

City of Fall River, *In City Council*

WHEREAS, the following order for a curb removal was as follows:

ORDERED, that permission be and the same is hereby granted to:

Tucker Dachshund Realty, LLC, 88 Earle Street, for the removal of curbing as follows:

	Existing Opening	Curbing to be Removed	Curbing to be Added	Combined Opening Proposed After Alteration
25 Rhode Island Avenue	18'	0'	0'	18'
Laurel Street	25'	39'	0'	64'
Total				82'

The existing parcel is served by an 18-foot curb opening on Rhode Island Avenue and a 25-foot curb opening on Laurel Street. The applicant proposes extending the existing Laurel Street opening by an additional 11 feet and creating a new, 28-foot curb opening on Laurel Street. The total opening for the location will be 82 feet. Work is already completed.

and, on March 24, 2026 the order was referred to the Committee on Regulations now therefore, be it

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Stipulation
A double permit fee to be paid within 30 days of adoption as the curbing was removed prior to City Council approval.

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CITY OF FALL RIVER

To the City Council

Councillors:

The Committee on Ordinances and Legislation, at a meeting held on April 6, 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

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City of Fall River, *In City Council*

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.

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City of Fall River, *In City Council*

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

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

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

Name of Street	Side	Location
Osborn Street	North	Starting at a point 20 feet east of Brown Street, for a distance of 20 feet easterly
Stewart Street	South	Starting at a point 29 feet east of North Underwood Street for a distance of 20 feet easterly

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CITY OF FALL RIVER

To the City Council

Councillors:

The Committee on Ordinances and Legislation, at a meeting held on April 6, 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 70-372, which relates to parking prohibited during certain hours, the following:

Name of Street	Side	Location	Hours/Days
Progress Street	North	Starting at Stafford Road for a distance of 282 feet westerly	Monday through Friday 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Progress Street	South	Starting at Stafford Road for a distance of 275 feet westerly	Monday through Friday 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Section 2

By inserting in Section 70-376, which section relates to Two-hour parking, the following:

Name of Street	Side	Location	Hours/Days
Pleasant Street	South	Starting at a point east of Cash Street for a distance of 40 feet easterly	Monday through Saturday 10:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Section 3

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

Name of Street	Side	Location
Barnes Street	South	Starting at a point 322 feet west of County Street, for a distance of 20 feet westerly
Hunter Street	East	Starting at a point 184 feet south of William Street, for a distance of 20 feet southerly
Seabury Street	West	Starting at a point 104 feet north of Bank Street, for a distance of 20 feet northerly
Sprague Street	North	Starting at a point 257 feet east of Bay Street, for a distance of 20 feet easterly
Tuttle Street	East	Starting at a point 64 feet south of Dwelly Street, for a distance of 20 feet southerly

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CITY OF FALL RIVER

To the City Council

Councillors:

The Committee on Public Safety, at a meeting held on April 7, 2026, voted unanimously to recommend that the accompanying resolution be granted leave to withdraw.

Assistant Clerk of Committees

City of Fall River, *In City Council*

(Councilor Paul B. Hart)

WHEREAS, there have been numerous residents who have experienced vehicular vandalism in the neighborhood of President Avenue and Madison Street, and

WHEREAS, residents in the area have reported this information to the Fall River Police Department, and other relevant parties, and

WHEREAS, the damage to vehicles in the neighborhood has persisted following the filing of the forementioned reports and those who live in the vicinity of this area are concerned about the well-being of all parties involved in this matter, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee on Public Safety convene with the Police Chief to discuss this ongoing issue and develop a strategy to combat property vandalism and increase public safety overall in the President Avenue and Madison Street neighborhood.

In City Council, January 14, 2025
Adopted.

A true copy. Attest:

Alison M. Bouchard

City Clerk

City of Fall River, *In City Council*

(Councilors Andrew J. Raposo and Christopher M. Peckham Sr.)

WHEREAS, the Veteran's Center located on Pine Street is currently housing the Veteran's Association of Bristol County (VABC), which has done great work for our veteran community, and

WHEREAS, the VABC will be moving to a new location, providing the City of Fall River an opportunity to advance veteran services and programs beyond the scope of most local communities, and

WHEREAS, the Veterans Service Officer and the Administration have spoken regarding basic upgrades to the Pine Street building, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council send a letter to the Administration to advocate for a true and historic purpose for this building to further support our veterans, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Committee on Real Estate, Facilities and Housing convene with a representative from the Administration, the Veterans Service Officer, and the Director of City Operations to discuss the future plans for this building to ensure that this project is handled with the best interest for all veterans in the City of Fall River in mind.

(Filed 3-25-2026)

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City of Fall River, *In City Council*

(Committee on Regulations)

WHEREAS, applications for curb removals that result in a total opening of 16 feet or larger require approval from both the Traffic Commission and the City Council prior to the work being performed, and

WHEREAS, from time to time, applications are submitted after the work has already been completed without proper approval, but no additional fines are currently issued to disincentivize this violation, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee on Regulations convene with the Director of Engineering and Planning to discuss the creation of a fine for applications that are submitted after the curb removal work has been completed prior to being approved by the Traffic Commission and City Council.

(Filed 4-7-2026)

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City of Fall River, *In City Council*

(Councilor Andrew J. Raposo)

WHEREAS, public bodies hold meetings and hearings to review, discuss and vote upon pertinent issues that impact the residents and business owners of the City of Fall River, including the adoption of municipal and school budgets, the approval of license applications and the ordination of City codes, and

WHEREAS, those who have scheduling conflicts, disabilities or are otherwise unable to attend these meetings in person should have the ability to view these meetings online to ensure easy access to information regarding the decisions made by those who serve the City of Fall River on these public bodies, and

WHEREAS, while minutes are required to be drafted and presented for all public body meetings in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, there is no current requirement within the City code or state laws that require the filming or audio recording of these public meetings, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation convene with the City Administrator, Corporation Counsel and a representative of Fall River Government Television to discuss the creation of a proposed ordinance requiring all public meetings to be recorded with either video or audio equipment to ensure the transparency and availability of these meetings to the public, and to discuss potential changes with equipment and staffing needs to record these meetings, to assess the financial adjustments that may be necessary to provide this service and to ensure compliance with the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law.

(Filed 4-8-2026)

City of Fall River, *In City Council*

(City Council President Cliff A. Ponte)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby approves the issuance of City Council Official Citations and authorizes the City Council President to implement the changes necessary to make this process more expedient for presentations in the community or in the City Council Chamber. Such changes will include the following:

- City Council Official Commendation Resolutions will be known as City Council Official Citations.
- Citations to be issued in the City Council Chamber will be presented by the sponsoring City Councilor before the City Council sitting at the Committee on Finance. Such "Presentation of Citations" will be the first item on the Committee's agenda, which will list the recipients' names.
- Issued citations will also be listed on Regular Meeting agendas to be accepted and placed on file with the records of the City Council.

(Filed 4-7-2026)

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City of Fall River
Notice of Claim

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2026 MAR 20 P 12:00
FALL RIVER, MA

1. Claimant's name: Wilkenson Paul
2. Claimant's complete address: 192 Barnaby street, Fall River, Ma 02720
3. Telephone number: Home: 781 573-5395 Work: _____
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
   Collision auto accident.
5. Date and time of accident: 2/23/26 at 5:00AM Amount of damages claimed: $3500
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):
   116 Turner street, Fall River, Ma, 02720
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):

5:00 AM of February 23, 2026, a snow plow truck collided with my vehicle on Turner street, which is identified by license plate number 4KHA63 that was legally parked on side of the Road. the collision caused damage to two doors on the left side, a damaged handle and both front tires were punctured.

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: 03/20/2026 Claimant's signature: Wilkenson Paul.

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

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

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

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3/20/26

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City of Fall River
Notice of Claim

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2026 MAR 20 P 12:59
CITY CLERK
FALL RIVER, MA

26-58

1. Claimant's name: Ivan DeSousa
2. Claimant's complete address: 7 Harbor St Fall River, MA
3. Telephone number: Home: 774-955-8087 Work: _____
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
   PROPERTY DAMAGE (DRIVEWAY)
5. Date and time of accident: 2/27/26 Amount of damages claimed: $ x^t 2,000
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):
   BOTTOM OF DRIVEWAY UPON ~~REMOVAL OF SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT~~
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
   ASPHALT DRIVEWAY DAMAGED BY SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT
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: 3/20/26 Claimant's signature: [signature]

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City of Fall River
Notice of Claim

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FALL RIVER

26-60

1. Claimant's name: Alexia Macedo
2. Claimant's complete address: 552 North underwood ~~FALL RIVER~~ MA.
3. Telephone number: Home: 774.294.2495 Work: 774.294.2495
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
5. Date and time of accident: March 13th 2026 Amount of damages claimed: $164.25
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):
   Stewart street Fallriver MA.
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
   Was driving home from work and there was a deep pot hole my tire went into unavoidable With morning traffic and the pot hole is deep.
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: 3/20/26 Claimant's signature: Alexia Macedo

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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FALL RIVER, MA

26-39

1. Claimant's name: Noah Desmarais
2. Claimant's complete address: 371 Prospect St. Somerset MA 02726
3. Telephone number: Home: 774-322-8067 Work: _____
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
   hit a pothole blew tire
5. Date and time of accident: 3/9/26 @ 9:40PM Amount of damages claimed: $ 247.16
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):
   571 Florence St. Fall River MA
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
   driving home hit a huge pothole at 571 Florence St Fall River MA. Tire blew had to get a new tire.
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: 3/15/26 Claimant's signature: [signature]

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

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City of Fall River
Notice of Claim

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FALL RIVER, MA

#26-61

1. Claimant's name: Alexia Maciel
2. Claimant's complete address: 552 North Underwood Street Fall River MA.
3. Telephone number: Home: 774.294.2495 Work: 774.294.2495
4. Nature of claim: (e.g. auto accident slip and fall on public way or property damage):
   Plow truck hit car.
5. Date and time of accident: ~~March~~ Feb 23rd 2026 Amount of damages claimed: $ Pending at autobody getting evaluated.
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):
   Narragansett Street Fall River MA (Top of street at dead end area)
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
   Car was parked on correct side of road during snow storm, when I came to shovel my car I noticed the car was damaged with yellow paint, neighbors said they also saw the plow hit the car.
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
   500 S St W #3 Raynham, MA 02767 (Geico)

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: 3/20/26 Claimant's signature: Alexia Maciel

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

#26-62

1. Claimant's name: Jeffrey Desrosiers
2. Claimant's complete address: 3 Highland Ridge rd.
3. Telephone number: Home: 508-471-7440 Work: 508-471-7440
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage): Pothole damage, destroyed tire, damaged wheel.
5. Date and time of accident: 3/9/2026 7:15am Amount of damages claimed: $ 429.31
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible): On Airport Rd. infront of Republic Services 1080 Airport Rd.
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary): Hit a very large pothole that was unavoidable due to oncoming traffic in the opposite direction. Caused a large gash in the sidewall that is non-repairable. Also caused damage to the wheel.
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: 3/20/2026 Claimant's signature: Jeffrey D

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

26-61

1. Claimant's name: FERNANDA CABRAL
2. Claimant's complete address: 440 BAY ST FALL River MA 02724
3. Telephone number: Home: 5084932461 Work: 5086765200
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
   Got two blow out tires on pot hole
5. Date and time of accident: 3/21/26 Amount of damages claimed: $461.00
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):
   going into Walmart parking lot
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
   hit pot hole, it was full from the rain went over and both tires blew up. 100.00 dollars for towing and 361.00 to replace tires.
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: 3/23/26 Claimant's signature: Fernanda Cabral

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

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FALL RIVER, MA

City of Fall River
Notice of Claim

#26-63

1. Claimant's name: Jordan Rucks
2. Claimant's complete address: 1082 Davol Street Fall River MA 02720
3. Telephone number: Home: 7722145356 Work: _____
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
   auto accident / property damage
5. Date and time of accident: 3/23/26 ~ 11:00am Amount of damages claimed: $_____
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):
   Parking lot behind Dukes Bakery (1082 Davol Street) far corner of lot
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
   At 1pm on 3/23/26 I walked out to my car parked at the above address and saw extensive damage to the trunk and bumper of my vehicle - I noticed a police card in my door with claim number 26-727-AC. I contacted FRPD and was informed a city dump truck hit my parked car at ~11am that day (plate # M3880A) Attached is the →
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: 3/24/26 Claimant's signature: _____

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City of Fall River
Notice of Claim

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1. Claimant's name: Jennifer Cabral
2. Claimant's complete address: 189 Highland Farm Rd. Fall River, MA 02720
3. Telephone number: Home: 774-627-5378 Work: 508-730-1112
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage): damaged sprinkler & lawn due to snow plow during the blizzard of 2026
5. Date and time of accident: 2/24/26 + 2/25/26 Amount of damages claimed: $?
   10:10 pm + next day afternoon they came back.
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible): The corner of my LOT on the corner of Highland Farm Rd + Old Pasture way
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary): (Attached photos too) during the blizzard in February the plows pushed the snow into my yard which caused them to rip up my grass and pulled up one of my sprinkler heads. Please see attached photos. & I did not
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: 3/20/26 Claimant's signature: Jennifer Cabral

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1. Claimant's name: Shannon Hubley
2. Claimant's complete address: 147 Valentine St, Fall River, MA 02720
3. Telephone number: Home: 508-579-7429 Work: _____
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage): damaged tire
5. Date and time of accident: 3/13/26 7am Amount of damages claimed: $ 44.93
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible): North main St large pot hole - resulted in damaged tire - N. Main near Weaver St.
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary): hit large pot hole that resulted in new tire - cheaper due to warranty.
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: 3/19/26 Claimant's signature: [signature]

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1. Claimant's name: Amber L Burns
2. Claimant's complete address: 26 Kole
3. Telephone number: Home: 781-535-7170 Work: _____
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
   injuries as a result of an auto accident
5. Date and time of accident: 6/15/2025 around 11:11 AM Amount of damages claimed: $pending
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):
   870 N Main St, Fall River, MA 02720
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
   Our insured was making a left turn when a police officer collided with the rear of their vehicle.

   GEICO Ryan Utterback 716-730-2252
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: 3/18/2026 Claimant's signature: Ryan Utterback

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Notice of Claim

1. Claimant's name: Kyle Hughes 26-167
2. Claimant's complete address: 33 Woodman Street Fall River MA
3. Telephone number: Home: 774-330-9897 Work: 774-330-9882
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: 2/25/26 1:20PM Amount of damages claimed: $ Quote still being determined
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):
   Bottom of driveway where it meets the street
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
   On 2/25/26, the plow driver in a bobcat was plowing snow and pushing the snow into the corner of where my house was. The bobcat smashed down hard on the driveway/street causing the damaged pictured. We tried to speak with the driver he was irate and stated he did not do not. We provided before and after pictures and pictures of the bobcat
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: 3/23/26 Claimant's signature: Kyle Hughes

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FALL RIVER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
PO BOX 3529
FALL RIVER, MA 02722-3529
508-324-2744

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Statement Date:	3/5/2026
Patient Id:	48332
Patient Name:	LAURINDA DIAS
Run Number:	26-1616:1
FROM:	Business 76 COLUMBIA ST Fall River, MA 02720
TO:	ST ANNES HOSPITAL/BROWN HEALT 795 MIDDLE STREET FALL RIVER, MA 02721-1733

LAURINDA DIAS
188 PONTA DELGADA BLVD APT#2
FALL RIVER , MA 02721

BALANCE $350.00

Date of Service	Description of Charges	Quantity	Charge(s)
1/8/2026	ALS Emergency Transport	1.00	$2,425.00
1/8/2026	Ground Mileage	1.00	$38.00
		Charge Total:	$2,463.00

Description of Payment	Payer	Entered Date	Reference Number	Payment / Copay / Deductible
REVENUE ADJ	TUFTS MEDICARE PREFERF	3/5/2026	80491231	($1,886.36) / $0.00 / $0.00
HEALTH WIRE	TUFTS MEDICARE PREFERF	3/5/2026	80491231	($226.64) / ($350.00) / $0.00

Please complete and return this lower portion with payment

Credit Cards payments online only
No Cash Payments

Trip Ticket: 26-1616:1
Patient Id: 48332

To pay by a credit card:
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3) EMS Billing/Online Payment Center

Make Checks Payable to:
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FALL RIVER, MA 02722-3529

Your insurance carrier has processed this claim and the remaining balance is your responsibility. Please send payment within 30 days of receiving this statement. We have payment options available, including credit card and monthly payment plans. If you have any questions, please call 508-324-2744 Thank you.

We value your opinion on our service. This will help us better improve our service to the community please take the time to fill this out and return it with your payment or insurance information.

CATEGORY	POOR >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>EXCELLENT				
Was the crew polite/courteous?	1	2	3	4	5
Was the crew punctual/expedient?	1	2	3	4	5
Please rate the care you received.	1	2	3	4	5
Were your needs met?	1	2	3	4	5
How was our professionalism?	1	2	3	4	5
How was our communication?	1	2	3	4	5

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1. Claimant's name: Nancy Leary
2. Claimant's complete address: 1012 Madison Street, Fall River, MA 02720
3. Telephone number: Home: 508-558-5618 Work: _____
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
   Damage to tires due to pothole.
5. Date and time of accident: 3/19/2026 9:20 A.M. Amount of damages claimed: $479.11
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):
   High Street, Fall River, MA, between French Street and Lincoln Avenue
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
   While driving north on High Street last Thursday morning, my vehicle struck a very large pothole with the right front and right rear tires of the vehicle. The front tire immediately went flat, and subsequent inspection showed a bubble had developed on the right rear tire. The vehicle was towed to Sullivan Tire, where it was determined both tires required replacement.
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: 3/25/2026 Claimant's signature: Nancy Leary

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City of Fall River
Notice of Claim

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1. Claimant's name: Leia M Cotoya
2. Claimant's complete address: 18 Pleasant St W Apt B FR Ma 02720
3. Telephone number: Cell#: Home: 5088373480 Work: 5086765200
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage): (Auto) pothole damage
5. Date and time of accident: 3/16/26 @ 10:30pm Amount of damages claimed: $ 219.36
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible): Pleasant Street Fall River
7. Circumstances of the Incident: (attach additional pages if necessary): Retrieved from Station 6 Fire Station Fall River Mass
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: 3/25/26 Claimant's signature: Leia Cotoya

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Notice of Claim

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1. Claimant's name: Joseph Petrucci
2. Claimant's complete address: 275 Beattie St. Fall River MA 02723
3. Telephone number: ~~Home:~~ Cell 949-374-7786 Work: _____
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage): Damage to Right Rear Rim (Cracked) Pothole
5. Date and time of accident: 3/21, 6pm Amount of damages claimed: $_____
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible): On Robenson St. Northbound / Crossstreet Bigelow
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary): Pothole with metal pipe cracked rim
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: 3/26/2026 Claimant's signature: Joseph Petrucci

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Notice of Claim

1. Claimant's name: Darlene Chouinard 26-77
2. Claimant's complete address: 123 June Street
3. Telephone number: Home: _____ Work: 5084150326
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: 2/28/26 8:30pm Amount of damages claimed: $ 450.00
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):
   123 June st, Apt 1 North
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
   While DCM was clearing snow due to recent snow storm, grass was torn up due to plow.
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: 3/30/26 Claimant's signature: Darlene Chouinard

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1. Claimant's name: Christine Rebello
2. Claimant's complete address: 15 Blossom Rd.
3. Telephone number: Home: 774-201-1481 Work: _____
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
   Damage to tire (flat tire) due to pothole
5. Date and time of accident: 3/24/26 Amount of damages claimed: $ 100.00
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):
   SYKES Rd. off of Airport Rd. FALL RIVER
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
   Recieved flat tire after going over a pothole. Thought that rim was damaged took it to Jims Rims, but rim was not damaged just tire had a slice in it. Needed new tire. Which cost me $ 100.00.
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: 3/31/26 Claimant's signature: Christine Rebello

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1. Claimant's name: Lucas Paul Berge
2. Claimant's complete address: 165 Swanson Rd Swansea MA 02777
3. Telephone number: Home: 5084930342 Work: N/A
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
   Pot hole
5. Date and time of accident: 3/19/26 8AM Amount of damages claimed: $ 682.41
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):
   MARIANO BISHOP BLVD (NEAR #135. Near Friendly's)
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
   As I was driving to work, there was an unavoidable pot hole in the middle of the right lane. It was not something I could avoid, as there was another vehicle in the left lane.
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
   My vehicle needed a brand new tire. Please see attached repair order

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Date: 03/20/26 Claimant's signature: Lucas P. Berge

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City of Fall River
City Clerk, 2nd Floor
One Government Center
Fall River, MA 02722

RE: Presentment of Claim – M.G.L. c.258 §4
Claimant: Bethany Francis
Date of Incident: October 31, 2025
Location: Intersection of Maple Street and Linden Street

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please accept this letter as formal presentment of a claim pursuant to M.G.L. c.258 §4 on behalf of our client, Bethany Francis, for injuries and damages sustained in a motor vehicle collision involving a police cruiser operated by an employee of the Fall River Police Department.

Incident

On October 31, 2025 at approximately 6:58 a.m., our client was operating a motor vehicle on Linden Street in Fall River, Massachusetts. At that time, a marked police cruiser operated by Officer Jhonathan Delgado, an employee of the Fall River Police Department, collided with our client's vehicle near the intersection of Maple Street and Linden Street.

Upon information and belief, Officer Delgado was acting within the course and scope of employment with the Fall River Police Department at the time of the collision.

The crash occurred when the police cruiser entered the intersection, causing a collision with our client's vehicle.

Liability

The collision and resulting injuries were caused by the negligent and careless operation of the municipal vehicle by Officer Delgado, including but not limited to:

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Paul C. Daly

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL:

March 25, 2026

Mayor Paul Coogan
The City of Fall River, Massachusetts
One Government Center
Room 619
Fall River, MA 02722
Tracking Number: 7020 1290 0002 1206 8271

Al Oliveira, Director
Department of Public Works
One Government Center
Fall River, MA 02722
Tracking Number: 7020 1290 0002 1206 8264

Fall River City Clerk
One Government Center
Room 227
Fall River, MA 02722
Tracking Number: 7020 1290 0002 1206 8257

RE: GEICO a/s/o Linda F Medeiros vs City of Fall River and Joseph Reis
Claim No.: 0493007120101047

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please be advised this office represents Government Employees Insurance (GEICO) as subrogee of Linda F. Medeiros relative to property damage sustained in a motor vehicle collision with an employee of the City Of Fall River (Hereinafter referred to as "Municipality") who was operating a Municipality owned vehicle withing the scope of their employment. Below please find the explanation of liability damages caused by the Municipality's employee.

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Notice of Claim

#2677

1. Claimant's name: Susan Mitchell
2. Claimant's complete address: 98 Merritt ave Fall River MA 02778
3. Telephone number: Home: 401-662-2458 Work: n/a
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
   Tire Damage From pothole
5. Date and time of accident: 6/29/26 1055 AM Amount of damages claimed: $ 216.37
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):
   Quequechan St, Headed to Walmart Fall River, MA
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
   See attached: letter, pictures of surrounding area + pothole, Bill for new Tire
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: 4/1/2026 Claimant's signature: [signature]

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

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#2679

1. Claimant's name: Lisa Torres
2. Claimant's complete address: 397 A. Snell St., Fall River, MA 02721
3. Telephone number: Home: 636-689-9123 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: 01/24/2026 Amount of damages claimed: $ 5506.93
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):
   397 A. Snell St., Fall River, MA 02721
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
   Firetruck struck our Insured's vehicle while parked & unoccupied.
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
   Liberty Mutual P.O.Box 2825, New York, NY 10116

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

Date: 03/09/2026 Claimant's signature: Shadé Hamilton

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COASTAL LEGAL AFFILIATES, P.C.

1004 COUNTY STREET
SOMERSET, MA 02726
PHONE: 508-676-6900
FAX: 213-867-5544

PATRICK T. MATTHEWS, MBA
BRIAN M. TAVARES *
ERYNN A. HAMEL
also admitted into Rhode Island*

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March 26, 2026

City Clerk
One Government Center
Fall River, MA 02722

RE: Our Client: Roseline Toussaint
Our File No.: 2024-055

Dear Mr. Fredette,

As you are aware, this firm represents Roseline Toussaint regarding injuries she sustained when she fell into an open manhole cover on July 3, 2024. To date we have not received a response to our letter dated August 8, 2025.

We remain hopeful that this matter can be resolved amicably and without the need for litigation. Accordingly, we respectfully request that your office provide a response within twenty (20) days of receipt of this correspondence.

For your reference, enclosed please find a copy of the complaint that we intend to file if we cannot reach a settlement.

Very Truly Yours,

/s/ Patrick Matthews
Patrick T. Matthews, Esq.

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Enclosure

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City of Fall River
Notice of Claim

#26 80

1. Claimant's name: Larry Lewis
2. Claimant's complete address: 359 Winnicum Road Swansea, Ma 02777
3. Telephone number: Home: 774-301-7772 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: 3/12/26 Approx- 7. Am. Amount of damages claimed: $ 191.83
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):
   1208 Wilson Road, Fall River, MA 02720
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
   Drove into very large pothole filled with water. Couldn't avoid due to traffic. Tire was losing air slowly due to the impact bending the rim.
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: 3/11/26 Claimant's signature: _____

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#26-82

1. Claimant's name: Jose M. Borges
2. Claimant's complete address: 196 Hood Street FALL RIVER MA 02720
3. Telephone number: Home: 508.837.4937 Work: N/A
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
   Tree from public park fell on truck causing total loss of vehicle
5. Date and time of accident: 3/17/24 APPROX 1:00 AM Amount of damages claimed: $ 13,507.33
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):
   196 Hood Street, Fall River, MA 02720
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
   A tree from a public park (North Park) and fell on truck, as well as, multiple other vehicles. Claim submitted to insurance and will not cover claim. I have supplied supplemental documents (pictures) to support claim.
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 Co. 1100 Crown Colony Dr. P.O. Box 699183 Quincy, MA 02269-9225

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Date: 4/6/24 Claimant's signature: _____

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City of Fall River
Notice of Claim

#26-84

1. Claimant's name: FRANCES BETH FREEDMAN
2. Claimant's complete address: 637 LANGLEY ST FALL RIVER MA FALL RIVER, MA
3. Telephone number: Home: 917-517-6311 Work: 917-517-6311
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: BLIZZARD- on & around 2/25-2/28/2026 Amount of damages claimed: $ TBD - ESTIMATE(S) TO BE SUBMITTED
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):
   FRONT OF RESIDENCE PROPERTY BRICK WALL& BEARING PIECES SIDEWALK TREE
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
   SEE ATTACHED W/ PHOTO EXHIBITS AND ARTICLES
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: 04/08/2026 Claimant's signature: Frances Freedman

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#26-85

1. Claimant's name: Desiree Rogers
2. Claimant's complete address: 72 Weetamoe St apt 3
3. Telephone number: Home: 774-322-5278 Work: _____
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
   Vehicle damage caused by roadway defect (pothole)
5. Date and time of accident: March 13, 2026 5:58 pm Amount of damages claimed: $ 172.18
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):
   Quarry st. across the street from Price Rite supermarket, directly across from the containers they have in the back of their building.
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
   See attached paper.
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: April 9, 2026 Claimant's signature: _____

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Tel: 1-866-960-8609
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Madison, WI 53783-0001

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1 GOVERNMENT CTR
FALL RIVER MA 02722-7700

Claim Number:	01-009-711406
Date Of Loss:	03/01/2026
Policy Number:	41555756
Ider:	Walter Aibangbe

March 30, 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:	WALTER AIBANGBE
Property Address:	296 Snell St # 2, 2 Fall River, MA, 02721-3912
Policy Number:	41555756
Claim Number:	01-009-711406
Date of Loss	03/01/2026

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,

Carly McNabb

Carly McNabb
Desk Adjuster
AFICS on behalf of Homesite Insurance Company of New York
Carly.McNabb.1@afics.com
Phone: 1-608-722-2838 | Fax: 1-866-935-2858
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DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING - PLANNING
CITY OF FALL RIVER

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Mayor
DANIEL AGUIAR
Director of Engineering & Planning

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FALL RIVER, MA

MEMO

TO: Fall River City Council

FROM: Daniel Aguiar, City Engineer

DATE: **April 2, 2026**

RE: **Liberty Utilities-5 Year Street Opening Request-Lee Street**

The Engineering Department is in receipt of a permit request regarding the proposed installation of upgraded Natural Gas infrastructure, specifically main and service replacements within Lee Street between South Main Street and Melville Street. Lee Street falls within our five-year street opening moratorium and is set to expire at the end of 2028.

With your approval, all permits granted from the Engineering Department will require complete restoration of the roadway and sidewalk.

Attached are the following items:

1. Cover letter from Liberty Utilities.
2. Pending Street Opening Permit

I respectfully request that the matter be considered at the next available City Council meeting. I am available at your convenience to discuss the matter if need be. Thank you for your attention.

CITY OF FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS

STREET OPENING APPLICATION AND PERMIT

Location To Be Opened	Permit Number	Date
Lee St. (S. Main St. to Melville St.)	G26-143	March 31, 2026

Assessors Plot and Lot Number: 153817

Applicant

Name: LIBERTY UTILITIES
Address: P.O. BOX 911
City, State, Zip: FALL RIVER,MA. 02722
Phone: 774-627-2541

24 Hour Contact Person

Name:
Phone:
Mobile:
Pager:

Property Owner Information

Name:
Address:
City, State, Zip:
Phone:

Contractor must call Engineering Department at 508-324-2512 to request inspection services at least 24 hours in advance of all excavation, connection, backfill and/or patching operations.

Excavation Information

3252 Purpose: GSEP Main Replacement
Size Pipe:
Pipe Material:
Type Connection:
Est. Start Date:
Est. Completion Date:

Size of Opening		Existing Surface	
Length	380'	Sidewalk:	X
Width	3'	Roadway:	X
Depth	3'	Pr. Prop.	X

Digsafe 2026-131-0201

DEP 314 Permit Required: Yes No

DEP 314 Submitted: Yes No

I (We) hereby agree to be bound by the provisions of the ordinances of the City of Fall River governing openings in or under municipal streets and to such special conditions, restrictions and regulations as may be imposed by the City Engineer.

Signature of Applicant: Matthew Sullivan Date: March 31, 2026

Contact Police Chief's office at 508-324-2787 to arrange for police detail.

(To be completed by Engineering Department)

Surface Repairs Required	Inspection Dates
Temporary patch	Excavation
Permanent Patch	Connection
Flowable Fill	Temporary Patch
Infrared patch	Permanent Patch
Other (see below)	Roadway less than 5 years old: (Yes) No

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FALL RIVER ENGINEERING DEPT.

Special Conditions

Inspection Notes

The applicant is hereby authorized to make an opening in or under named street at the location designated; provided that all work is performed in accordance with the applicant's plans, the City ordinances, specifications and regulations governing street openings, and any special conditions set forth above or as may be imposed during the performance of the authorized work.

Signature of City Engineer: Date:

Liberty™

April 1, 2026

Mr. Daniel Aguiar

City Engineer

1 Government Center

Fall River, MA 02722

Dear Mr. Aguiar:

Liberty Utilities is proposing to work on Lee St. between S. Main St. and Melville St. as part of the 2026 GSEP (Gas System Enhancement Plan) in accordance with the Gas Leaks Act annual plan to repair or replace aged natural gas infrastructure in the interest of public safety and to reduce lost and unaccounted for gas ("LAUF"). This street is under the city's 5-year road moratorium and requires City Council approval before Liberty can access our gas utility infrastructure. Liberty Utilities will reconstruct the intersection under the 5-year moratorium to meet the City of Fall River's reconstruction requirements and to the satisfaction of both the Public Works and Engineering Departments. Liberty will restore the roadways older than the 5-year moratorium to their pre-construction condition in compliance with the street restoration requirements in D.T.E. 98-22. Please review and contact me with any questions or concerns regarding this request. I can be reached at (508) 965-4048 or matthew.sullivan@libertyutilities.com

Best Regards,

Matthew Sullivan

Engineer

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DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING - PLANNING
CITY OF FALL RIVER

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Director of Engineering & Planning

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MEMO

TO: Fall River City Council

FROM: Daniel Aguiar, City Engineer

DATE: **April 2,2026**

RE: **Liberty Utilities-5 Year Street Opening Request-Harvard Street**

The Engineering Department is in receipt of a permit request regarding the proposed installation of upgraded Natural Gas infrastructure, specifically main and service replacements within Harvard Street between Robeson Street and Madison Street. This portion of Harvard Street falls within our five-year street opening moratorium and is set to expire at the end of 2026.

With your approval, all permits granted from the Engineering Department will require complete restoration of the roadway and sidewalk.

Attached are the following items:

1. Cover letter from Liberty Utilities.
2. Pending Street Opening Permit
3. Site Plan

I respectfully request that the matter be considered at the next available City Council meeting. I am available at your convenience to discuss the matter if need be. Thank you for your attention.

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STREET OPENING APPLICATION AND PERMIT

Location To Be Opened	Permit Number	Date
Harvard St. (Robeson St. to Madison St.) (Abandonment Only)	G26-123	March 30 2026

Assessors Plot and Lot Number:

153817Applicant	24 Hour Contact Person
Name: LIBERTY UTILITIES	Name:
Address: P.O. BOX 911	Phone:
City, State, Zip: FALL RIVER,MA. 02722	Mobile:
Phone: 774-627-2541	Pager:
Property Owner Information	**Contractor must call Engineering Department at 508-324-2512 to request inspection services at least 24 hours in advance of all excavation, connection, backfill and/or patching operations.**
Name:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Phone:	

Excavation Information	Size of Opening	Existing Surface
3252 Purpose: GSEP Project	Length 15'	Sidewalk:X
Size Pipe:	Width 4'	Roadway:X
Pipe Material:	Depth 3'	Pr. Prop.X
Type Connection:	Digsafe 20261304604	
Est. Start Date:	DEP 314 Permit Required: Yes No	
Est. Completion Date:	DEP 314 Submitted: Yes No	

I (We) hereby agree to be bound by the provisions of the ordinances of the City of Fall River governing openings in or under municipal streets and to such special conditions, restrictions and regulations as may be imposed by the City Engineer.

Signature of Applicant: Olivia Kmito Date:March 30, 2026

Contact Police Chief's office at 508-324-2787 to arrange for police detail.

(To be completed by Engineering Department)

Surface Repairs Required	Inspection Dates
Temporary patch	Excavation
Permanent Patch	Connection
Flowable Fill	Temporary Patch
Infrared patch	Permanent Patch
Other (see below)	Roadway less than 5 years old: Yes No

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Signature of City Engineer: Date:

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April 2, 2026

Mr. Daniel Aguiar

City Engineer

1 Government Center

Fall River, MA 02722

Dear Mr. Aguiar:

Liberty Utilities is proposing to work on Harvard St. between Robeson St. and Madison St. as part of the 2026 GSEP (Gas System Enhancement Plan) in accordance with the Gas Leaks Act annual plan to repair or replace aged natural gas infrastructure in the interest of public safety and to reduce lost and unaccounted for gas ("LAUF"). This street is under the city's 5-year road moratorium and requires City Council approval before Liberty can access our gas utility infrastructure. Liberty Utilities will reconstruct the intersection under the 5-year moratorium to meet the City of Fall River's reconstruction requirements and to the satisfaction of both the Public Works and Engineering Departments. Liberty will restore the roadways older than the 5-year moratorium to their pre-construction condition in compliance with the street restoration requirements in D.T.E. 98-22. Please review and contact me with any questions or concerns regarding this request. I can be reached at (508) 965-4048 or matthew.sullivan@libertyutilities.com

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MEMO

TO: Fall River City Council

FROM: Daniel Aguiar, City Engineer

DATE: **April 8, 2026**

RE: **Liberty Utilities-5 Year Street Opening Request-Hartwell Street**

The Engineering Department is in receipt of a permit request regarding the proposed installation of upgraded Natural Gas infrastructure, specifically cut offs, main and service replacements within Hartwell Street between 82-88 Hartwell Street and Fifth Street. Hartwell Street falls within our five-year street opening moratorium and is set to expire at the end of 2028.

With your approval, all permits granted from the Engineering Department will require complete restoration of the roadway and sidewalk.

Attached are the following items:

1. Cover letter from Liberty Utilities.
2. Pending Street Opening Permit

I respectfully request that the matter be considered at the next available City Council meeting. I am available at your convenience to discuss the matter if need be. Thank you for your attention.

Liberty™

April 9, 2026

Mr. Daniel Aguiar

City Engineer

1 Government Center

Fall River, MA 02722

Dear Mr. Aguiar:

Liberty Utilities is proposing to work on Hartwell St. between Fifth St. and #82-88 Hartwell St. as part of the 2026 GSEP (Gas System Enhancement Plan) in accordance with the Gas Leaks Act annual plan to repair or replace aged natural gas infrastructure in the interest of public safety and to reduce lost and unaccounted for gas ("LAUF"). This proposed work is also part of the proposed National Grid Electric work on Hartwell St. This street is under the city's 5-year road moratorium and requires City Council approval before Liberty can access our gas utility infrastructure. Liberty Utilities will reconstruct the intersection under the 5-year moratorium to meet the City of Fall River's reconstruction requirements and to the satisfaction of both the Public Works and Engineering Departments. Liberty will restore the roadways older than the 5-year moratorium to their pre-construction condition in compliance with the street restoration requirements in D.T.E. 98-22. Please review and contact me with any questions or concerns regarding this request. I can be reached at (508) 965-4048 or matthew.sullivan@libertyutilities.com

Best Regards,

Matthew Sullivan

Engineer

CITY OF FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS

STREET OPENING APPLICATION AND PERMIT

Location To Be Opened	Permit Number	Date
Hartwell St. (Fifth St. to #82-88 Hartwell St	G26-147	April 8, 2026

Assessors Plot and Lot Number:

153817Applicant

Name: LIBERTY UTILITIES
Address: P.O. BOX 911
City, State, Zip: FALL RIVER,MA. 02722
Phone: 774-627-2541

24 Hour Contact Person

Name:
Phone:
Mobile:
Pager:

Property Owner Information

Name:
Address:
City, State, Zip:
Phone:

Contractor must call Engineering Department at 508-324-2512 to request inspection services at least 24 hours in advance of all excavation, connection, backfill and/or patching operations.

Excavation Information

3252 Purpose: Gas Main Replacement
Size Pipe:
Pipe Material:
Type Connection:
Est. Start Date:
Est. Completion Date:

Size of Opening		Existing Surface	
Length	125'	Sidewalk:	X
Width	3'	Roadway:	X
Depth	3'	Pr. Prop.	X

Digsafe 2026-150-8597

DEP 314 Permit Required: Yes No

DEP 314 Submitted: Yes No

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Signature of Applicant: Matthew Sullivan Date: April 8, 2026

Contact Police Chief's office at 508-324-2787 to arrange for police detail.

(To be completed by Engineering Department)

Surface Repairs Required

Temporary patch
Permanent Patch
Flowable Fill
Infrared patch
Other (see below)

Inspection Dates

Excavation
Connection
Temporary Patch
Permanent Patch
Roadway less than 5 years old: Yes No ?

Special Conditions:

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Inspection Notes

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Signature of City Engineer: Date:

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CITY OF FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS

STREET OPENING APPLICATION AND PERMIT

Location To Be Opened	Permit Number	Date
Fifth St @ Hartwell St	G26-148	April 8, 2026

Assessors Plot and Lot Number: 153817

Applicant

Name: LIBERTY UTILITIES
Address: P.O. BOX 911
City, State, Zip: FALL RIVER,MA. 02722
Phone: 774-627-2541

24 Hour Contact Person

Name:
Phone:
Mobile:
Pager:

Property Owner Information

Name:
Address:
City, State, Zip:
Phone:

Contractor must call Engineering Department at 508-324-2512 to request inspection services at least 24 hours in advance of all excavation, connection, backfill and/or patching operations.

Excavation Information

3252 Purpose: Gas Main Replacement
Size Pipe:
Pipe Material:
Type Connection:
Est. Start Date:
Est. Completion Date:

Size of Opening	Existing Surface
Length 15'	Sidewalk: X
Width 3'	Roadway: X
Depth 3'	Pr. Prop. X
Digsafe 2026-150-8616	
DEP 314 Permit Required: Yes No	
DEP 314 Submitted: Yes No	

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Signature of Applicant: Matthew Sullivan Date: April 8, 2026

Contact Police Chief's office at 508-324-2787 to arrange for police detail.

(To be completed by Engineering Department)

Surface Repairs Required

Temporary patch
Permanent Patch
Flowable Fill
Infrared patch
Other (see below)

Inspection Dates

Excavation
Connection
Temporary Patch
Permanent Patch
Roadway less than 5 years old: (Yes) No

Special Conditions

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Signature of City Engineer: Date:

CITY OF FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS

STREET OPENING APPLICATION AND PERMIT

Location To Be Opened	Permit Number	Date
Borden St @ Hartwell St	G26-149	April 8, 2026

Assessors Plot and Lot Number:

153817 Applicant	24 Hour Contact Person
Name: LIBERTY UTILITIES	Name:
Address: P.O. BOX 911	Phone:
City, State, Zip: FALL RIVER,MA. 02722	Mobile:
Phone: 774-627-2541	Pager:
Property Owner Information	**Contractor must call Engineering Department at 508-324-2512 to request inspection services at least 24 hours in advance of all excavation, connection, backfill and/or patching operations.**
Name:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Phone:	

Excavation Information		Size of Opening	Existing Surface
3252 Purpose:	Gas Main Replacement	Length 55'	Sidewalk: X
Size Pipe:		Width 3'	Roadway: X
Pipe Material:		Depth 3'	Pr. Prop. X
Type Connection:		Digsafe 2026-150-8640	
Est. Start Date:		DEP 314 Permit Required: Yes No	
Est. Completion Date:		DEP 314 Submitted: Yes No	

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Flowable Fill	Temporary Patch
Infrared patch	Permanent Patch
Other (see below)	Roadway less than 5 years old: (Yes) No ?

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JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

MEETING: March 10, 2026 at 5:30 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: Mayor Paul E. Coogan
State Representative Carole A. Fiola, 6th Bristol District
State Representative Alan Silvia, 7th Bristol District
State Representative Steven J. Ouellette, 8th Bristol District

President Ponte called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. and announced that the meeting may be recorded with audio or video and transmitted through any medium.

Vice President Kevin Aguiar, School Committee, called their meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

The following School Committee Members were present at the meeting:

PRESENT: Mayor Paul E. Coogan, Kevin Aguiar, Collin Dias, Emanuel Moniz, Ana Riley, Shanell Stuwart

ABSENT: Thomas Khoury

President Ponte stated that the purpose of this meeting was for the Mayor's State of the City address.

President Ponte then introduced the Mayor of Fall River for the annual State of the City Address, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Prior to the conclusion of the State of the City Address, Mayor Paul E. Coogan, State Representatives Carole A. Fiola, Alan Silvia and Steven J. Ouellete, and Councilor Peckham presented citations to Matt Medeiros for his development of the "Plowed?" application during the Blizzard of 2026.

On a motion made by School Committee Member Collin Dias and seconded by School Committee Member Ana Riley, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the School Committee meeting at 6:06 p.m.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Canuel, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the City Council meeting at 6:06 p.m.

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:
Agenda packet (attached)
Mayor's State of the City Address

A true copy. Attest:

Inês da Silva Paulino Leite
City Clerk

2026 State of the City Address

Good evening. To all those who have joined us here tonight, as well as those watching from home, thank you. As the Mayor of Fall River, Massachusetts, it is my pleasure to be here tonight with you as I deliver the 2026 State of the City address.

Coming on the heels of an historic blizzard, I want to extend a special thanks to Governor Maura Healy, and our Lieutenant Governor, Kim Driscoll, and our local legislative delegation for providing us the resources and equipment needed to battle that storm. Governor Healy and her team have always been incredibly helpful during my time as Mayor, but were especially helpful when called on to aid our snow removal efforts after last month's blizzard. Thank you both for your leadership and support.

I extend these thanks to all of our partners in government, including U.S. Senators Ed Markey and Elizabeth Warren, Congressman Jake Auchincloss, State Senator Michael Rodrigues, and State Representatives, Carole Fiola, Alan Silvia and Steven Ouellette. Your partnerships have been invaluable during my time as Mayor, and I welcome all of your help as we continue to work together to improve Fall River.

Thank you to the City Council, the School Committee, our educators, residents, caregivers, business owners, and all of our Public Safety first responders. Your dedication to our community is what makes Fall River such a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

Last but not least, I would like to thank my wife, Judi, for her unwavering support and understanding over these last 6 years.

I am proud to report to you all tonight that despite facing its fair share of challenges, Fall River as a whole stands just as strong today, if not stronger, than it did last year.

That resilience is reflected in the strong financial position of our city government. The City's finances remain healthy, with over $24 million in our stabilization fund, over $40 million in total reserves, and a stable A3 credit rating. Under our finance team and newly appointed Chief Financial Officer Emily Arpke, we saw over $2.6 million in new growth for Fiscal Year 2026.

We also finalized a new capital improvement plan for Fiscal Years 2027 through 2031. This plan will help us to better invest in our capital needs. It will also help us improve our financial reporting documents, like our budget book and quarterly reports, in order to offer more transparency to our City Council and residents.

We've continued to spend down our American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA allocation and are on track to complete projects by the December 2026 deadline. These funds have helped us restore our parks and playgrounds, rehabilitate public facilities like the historic Fall River Public Library, and purchase new vehicles and equipment for our Police, Fire, and Community Maintenance departments, to name a few.

Our public schools, which serve over 11,000 students in grades Pre-K through 12, are improving tremendously under the leadership of Superintendent Dr. Tracy Curley. In December it was announced that Fonseca Elementary School had improved by over 10 percentile points and would no longer be classified by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education as underperforming. Fonseca was the last school with that designation. Watson Elementary School also improved significantly over the past year, as did Durfee High School, which is no longer in the bottom 10% of high schools in the state.

Chronic absenteeism has also decreased significantly. Our graduation rate has also improved and is now even higher than pre-pandemic levels. This improvement was most pronounced among students with disabilities and our English language learners, a direct result of the hard work our staff does on a daily basis to remove barriers to learning and ensure that every student has the support they need to succeed.

Our international teacher program, which places a heavy focus on science and mathematics, continues to expand. We currently have 17 of these teachers in the Fall River Public Schools and are considering 9 more candidates for next school year. I am proud to report that we have 13 teachers currently taking advantage of our new higher education partnership with Bridgewater State University to pursue graduate degrees and certificates in Special Education, Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages, and Autism Endorsement.

Our Early College enrollment increased by 34% over the past two years, with over 97% of these students earning credits last semester – our highest rate ever. This program has been extremely successful in preparing our high schoolers for college. Over 88% of Early College students from the Durfee High School class of 2025 are now enrolled in higher education.

As more students graduate prepared for college and careers, Fall River is also seeing growing momentum in its business community. We continue to see existing businesses expand and new businesses open. New jobs are being created at all skill levels, which will help lower the unemployment rate.

The healthcare sector remains our largest economic engine, accounting for over a third of all jobs in Fall River. Southcoast Ventures recently purchased $6 million of land along the waterfront for a proposed expansion of Southcoast Health, expected to create hundreds of new jobs in the coming years.

Last June, Gold Medal Bakery opened a new 90,000-square-foot facility on Commerce Drive, planning to add 30 to 50 new jobs over the next 5 years. Taco Comfort Solutions also completed a 52,000-square-foot expansion of its Fall River facility. This $20 million investment nearly doubled the size of its facility and created 75 new jobs expected to be created over the next 5 years.

Ice Cube Cold Storage completed a 84,000-square-foot expansion of its existing facility at Southcoast Technology Park this past year that helped them create 20 new jobs. They also purchased land at Innovation Way to build a new facility that is expected to create another 20 jobs. Construction on this second facility will begin later this month.

Freezpak Logistics plans to open its brand-new, 200,000-square-foot cold storage facility this month, bringing another 100 jobs to our Southcoast Technology Park. InvaGen Pharmaceuticals is planning to create 70 new jobs via the all-in-one research, development, manufacturing, and warehouse facility, the financing of which was made possible by business tax incentives from the Healy-Driscoll administration and the Fall River Tax Increment Financing Board.

Funding has been secured to add 15 new moorings and a dinghy dock off of the Norton City Pier to attract more traveling boaters to Fall River. Northfield Point, a spit of land adjacent to the Pier that has been overgrown and fenced off for decades, will open to the public later this year. It will feature a new solar-lighted walking path complete with granite benches and native landscaping.

The Route 79-Davol Street Corridor Improvements Project has reached full beneficial use, leaving us with beautiful and functional new roads and over 19 acres of land to be developed. The Fall River Redevelopment Authority worked with Stantec this past year to complete a master plan for these parcels. Large-scale developers continue to express interest in being part of this transformative

waterfront development, which represents over a billion dollars in investment, primarily from the private sector.

Our downtown business partnership, first brought together by MassDevelopment's Transformative Initiative, narrowed its focus to North Main and Purchase Streets. Now calling itself NoMa, short for North Main, this partnership consists of several restaurants, arts, venues, shops, and a public outdoor event space. Increased collaboration among these partners is making our historic downtown district a hub for dining and entertainment once again. Weekly farmers' markets were held in the NoMa district the past summer. In 2026, monthly events will be held on Purchase Street from March through December.

In addition, both an Urban Renewal Plan and a Roadmap for Neighborhood Revitalization have been completed for our Flint Village neighborhood, both of which are currently undergoing a formal review and approval process. These plans have informed our efforts to revitalize the Flint, including an upcoming arts festival, the installation of a community garden, and several community improvement projects.

The rehabilitation and redevelopment of Urban Renewal Plan-identified properties along Pleasant Street alone is expected to yield over 200 new housing units, a critical means of alleviating Fall River's growing demand for housing.

In 2025, the City issued 96 new residential building permits. We also issued 229 commercial building permits, which includes large-scale mill-to-apartment complex conversions like the upcoming Yarn Mill project at 460 Globe Street.
I see a renewed pride in homeownership across our city reflected in the tremendous amount of properties being renovated.

The Fall River Community Development Agency has several housing projects already underway, including on Pleasant Street, Bedford Street, Rock Street, and Second Street. Once completed, these projects will

result in a total of 99 new housing units, 39 of which will be designated either as affordable or as single-room occupancies for individuals experiencing homelessness.

Fall River continues to address homelessness head-on, a growing issue in not just our community, but throughout the state. Our primary homeless shelter at First Step Inn can now serve up to 50 people, with our overflow shelter at the Timao Center able to take up to 30 more. We also have an emergency warming center at Christ the Rock Church during extreme cold weather to ensure no Fall River resident is left out in the cold.

Our Fall River Addiction Support and Treatment Team, or FAST Team for short, operates a 24-hour hotline to connect people experiencing homelessness or struggling with substance abuse with shelter and social services as appropriate. The FAST Team has been instrumental in clearing several homeless encampments to restore the safety and access to our public parks and green spaces while connecting struggling residents with the resources they desperately need.

Our Veterans Services Department continues to meet the needs of Fall River veterans and their families through financial assistance, advocacy, and coordinated care. This past year, we were recognized as a Purple Heart City – a designation that formally honors residents who were wounded or killed in combat and confirms the City's enduring commitment to recognizing the sacrifice of our many service members.

In response to the growing need for proactive mental health support, we also launched our first Veterans Suicide Prevention Initiative. A team of veterans representing organizations across our community completed a specialized suicide prevention training at Columbia University, training them to recognize warning signs, respond effectively to veterans in crisis, and utilize evidence-based tools to guide intervention and support.

Later this month, we will be partnering with 22Mohawks, a non-profit

organization dedicated to preventing veteran suicide, to host a Veterans' Resiliency Summit. This summit will bring together motivational speakers, mental health professionals, and life coaches to present practical strategies for long-term wellness and empower our veterans with the tools necessary to foster personal stability and growth.

The Fall River Police Department continues to evolve under the leadership of Police Chief Kelly Furtado. This past year, the Department undertook a comprehensive review of its organizational structure to enhance operational efficiency, reinforce accountability, and improve overall performance. As a result, several key divisions were strategically reorganized or expanded.

We also launched the Community Action and Suppression Team and the Neighborhood Engagement & Enforcement Team, dedicating additional personnel and targeted resources to support a proactive crime reduction strategy. Last year, proactive policing efforts reached an all-time high, resulting in an unprecedented volume of narcotics seizures and the removal of more than 56 illegal firearms. These initiatives enhanced focused enforcement while emphasizing community engagement, collaboration, and long-term problem solving. By pairing visible enforcement with meaningful neighborhood partnerships, we strengthened trust and reinforced our presence throughout the city.

Building on our commitment to community outreach, the Department continued its longstanding youth and community initiatives, including the Teen Police Academy, now in its twenty-second year, and Cops and Bobbers fishing clinic, which is approaching its fourth season, and our second annual Haunted Hallways Open House. These programs reflect our belief that early engagement, mentorship, and positive interaction with law enforcement play a critical role in building lasting trust and mutual respect.

We also implemented an alternative hiring pathway that established a local eligibility list and broadened our recruitment efforts. This

innovative approach enabled us to hire more than 40 new officers in 2025 and position the Department to achieve full staffing levels by the end of 2026. This progress ensures enhanced service delivery, improved response times, and increased neighborhood coverage.

In June 2025, the department was re-accredited by the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission, maintaining a distinction we have held since 2007. We also continue to hold accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, or CALEA, making us one of only two law enforcement agencies in Massachusetts to achieve dual accreditation. This accomplishment reflects our commitment to professional standards, policy excellence, and best practices at both the state and national levels.

The Fall River Fire Department continues to protect and serve our community under Chief Jeffrey Bacon, having responded to over 7,000 calls for service and over 300 structure fires in the last year.

In the wake of the tragic Gabriel House Assisted Living Facility fire last year that took the lives of 10 people and necessitated the rescue of 53 others, we were reminded both of life's fragility and of the extraordinary bravery of those who serve on the Fall River Fire Department. Though our community mourns the 10 lives that were lost that night, we also recognize the courage, professionalism, and selfless service displayed by every first responder on that scene. Their actions reflected the very best of our City — strength under pressure, unity in crisis, and an unwavering commitment to protect and serve the people of Fall River.

In the weeks following the fire, a comprehensive after-action report was completed to identify any necessary operational improvements and an independent consulting firm was contracted to impartially review the Fire Department's staffing needs. In accordance with the findings of these reports, staffing levels were subsequently raised from 35 to 38 firefighters per shift.

I am happy to report that 4 probationary firefighters completed their EMT and Firefighter training at the Massachusetts Fire Academy last year, and an additional 7 were hired from our local register. All will begin serving next week. Eight additional hires are scheduled to enter the regional academy on April 20th and will join fire companies by early July.

We invested in two new fire trucks, with the old ones to be retained as reserves. The Department secured nearly $600,000 in state and federal grant money to fund further equipment purchases and staff training.

Fall River Emergency Medical Services, or EMS for short, continues to provide top-tier emergency medical care and hospital transportation under the new leadership of its first female chief Beth Faunce. In 2024, our EMS providers responded to over 24,000 calls for service. This past year, that number rose to more than 29,000 – an increase of nearly 19 percent in just one year. This growth is largely due to interfacility transfers, reflecting both the expanding role of EMS in our healthcare system and the increasing demand for health services in Fall River.

We opened a new EMS facility on Corneau Street last fall, which can house up to six ambulances and will serve as the hub for our Mobile Integrated Health communications going forward. We also added two new ambulances to our fleet, including a unit dedicated to home visits.

We continue to expand our community health offerings, with the scope of our services now including antibiotic therapy, advanced wound care, facilitated telehealth visits, safety education, and basic vaccinations for students and seniors. We completed 327 home visits over the past year, expanding access to high-quality care for the elderly, disabled, and homebound who need it the most. This year we aim to double that number, further strengthening the safety net that supports our most vulnerable residents.

I am very proud to report that our newly established EMT school had two graduating classes this past year, including one made up entirely of new firefighter recruits. This strengthened recruitment pipeline has resulted in 13 new EMTs and 11 new firefighters. We plan to begin offering scholarships in partnership with local schools this year to help build the next generation of public safety professionals in Fall River.

Fall River continues to invest in the critical public infrastructure that keeps our City safe and functional. With the help of grant funding from the Environmental Protection Agency, we've replaced over 1,200 lead-containing water service pipes so far at absolutely no cost to our hard-working homeowners and will continue to do so in 2026.

We continue to replace our aging water mains, with Jefferson Street next on our list. Construction is expected to start later this spring and will conclude with a full roadway reconstruction. Our efforts to address chronic flooding at the intersection of Pleasant, County, and Quarry Streets continue to move forward, with project design now 30% complete. We will continue to seek grant funding to alleviate the burden of this massive undertaking on our taxpayers.

We also received a $1 million MassWorks Infrastructure grant for Fiscal Year 2026 to design the full re-construction of Alden Street. This re-construction will include new water and sewer pipes, increased drainage capacity, and completely repaved streets and sidewalks.

Just as we are investing in the infrastructure beneath our streets, we are also making major investments in the streets themselves. Fall River continues to routinely repair cracks and potholes, with residents able to report a pothole directly through the City's website. Several intersections have been completely redone to increase traffic flow and safety, including the intersection of Bedford and Robeson Streets. The corner of Bedford and Quarry Streets is currently in design, and construction of the Globe Four Corners is expected to begin this April.

We also began reconstructing some of our biggest thoroughfares over the past year. Both Bedford Street and Columbia Street are currently about 50% completed, having made significant progress that includes both repaved streets, new striping, and repaved sidewalks complete with stamped concrete details. The reconstruction of Eastern Avenue and Pleasant Street are both currently in design.

Several streets in our residential neighborhoods are also in various stages of repaving. Barnes, Charlotte, Charles, Hyacinth, Pond, Wall, and Wilson Streets have all either been completed or are nearing completion. The Fall River Community Development Agency also committed $129,000 to replace sidewalks on Montaup, Kellogg, and Lawrence Streets.

We anticipate increases in both Chapter 90 funding and municipal funding for roadway improvements in 2026 so we can expand upon this progress and keep our City streets safe, functional, and attractive.

The City is committed to keeping all of its facilities well-maintained in order to save our taxpayers money in the long-run. From schools to police and fire stations to our many parks and trails, we remain dedicated to making sure all of Fall River's assets remain in top condition so that they can continue to be enjoyed by all.

We are currently working with the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District, or SRPEDD, to update our Open Space and Recreation Plan to include a greater focus on necessary upgrades to existing facilities.

We are planning a full rehabilitation of the parklet on the corner of Columbia and Canal Streets, as well as the addition of a parking facility at Father Kelly Park. The planned expansion of the Alfred J. Lima Quequehan River Rail Trail will also continue to progress over the coming year.

We've invested heavily in our parks and playgrounds, making sure that every child in Fall River has access to safe and high-quality outdoor play. We are installing a new playground at Columbus Park, installed a new skate park and walkways at Lafayette Park, resurfaced and restriped the pickleball and tennis courts at Britland and Maplewood Parks, and renovated deteriorating public restrooms at several of our parks.

The City is currently working with the Community Development Agency to build a brand-new sensory-friendly playground at Abbott Court designed specifically for children with autism spectrum disorder and other heightened sensory needs. This park, which will also be fully wheelchair-accessible, will be the first of its kind in Fall River. Its construction has been made possible in part by the exceptional fundraising efforts of Fall River resident Marcel Riley, whose autistic daughter Mae-Ella inspired him to take matters into his own hands and make a lasting change for both his own family and his community.

Fall River hosted several successful community events over the past year, with many more planned for 2026 to ensure that our City remains a desirable and engaging place for residents and visitors to spend their time. The Battle of Fall River reenactment at Heritage State Park last spring drew over 6,000 attendees from across the state, representing a collaborative effort between the City, the Lafayette-Durfee House Museum, Viva Fall River, the Massachusetts Office of Travel & Tourism, and the Department of Conservation and Recreation. Our 41st Annual Children's Holiday Parade and July Fourth Waterfront Celebration were our largest events last year, drawing over 15,000 attendees each.

We also continue to provide dedicated event programming for children and their families, offering several opportunities for free, age-appropriate fun throughout the year. Notable events last year included Family Kite Night on the Norton City Pier, guided birdwatching at the Watuppa Reservation, a freshwater fishing clinic hosted by volunteer

officers from the Fall River Police Department, our popular Summer Evenings in the Park event series, several outdoor movie nights, nature walks, and much more.

Just a few weeks ago, Fall River was hit with a record-breaking 41 inches of snowfall in under 24 hours. While snow removal took longer than we all would have liked, I'm very proud of our emergency response. Between our emergency shelters, our emergency warming center, and the hard work of our FAST Response Team, we were able to shelter all 175 unhoused individuals who sought our help during the storm. We made sure that nobody was turned away, even deploying one of our own DCM vehicles to provide emergency transportation to a family who found themselves stranded overnight.

I want to take a moment to extend my sincerest thanks to our first responders for showing up and giving their all during the storm. While most of us were safe at home, you braved blizzard conditions to keep the people of Fall River safe. When streets were impassable and emergency vehicles were stuck, you trudged through several feet of snow to reach those in need. So to our dedicated police officers, firefighters, and EMTs, thank you.

I also want to thank the Massachusetts National Guard, Massachusetts Department of Transportation, and our neighbors from New York State, Vermont and Connecticut for sending us additional equipment and personnel in our time of need. Thanks to your help, we were able to make sure our most essential workers like hospital and nursing home staff could report to work, you assisted in freeing stuck and abandoned vehicles and ensured that our first responders could safely access emergencies. Your hard work and heavy equipment that you delivered helped get our city back on its feet.

To the many residents who took it upon themselves with their neighbors to shovel or snowblow their streets to open them up for emergency access your city is forever grateful. And one citizen in particular,

Matthew Medeiros, who used his technological skills to establish a website, that allowed citizens to report streets that were in need of plowing so that our snow operations personnel were able to direct resources where needed and worked with us to update the site throughout the clean up operations. I will ask Matt to join me along with our state delegation for the presentation of citations for his volunteer efforts. (Presentation)

While we may face more than our fair share of challenges, the Fall River community is undoubtedly a tough one. We are strong enough to handle whatever comes our way. As we look ahead to 2026, I am confident that the people of our City will continue to prosper.

Thank you all once again for being here tonight and for caring about the state of our beautiful City. God bless you all and the great City of Fall River.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MEETING: March 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., Linda M. Pereira and Andrew J. Raposo

ABSENT: None

IN ATTENDANCE: Emily Arpke, Director of Financial Services
Tess Curran, Director of Health and Human Services
Kara Humm, Opioid Coordinator
Nicholas A. Macolini, Director of Human Resources
Chief Beth Faunce, Emergency Medical Services

The chair called the meeting to order at 6:17 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

Marcel Riley, 582 Hicks Street – Playground

Councilor Pereira requested information for the upcoming fundraiser regarding Mae's Playground. Mr. Riley stated that the event would take place on April 11, 2026, at the Fall River Elks Lodge #118, 4500 North Main Street, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

On a motion made by Vice President Dionne and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to take item 3 out of order.

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

Kara Humm, Opioid Coordinator, provided an overview of the current financial challenges facing the Fall River Addiction Support and Treatment (FAST) Team, including a loss of federal funds and grant allocations of over $1,900,000, but stated that the program is still receiving smaller amounts of grant funding from the Department of Justice and continuing to apply for other grant programs. Tess Curran, Director of Health and Human Services, explained that, in addition to the application process, there are funding match requirements for certain federal grants.

The Opioid Coordinator also provided information regarding the payroll process for the FAST Team employees, which is coordinated with the Community Development Agency office to allow for timely, direct deposits. Ms. Humm stated that there is a $176,000 balance remaining in the Opioid Settlement accounts currently, and that they are working to keep that funding available for as long as possible. The Opioid Coordinator provided a brief overview of some of the organizations and groups, in addition to the FAST Team, that operate with the Opioid Settlement Fund capital, including Enhancement without Encampment, STARR Rapid Access to Care and Southcoast Health CARES. Ms. Humm stated that the requested appropriation of $750,000 would provide additional capital for these programs. Councilor Raposo requested confirmation that the FAST Team will continue operating if this appropriation is adopted and Ms. Curran stated that additional funding will allow the FAST Team to continue their services in Fall River for the foreseeable future.

Councilor Cadime requested information regarding the program's compliance with the Opioid Settlement guidelines, the deficit within the Opioid Settlement Revolving Fund and asked if additional funding should be appropriated to offset the accounts' current deficit. The Opioid Coordinator explained that all funded projects meet the requirements to receive this funding and that, while additional capital for these projects would be beneficial, she is confident that the amount requested will be sufficient. Emily Arpke, Director of Financial Services, explained that the fund deficit was due to the administrative salary funds for Ms. Humm's role that were not allocated when the budget was first presented. Ms. Arpke stated that this appropriation will assist with correcting that account balance.

Councilor Camara asked how long the requested funding would provide adequate capital for the Opioid Settlement programs. Ms. Humm stated that this appropriation would fund the projects through Year Two of the Opioid Settlement programs and that she has confirmed this cost review with the Executive Director of the Community Development Agency.

Vice President Dionne asked when Year Two for the programs would end. The Director of Health and Human Services stated that most programs end their fiscal funding in November, with a few contracts ending in January, so Year Two will occur during Fiscal Year 2027.

Councilor Canuel, Ms. Humm and Ms. Curran discussed the Opioid Settlement accounts, anticipated deadlines to use the funds, and the process of determining what programs should be funding with this capital. Ms. Humm explained that there are no deadlines for the programs to use their allocated funding and that there is currently $1,800,000 in the stabilization fund and this account accrues interest. Ms. Curran provided information regarding public hearings and surveys that are distributed for input from residents in the City of Fall River to provide input regarding services that are needed most. The Director of Health and Human Services emphasized that the City works to make evidence-based decisions on which programs receive the Opioid Settlement funding.

Vice President Dionne thanked the Opioid Coordinator and the Director of Health and Human Services for provided detailed information regarding the programs and the funding process.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to recommend the order be referred to full Council for action.

2. Five Year Financial Forecast

Emily Arpke, Director of Financial Services, provided an overview of the Five Year Financial Forecast and stated that the goal is to identify potential challenges and anticipated costs over the next five fiscal years. Ms. Arpke stated that this forecast allows the City's financial decisions to be more meaningful in relation to policies and operating budgets. The Director of Financial Services clarified that the Five-Year Financial Forecast is usually presented at the same time as the Capital Improvement Plan, but due to the rescheduling of that hearing, they are now being presented separately. Ms. Arpke suggested that this forecast be presented biannually to provide more information to the Councilors and the public as there are often changes in costs and necessary allocations for future projects. The Director of Financial Services stated that, while there will be financial challenges in the future fiscal years in relation to health insurance costs, employment compensation and various types of ongoing projects, she is confident that the City will be able to manage capital needs even with limited budget allocations.

Councilor Dionne and Ms. Arpke briefly discussed the inclusion of Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) within the Capital Improvement Plan, as FY26 is almost completed. Ms. Arpke clarified that this is to provide a comparison of costs and expenditure for future capital decisions and stated she would provide additional information during the public hearing for the Capital Improvement Plan on March 24, 2026.

Councilor Canuel and the Director of Financial Services discussed investment income revenue in relation to decreased interest rates and anticipated state-funding financial aid, such as Net School Spending (NSS), which reflects different amounts during FY27 versus other future fiscal years within the Five-Year Financial Forecast. Ms. Arpke clarified that the interest rates over the past few years have been quite high, and that those rates are expected to decrease which will affect the funding allocated through the City's various accounts. The Director of Financial Services also provided information regarding the FY27 funding that is anticipated for the NSS totals and stated that this amount is determined by the Governor's FY27 budget proposals. Ms. Arpke clarified that the City cannot estimate the future NSS funding without budget proposals for those other fiscal years and stated that the City's NSS income will most likely decrease after FY27.

Councilor Raposo and the Director of Financial Services discussed the number of ongoing negotiations related to collective bargaining agreements. Ms. Arpke stated that all collective bargaining agreements, other than the American Federal, State and County Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Council 93 agreement, are still being negotiated. The Director of Financial Services explained that the financial amounts listed for these costs are conservative, as she is unsure of what the final totals will be following these agreements being finalized.

President Ponte and Ms. Arpke discussed anticipated financial growth for the City over the next few years and the debt service line items within the forecast. The Director of Financial Services stated that the anticipated dollar amount of growth would be roughly $1,800,000 per year and clarified that the City's debt is decreasing each year. President Ponte requested that the City's debt schedule be provided in future Quarterly Budget Reports.

Councilor Pereira stated that new growth within Fall River will increase housing, emergency response and public safety needs throughout the City and this must be accounted for within each budget. Ms. Arpke stated that she has included increased expenditure for each fiscal year listed and those adjustments will help to balance the anticipated $1,800,000 in financial growth for the City.

4. Transfer and appropriation

Councilor Periera requested clarification as to why this transfer is being requested, as the public should be aware that this will correct an unintentional compensation error for staff within the Department of Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

The Director of Financial Services stated that the City will appropriate the funding into the EMS Enterprise Fund account to cover a one-time payment to correct errors in the past regarding overtime compensation. Nicholas A. Macolini, Director of Human Resources, stated that his letter that was submitted with this appropriation request provides detailed information regarding this error within the EMS overtime schedule and the need to compensate the staff for specific hours of overtime.

Councilor Pereira stated that the older payment process had been used for a very long time prior to the error being noticed and corrected and that a similar error had occurred in New Bedford, MA, as well. Mr. Macolini explained that this payment method had been used since the 1990's and that the overtime expenditure account was not being funded properly.

Chief Beth Faunce, EMS, stated that the City will benefit from this financial correction and that, if the United States Department of Labor Wage and Hour Division had found evidence that this error was intentional, there would have been a much higher fine issued.

On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:
Agenda packet (attached)
Documents regarding various funding changes and expenditures within the Opioid Settlement Funds, provided by Kara Humm, Opioid Coordinator
Massachusetts Abatement Terms for the Opioid Settlement Funds, provided by Kara Humm, Opioid Coordinator

Lauren A. Chilcott
Clerk of Committees

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. Labossiere's contributions to the City of Fall River over the past forty years and wished him well in retirement. Sara Riley also commended Mr. Labossiere's work within the Copicut neighborhood and throughout the City. Mr. Labossiere 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

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

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 Perira, 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 Superintended 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 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:

Thiê da Silva Paulino Leite
City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARINGS

MEETING:	March 24, 2026 at 5:55 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, Christopher M. Peckham, Sr., Linda M. Pereira and Andrew J. Raposo
ABSENT:	Councilor Paul B. Hart
IN ATTENDANCE:	Aaron Roy, National Grid Engineer 1250 Brayton Point Road, Somerset, MA, 02725 Emily Arpke, Director of Financial Services Deputy Chief J.T. Hoar, Fall River Police Department Chief Jeffrey Bacon, Fall River Fire Department Al Oliveira, Director of City Operations Talos Farris, Director of Veterans' Services/Veterans' Services Officer Tyler Antaya, Director of Management Information Systems Kenneth C. Pacheco, Chief Operating Officer, Fall River Public Schools Scott Cabral, Management Information Systems, Chief Information Officer, Fall River Public Schools Richard Branco, No address provided

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

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to open the hearings, with Councilor Hart absent and not voting.

Jointly Owned Pole Location

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

Alden Street — One (1) new jointly owned pole location

This petition is proposing to install one new, jointly owned 45-foot, Class 2 pole (P1) on Alden Street, beginning at a point approximately 85 feet southeast of the centerline of the intersection of Quequechan Street and Alden Street. In accordance with Plan No. 31135482

Restriction:
Pole shall be set at back of walk to ensure adequate Americans with Disabilities Act path width.

The President asked if any proponents were present, and Aaron Roy, National Grid Engineer, came forward and explained that this petition would allow for the reconfiguration of the underground conduit system in the neighborhood, which feeds to the Tower Mill Building. Mr. Roy explained that this will assist with replacing a primary cable for this structure.

A brief discussion was held between Councilor Periera and Mr. Roy regarding the removal of unused jointly owned poles throughout Fall River, and Mr. Roy emphasized that the poles cannot be removed by National Grid when other utility companies still have equipment installed. The President then asked if any opponents were present, and no one came forward.

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

Alden Street — One (1) new jointly owned pole location

This petition is proposing to install one new, jointly owned 45-foot H1 pole (P25-50) at 434 Alden Street, beginning at a point approximately 137 feet north of the centerline of the intersection of Alden Street and Merino Street and continuing approximately 12 feet in the easterly direction. In accordance with Plan No. 31243528

Restriction:
Pole shall not impede existing driveways. Note: Many utilities in this area.

The President asked if any proponents were present, and Aaron Roy, National Grid Engineer, came forward and explained that this pole will also assist with wiring within the neighborhood and will not restrict any cars from entering the nearby driveway, in congruence with the listed restriction. The National Grid Engineer also stated that a third-party company is used to mark the locations of all surround utilities prior to work commencing, to avoid any damage to pipes or other wires. The President then asked if any opponents were present, and no one came forward.

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

Brayton Avenue — One (1) new jointly owned pole location

This petition is proposing to install one new, jointly owned 45-foot, H1 mid-span pole (Pole 33-50) on Brayton Avenue northeast of the centerline of the intersection of Brayton Avenue and Aberdeen Street, between existing Poles 33 and 34. In accordance with Plan No. 31243532

Restriction:
Pole shall be set at back of curb and shall not obstruct existing driveways.

The President asked if any proponents were present, and Aaron Roy, National Grid Engineer, came forward and explained that this petition will assist with the installation of a mainline device for the neighborhood and will not obstruct any existing driveways. The President then asked if any opponents were present, and no one came forward.

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

Eastern Avenue — One (1) new jointly owned pole location

This petition is proposing to install one new, jointly owned 45-foot, H1 pole (Pole 16-50) on Eastern Avenue southwest of the centerline of the intersection of Eastern Avenue and Holden Street, between existing Poles 16 and 18. Pole 16-50 will be used to hold a new load break switch. In accordance with Plan No. 31243531

Restriction:
Pole shall be set at back of curb to ensure adequate Americans with Disability path width.

The President asked if any proponents were present, and Aaron Roy, National Grid Engineer, came forward and explained that this petition will allow for the installation of additional utility units in the neighborhood and will follow all requirements to avoid blocking access to the nearby sidewalks. The President then asked if any opponents were present, and no one came forward.

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

Rhode Island Avenue — One (1) new jointly owned pole location

This petition is proposing to install one new, jointly owned Pole P9-50 on Rhode Island Avenue at a point approximately 70 feet southerly of the centerline of the intersection of Orswell Street and Rhode Island Avenue and continuing approximately 17 feet in the easterly direction. In accordance with Plan No. 31243520

The President asked if any proponents were present, and Aaron Roy, National Grid Engineer, came forward and stated that this petition will allow for the installation of additional services to improve services in the neighborhood and will be appropriately placed toward the back of the curbing. The President then asked if any opponents were present, and no one came forward.

Underground Conduit

6. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid for an underground conduit location as follows:

Alden Street

The petitioner is proposing to install 102 feet of 2-to-5-inch underground conduit from Pole 2 to Manhole 7 on Alden Street. In accordance with Plan No. 31135482.

Restrictions:
Sidewalks were recently replaced in this area. Restoration shall be complete from curb to layout line/back walk.

The President asked if any proponents were present, and Aaron Roy, National Grid Engineer, came forward and explained that this petition will assist with the installation of new jointly owned poles on Alden Street and will allow for additional services to be implemented. Mr. Roy also explained that there will be a trench in the street to allow access to underground utilities and that the road will be appropriately repaired following the installation. The President then asked if any opponents were present, and no one came forward.

Curb Removals

7. Daniel Gonzalez, 150 Hancock Street, Unit 203, Quincy, MA, 02171, for the removal of curbing as follows:

	Existing Opening	Curbing to be Removed	Curbing to be Added	Combined Opening Proposed After Alteration
160 Franklin Street	18'	47' 6"	18'	47' 6"

The existing parcel is served by an 18-foot curb opening. The applicant proposes to close the existing 18-foot curb opening and construct a new 23-foot curb opening and a new 24-foot, 6-inch curb opening. The total opening for the location will be 47 feet, 6 inches.

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

8. J & M Development Group Corp, 263 Gifford Road, Westport, MA, 02790, for the removal of curbing as follows:

	Existing Opening	Curbing to be Removed	Curbing to be Added	Combined Opening Proposed After Alteration
215-219 Earle Street	20' Earle Street	12' County Street	0'	32'

The existing parcel is served by a 20-foot curb opening on Earle Street. The applicant proposes an additional 12-foot opening on County Street. The total opening for the location will be 32 feet. Work is already completed.

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

9. Tucker Dachshund Realty, LLC, 88 Earle Street, for the removal of curbing as follows:

	Existing Opening	Curbing to be Removed	Curbing to be Added	Combined Opening Proposed After Alteration
25 Rhode Island Avenue	18'	0'	0'	18'
Laurel Street	25'	39'	0'	64'
Total				82'

The existing parcel is served by an 18-foot curb opening on Rhode Island Avenue and a 25-foot curb opening on Laurel Street. The applicant proposes extending the existing Laurel Street opening by an additional 11 feet and creating a new, 28-foot curb opening on Laurel Street. The total opening for the location will be 82 feet. Work is already completed.

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

Street Acceptances

10. Brookfield Terrace extending from the southerly side of Fieldstone Lane westerly to its' terminus

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

11. Fieldstone Lane extending from the southerly terminus of Hayfield Lane to Courtney Street

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

12. Stonybrook Circle extending from the westerly side of Fieldstone Lane westerly to its' terminus

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

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

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

Capital Improvement Plan

14. Five Year Capital Improvement Plan

The President asked if any proponents were present and Emily Arpke, Director of Financial Services, and Al Oliveira, Director of City Operations, came forward. Ms. Arpke stated that a document had been distributed to all City Councilors that provided mathematical edits for the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) booklet. Councilor Pereira expressed concern regarding the corrections only being provided during the public hearing and not in advance of the City Council Meetings. President Ponte agreed that this information should have been provided earlier as the CIP was filed with the City Clerk in January.

Councilor Raposo requested additional information regarding the Department of Management Information Systems (MIS) and Tyler Antaya, Director of MIS, came forward. Councilor Raposo asked why there are no capital plans included for the Department of MIS over the next few years. Mr. Antaya stated that many updates took place when American Rescue Plan Act funding was allocated, and that capital covered the costs for revitalizing the computer systems within the City. Mr. Antaya also stated that most computers have been upgraded to Microsoft 360 and that most systems may be transferred to cloud-based software soon.

Councilor Raposo requested additional information regarding the Department of Veterans Services and Talos Faris, Director of Veterans' Services/Veterans' Services Officer, came forward. Councilor Raposo asked for additional information regarding the building on Pine Street, previously the location of the Veterans Association of Bristol County, including necessary renovations, funding sources and future utilization of the structure. Ms. Arpke explained that the funding line items for this property were not finalized prior to the CIP booklet being published due to the change of occupancy that happened in 2025. Mr. Oliveira stated that the property requires minor repairs, such as painting and structural enforcement, but stated that there needs to be a decision made as to what type of organization will occupy the space in the future, as that will influence the forward progress of the project. Ms. Arpke agreed and clarified that Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) updates will occur no matter how the property is used in the future. Mr. Faris explained that there have been meetings in the past regarding the use of this building going forward, and that the repairs will be completed when that decision is finalized. The Director of Veterans' Services/Veterans' Services Officer also stated that floor leveling and appliance removal will be necessary prior to any other renovations.

Councilor Raposo emphasized that the building should provide services to veterans in the City and asked for a timeline regarding the necessary renovations. The Director of Financial Services explained that the removal of large appliances and equipment is necessary prior to obtaining a timeline to allow the structure to be fully inspected. Councilor Pereira agreed that the floors of the structure must be repaired and stated that this work should be performed by City employees. Councilor Pereira also emphasized the need for a veteran's outreach center that provides veterans quarters. Councilor Raposo also suggested that the Department of Veterans' Services office be relocated to this building, as Government Center is not the ideal location for the services that are provided for veterans in the City. Mr. Talos stated that he agrees and that $25,000 is currently allocated for updates to this structure. Councilor Peckham stated that he agrees that a different location should be utilized for the Department of Veterans' Services and that this location may be ideal.

Councilor Raposo requested additional information regarding the Fall River Fire Department and Chief Jeffrey Bacon, Fall River Fire Department, came forward. Councilor Raposo requested clarification regarding the planned purchases for new fire apparatus. Chief Bacon explained that a new fire vehicle will be purchased at the end of this fiscal year and Ms. Arpke clarified that this will be funded by revenue from the Free Cash funds. President Ponte clarified that the CIP provides an overview of planned projects but does not authorize financial transfers for said projects and that appropriations will need to be formally adopted at future meetings.

Councilor Canuel and Chief Bacon discussed safety gear used by firefighters in the City, and Chief Bacon clarified that Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), also known as "forever chemicals," are not present in any new gear being purchased by fire departments throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Vice President Dionne requested clarification regarding the line item within the Fire Department's category of the CIP with a total of $926,000 and stated that the sources of the related funding should be included in the packet. The Director of Financial Services explained that this funding would be used to purchase Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for the Fire Department. Chief Bacon explained that SCBA equipment is typically purchased with grant funding that lasts for several years and that the City will be eligible to reapply for this funding in 2027 as the existing equipment will need to be replaced.

Councilor Raposo requested additional information regarding the Fall River Police Department and Deputy Chief J.T. Hoar, Fall River Police Department, came forward. Councilor Raposo requested details regarding the planned firearm upgrade project, improvements for lighting downtown, and the purchase of police vehicles, which are self-insured by the City. Deputy Chief Hoar stated that the firearm upgrade will lower the overall cost of weaponry for the Police Department and will include new features and qualification courses to ensure all officers are provided with full training. Deputy Chief Hoar also explained that the Police Department plans to improve lighting apparatus in both the downtown and boardwalk area near Battleship Cove, as better lighting reduces the risk of crime. The Deputy Police Chief also stated that when a police cruiser is involved in a vehicular accident, there are often long negotiations with insurance companies regarding who may be at fault, which determines the outcome of the insurance settlement. Deputy Chief Hoar explained that if a vehicle is damaged in a collision, the Police Department has spare cruisers and that the department is working to develop an updated fleet of cars and trucks. Councilor Raposo asked what the timeline would be to obtain new police apparatus and Deputy Chief Hoar stated that the Request for Proposals process begins about five or six months prior to the vehicle being delivered.

Councilor Peckham and Deputy Chief Hoar discussed the change of firearms to Glock 9-millimeter pistols and the trade-in incentive the department was able to acquire through the agreement with the supplier. The Director of Financial Services explained that this trade-in agreement reimbursement is included in the CIP booklet line item. Deputy Chief Hoar stated that this change in police firearms will result in safety upgrades and significant financial savings for the City of Fall River.

Councilor Canuel, Ms. Arpke, Mr. Oliveira and Deputy Chief Hoar discussed necessary repairs to the Fall River Police Department building, including roof repairs and heat, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) units. Mr. Oliveira provided information regarding the planned roof repair scheduled for 2028 and stated that the roof, which is made of tar, is easily repaired. Councilor Canuel and Deputy Chief Hoar agreed that the roof should be replaced as soon as possible to avoid any issues with leakage, even if the structure can be repaired easily. Ms. Arpke explained that there are other upgrades necessary within the police department building, which is why the roof was not prioritized. Councilor Canuel stated that the future installation of HVAC systems may damage the roof if these repairs are delayed and requested that the Director of City Operations and the Deputy Police Chief discuss this matter further.

Councilor Cadime, Ms. Arpke and Deputy Chief Hoar discussed the replacement of police vehicles and the options of purchasing apparatus versus leasing them. The Director of Financial Services explained that the CIP booklet lists the purchase of eleven vehicles per year, and Deputy Chief Hoar stated that this will assist with updating the front-line cruisers. Councilor Cadime stated that leasing these vehicles may be more financially advantageous for the City. Deputy Chief Hoar explained that the vehicles are self-insured, which may cause challenges with lease agreements. Ms. Arpke confirmed and stated that almost all City vehicles are self-insured. The Director of Financial Services also explained that related appropriation requests

will be submitted each fiscal year for these purchases. Councilor Cadime and Deputy Chief Hoar held a brief discussion regarding various contracts with third-party companies, such as Axon Enterprise Inc. (formerly TASER), which provides weapons and technology to police departments.

Councilor Raposo requested additional information regarding the Fall River School Department and Kenneth C. Pacheco, Chief Operating Officer, Fall River Public Schools, and Scott Cabral, Management Information Systems, Chief Information Officer, Fall River Public Schools, came forward. Councilor Raposo asked for an update on the speed cameras surrounding the schools in the City. Mr. Cabral stated that the cameras are being updated often with new photography software and provided information regarding the camera licenses and the process of replacing or repairing the equipment. Councilor Raposo requested updates regarding the Robert J. Nagle Auditorium inside of the former B.M.C. Durfee High School. Mr. Pacheco stated that the building is in the process of being updated, with the roof and fire suppression system renovated. A detailed discussion was held between Councilor Raposo and Mr. Pacheco regarding the future use of the structure, the potential for a company to operate and remodel the building, other schools in the City undergoing long-term renovations, such as the Samuel Watson Elementary School, as well as the installation of elevators in schools to assist with ADA compliance.

Vice President Dionne requested information regarding renovations that are ongoing inside of the Robert L. Medeiros Resiliency Preparatory Academy and expressed concern regarding the fire suppression system. Vice President Dionne also stated that the CIP booklet states these renovations will not begin until 2027 and will assist with bringing the structure closer to existing code compliance, but it will not completely adhere to all requirements. Mr. Pacheco explained that the structure is currently categorized as pre-existing, non-confirming, which means the building was up-to-code when it was built, but no longer follows the updated requirements. Vice President Dionne and Mr. Pacheco also held a brief discussion regarding plumbing upgrades within the schools, which are needed as certain restrooms and sinks inside of the schools are not useable. Mr. Pacheco clarified that these will be repaired, but that the plumbing is also considered pre-existing, non-confirming in relation to the building codes.

Councilor Camara and Mr. Pacheco discussed the potential purchase of the former Bishop Connolly High School and what the planned renovations would include. Mr. Pacheco stated that this matter has been discussed with the Mayor and the Council President, and all agree it would be a valuable structure to own. Mr. Pacheco stated that this school would allow the City to operate more elementary classrooms. Councilor Camara and Mr. Pacheco discussed that some upgrades would be necessary to provide better accessibility to younger, elementary school students. Mr. Pacheco stated that the school would benefit from roof updates, window upgrades and heat pumps, as well as minor asbestos removal. Mr. Pacheco also clarified that this school would be eligible for a reimbursement from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, through the Accelerated Repair Program.

Councilor Camara requested clarification regarding the new totals that were provided by the Director of Financial Services in relation to the CIP booklet. Ms. Arpke explained that this sheet provided corrected totals within the formulas but did not change any line items included in the original booklet. Councilor Camara and Mr. Oliveira discussed repairs that are needed within the Fall River Public Library. The Director of City Operations explained that there were various areas with roof leakage and that repairs to this roof in the past were performed incorrectly.

Vice President Dionne, the Director of Financial Services and the Director of City Operations held a brief discussion regarding the funding sources for repairs within the library. Ms. Arpke explained that the project will utilize Free Cash funds, as well as ARPA and historic grant funding. Mr. Oliveira stated that performing the bid process for a contractor to perform all renovations will help to save taxpayer dollars.

Councilor Cadime, Ms. Arpke and Mr. Oliveira discussed plans to renovate various fire stations and asked if any renovations would be planned for Government Center, as no projects are currently listed within the booklet for the structure. The Director of Financial Services stated that there is not yet a full breakdown available for fire station repairs and costs, as some renovations will need to be outsourced to third-party companies. Mr. Oliveira stated that the original project list was provided by the Fire Chief. Councilor Cadime requested that lists regarding these large projects be shared with the City Council as soon as they are available. The Director of City Operations also explained that most of the renovations necessary for Government Center will be funded by the municipal budgets over the next few years. The Director of Financial Services clarified that the CIP booklet contained projects that have not yet been fully, financially committed to by the City and the renovations that are ongoing within Government Center are fully funded. Ms. Arpke also stated that there will be an estimated total of $3,400,000 in Free Cash this year and a portion of that has already been allocated for the Police and Fire Departments. Ms. Arpke clarified that there will be no additional accumulated debt during Fiscal Year 2026.

Councilor Pereira, Ms. Arpke and Mr. Oliveira discussed the Third Street and Pearl Street parking garages, the costs of the necessary repairs and the long-term plan for these structures. Mr. Oliveira stated that there are various totals for different internal and external repairs, and the City is exploring all financial options. Ms. Arpke stated that there should be additional updates available within the next few months.

Vice President Dionne and Ms. Arpke discussed line items for the City that utilize ARPA funding, as that funding is no longer available after the end of the calendar year. Ms. Arpke stated that this funding is being used for vehicle fleet replacements for various departments, and the expenditure for that apparatus has not yet been completed.

Councilor Peckham, Ms. Arpke and Mr. Oliveira discussed the fire station repairs that are necessary over the next few years. Ms. Arpke and Mr. Oliveira reiterated that they would provide the large list of necessary repairs that was presented by the Fire Chief.

Councilor Canuel and Mr. Oliveira held a brief discussion regarding the new parking spaces being installed within the Father Kelly Park property. Mr. Oliveira clarified that this renovation would be to install a new parking lot, not a parking garage.

Councilor Camara asked if the City was considering selling one or both of the City-owned parking garages. Ms. Arpke stated that the City was considering all options, including selling the structures. Councilor Pereira asked President Ponte if he was present for the discussion related to the potential sale of the Third Street and Pearl Street parking garages. President Ponte clarified that, while the information was shared with him, he was not present for that discussion. Councilor Peckham and Mr. Oliveira discussed the entrances to the Pearl Street parking garage, as one is currently closed. Mr. Oliveira clarified that one entrance is closed due to concrete and rebar deterioration, and this closure eliminates the risk of anything falling on a pedestrian or vehicle.

President Ponte stated that he was briefed by the Mayor, Acting Superintendent of Fall River Public Schools and the Chief Operating Officer of Fall River Public Schools regarding the potential purchase of the former Bishop Connolly High School, and stated that he had requested a formal presentation regarding this matter be presented to the City Council at a future meeting. Councilor Camara stated that it appears the costs of renovations within the school would be reimbursable. Ms. Arpke emphasized that the school is in very good condition and just needs minor adjustments to accommodate smaller, elementary-grade students.

Councilor Cadime asked if an assessment of all Fire Department needs has ever been performed and Mr. Oliveira stated that this type of assessment has not occurred during his tenure with the City of Fall River.

The President then asked if any opponents were present and Richard Branco, no address provided, came forward. Mr. Branco stated that the planned funding within the CIP booklet should be reallocated to assist people and children in the City of Fall River. Mr. Branco also stated that he was disappointed that there were no sections of this plan that included the development of alternative housing for those in need.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Vice President Dionne, it was unanimously voted to close the hearings at 7:33 p.m., with Councilor Hart absent and not voting.

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:
Agenda (attached)
Corrections in Capital Improvement Plan worksheet, provided by
Emily Arpke, Director of Financial Services

A true copy. Attest:
Chelsea Pacheco
Assistant City Clerk

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MEETING: March 24, 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, Christopher M. Peckham, Sr., Linda M. Pereira and Andrew J. Raposo

ABSENT: Councilor Paul B. Hart

IN ATTENDANCE: Emily Arpke, Director of Financial Services
Trevor Coelho, Purchasing Agent

The chair called the meeting to order at 7:33 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
Richard J. Branco, No address provided – Leadership
Ben Coleman, 57 Goss Street – Pleasant Street
A brief discussion was held between Councilors Camara, Pereira and Raposo regarding Mr. Coleman's concerns. Councilor Raposo stated that he would send a letter to the Mayor and the Director of Inspectional Services to request further investigation into the fence that is currently blocking pedestrian access to the sidewalk near 1616 Pleasant Street.

2. Communication - Mayor and request from Purchasing Agent for City Council approval to conduct a public online auction for surplus property
Councilor Periera and Trevor Coelho, Purchasing Agent, discussed the differences between online auctions and in-person auctions. Mr. Coelho explained that online auctions, which includes a third-party company who assists with advertising, is very low cost to the City of Fall River, whereas an in-person auction would be very expensive. The Purchasing Agent explained that there are over seventy items and eleven of those items are vehicles that are not drivable. Mr. Coelho explained that manual labor would be required to move all surplus property to an auction site, and auctioneer would need to be hired and legal personnel must also be hired. Emily Arpke, Director of Financial Services, explained that if any items are not sold, the City would then need move all surplus property back to the original storage facility, which would also increase costs as tow trucks would be needed for the vehicles.

A brief discussion was held between Councilor Pereira, Ms. Arpke and Mr. Coelho regarding the legal restrictions of delivering surplus vehicles to a scrap yard, as an auction must occur first and an in-person auction may cost more than what the surplus property is worth.

Councilor Cadime asked if the City was able to refuse bids that were submitted under the anticipated value of the item. Ms. Arpke confirmed that the Purchasing Agent may refuse to accept these bids and Councilor Cadime emphasized the need to advertise the auction online to encourage additional participation. Councilor Cadime also stated that the City should not accept bids that are below the value of the items.

Councilor Canuel and Ms. Arpke discussed the possibility of allocating a portion of the auction revenue the Fall River Police Department and Fall River Fire Department. The Director of Financial Services explained that a revolving fund must exist for this type of appropriation and explained that the value of the surplus property ranges from a few hundred to a few thousand dollars, and doesn't merit the creation of these revolving funds. Ms. Arpke also explained that a majority of the funding utilized to originally purchase these surplus items was appropriated from the General Fund, so the capital should be returned to that account.

Councilor Cadime commended Councilor Canuel's intention to try to allocate the funding back to the departments, but explained that the funding to purchase various surplus property comes from too many sources to calculate the exact amount that could be returned to specific department accounts, and the City needs to focus on providing larger amounts of funding for future Capital Improvement Projects. Councilor Cadime stated that the revenue from the auction will not be large enough to assist with these projects, and the funding should be returned to the General Fund.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to refer the matter to full Council for action, with Councilor Hart absent and not voting.

On a further motion made by Councilor Camara and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:54 p.m., with Councilor Hart 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: March 24, 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, Christopher M. Peckham, Sr., Linda M. Pereira and Andrew J. Raposo

ABSENT: Councilor Paul B. Hart

IN ATTENDANCE: None

President Ponte called the meeting to order at 7:54 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

• Brian Bishop – Donating electrical services, materials and community outreach
Councilor Pereira made remarks commending the services that Mr. Bishop has provided to the City of Fall River over the years. Mr. Bishop thanked the City Council for their recognition and stated that his family has always worked hard to give back to their community.

• 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
  e. 911 Emergency Dispatchers, AFSCME Council 93, Local 3177

Councilor Peckham made remarks regarding the heroism and bravery that was observed by all first responders during the Gabriel House Assisted Living Residences fire, including the Fall River Fire Department, Emergency Medical Services Department, Police Department and Emergency Management Agency, and the 911 Emergency Dispatchers. Councilor Peckham also explained that some individuals who responded to this tragic event were off-duty and still arrived to provide any help that was needed.

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

Councilor Peckham made remarks regarding the success of the Matthew J. Kuss Middle School Boys Basketball Team and congratulated them on their championship win.

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

Councilor Peckham made remarks regarding the success of the James Madison Morton Middle School Girls Basketball Team and congratulated them on their championship win and stated that this is the school's tenth championship in a row.

PRIORITY MATTERS

1. Mayor and proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Enterprise Fund budgets for Water and Sewer Divisions

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

PRIORITY COMMUNICATIONS

2. Traffic Commission recommending amendments to the traffic ordinances

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

ORDINANCES

Second Reading and Enrollment

3. 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 Vice President Dionne, it was unanimously voted that the proposed ordinance be passed through second reading and enrollment, with Councilor Hart 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 Hart absent and not voting.

Approved, March 26, 2026

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

Second Reading and Enrollment, as amended

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

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Vice President Dionne, it was unanimously voted that the proposed ordinance be passed through second reading and enrollment, as amended, with Councilor Hart absent and not voting.On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Vice President Dionne, it was unanimously voted that the proposed ordinance be passed to be ordained, as amended, with Councilor Hart absent and not voting.
Approved, March 26, 2026
Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

RESOLUTIONS

5. Committee on Finance convene with Director of Financial Services, the Director of City Operations and the Interim Director of Community Maintenance to provide updates on the Administration's planning for residential solid waste and recycling collection

Councilor Canuel stated that the current solid waste and recycling contract will be expiring soon and that updates regarding the future decisions for these public services are needed. Councilor Cadime agreed and stated that this resolution will assist with collecting additional information regarding all costs associated with the disposal of garbage and recyclable products. On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Pereira, it was unanimously voted to adopt the resolution, with Councilor Hart absent and not voting.

6. Capital Improvement Plan be approved by the City Council

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

CITATIONS - None

On a motion made by Councilor Camara and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to take items 7 through 12 together, with Councilor Hart absent and not voting.

ORDERS – HEARINGS

Jointly Owned Pole Location

7. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc., Alden Street – One (1) new jointly owned pole location
8. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc., 434 Alden Street – One (1) new jointly owned pole location
9. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc., Brayton Avenue – One (1) new jointly owned pole location
10. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc., Eastern Avenue – One (1) new jointly owned pole location
11. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc., Rhode Island Avenue – One (1) new jointly owned pole location

Underground Conduit

12. Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid – Install underground facilities on Alden Street

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to adopt the orders, with Councilor Hart absent and not voting.
Approved, March 26, 2026
Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

Curb Removal

13. Daniel Gonzalez, 150 Hancock Street, Quincy, MA 02171 – Removal of 47 feet, 6 inches, of curbing and an addition of 18 feet of curbing for a total opening of 47 feet, 6 inches, at 160 Franklin Street

On a motion made by Councilor Camara and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order, with Councilor Hart absent and not voting.
Approved, March 26, 2026
Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

14. J & M Development Group Corp, 263 Gifford Road, Westport, MA, 02790 – Removal of 12 feet (on County Street) of curbing for a total opening of 32 feet at 215-219 Earle Street

A motion was made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Camara to adopt the order. Councilor Pereira expressed concern that items 14 and 15 were both orders for curb removals that have already been completed without permission from the City. Councilor Pereira stated that the orders should be referred to the Committee on Regulations and a discussion should be held about additional fines being implemented. On a further motion made by Councilor Pereira and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to refer the order to the Committee on Regulations, with Councilor Hart absent and not voting.

15. Tucker Dachshund, LLC, 88 Earle Street – Removal of 39 feet of curbing (on Laurel Street) for a total opening of 82 feet at 25 Rhode Island Avenue

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

ORDERS – MISCELLANEOUS – None

COMMUNICATIONS – INVITATIONS – PETITIONS

16. Claims

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

17. City Engineer – Street opening less than 5 years at 1216-1218 Stafford Road

On a motion made by Councilor Peckham and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to approve the street opening request, with Councilor Hart absent and not voting.

18. Final Reports for the acceptance of the following streets:
    a. Brookfield Terrace extending from the southerly side of Fieldstone Lane westerly to terminus

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Vice President Dionne, it was unanimously voted to approve the final report, with Councilor Hart absent and not voting.
Approved, March 26, 2026
Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

    b. Fieldstone Lane extending from the southerly terminus of Hayfield Lane to Courtney Street

On a motion made by Councilor Camara and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to approve the final report, with Councilor Hart absent and not voting.
Approved, March 26, 2026
Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

    c. Stonybrook Circle extending from the westerly side of Fieldstone Lane westerly to terminus

On a motion made by Councilor Camara and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to approve the final report, with Councilor Hart absent and not voting.
Approved, March 26, 2026
Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

19. Final Report for the acceptance of Draper Street extending southerly from Globe Mills Avenue to terminus and northerly from Globe Mills Avenue to terminus

On a motion made by Councilor Camara and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to approve the final report, with Councilor Hart absent and not voting.
Approved, March 26, 2026
Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

20. Application for a License to Conduct One-Day Bingo – We Love Children Fund Organization, May 2, 2026 at 20 Star Street

On a motion made by Councilor Camara and seconded by Councilor Canuel, it was unanimously voted to approve the license application, with Councilor Hart absent and not voting.
Approved, March 26, 2026
Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

21. <u>Drainlayer Licenses</u>
    Narragansett Improvement Company
    WC Excavation, Inc.

On a motion made by Councilor Camara and seconded by Councilor Canuel, it was unanimously voted to approve the drainlayer license applications, with Councilor Hart absent and not voting.
Approved, March 26, 2026
Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

22. Planning Board Minutes – February 11, 2026

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

BULLETINS – NEWSLETTERS – NOTICES

23. Notice of Casualty and Loss at 452 Adams Street

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

24. Department of Environmental Protection - Notice of Waterway License Application No. 26-WW01-0006-APP, Captain Joseph J. O'Connell Company, Inc., 180 River Street and the thirty-day public comment period beginning on March 5, 2026

On a motion made by Councilor Peckham and seconded by Councilor Camara, it was unanimously voted that the notice be accepted and placed on file, with Councilor Hart absent and not voting.

25. Department of Public Utilities – Notice of filing and request for comments re Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid, for approval of their 2026 Energy Efficiency Reconciling Factors for effect May 1, 2026, with a comment deadline of April 8, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

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, with Councilor Hart absent and not voting.

ITEMS FILED AFTER THE AGENDA DEADLINE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE: MARCH 24, 2026

PRIORITY MATTERS

1a. Mayor and request for the confirmation of the reappointment of Amber Burns to the Board of Park Commissioners

On a motion made by Councilor Peckham and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to confirm the reappointment, with Councilor Hart absent and not voting.

1b. Mayor and request for the confirmation of the reappointment of Bernard J. McDonald to the Board of Park Commissioners

Councilor Raposo requested clarification regarding the differences in term lengths for each member of the Board of Park Commissioners and the Assistant City Clerk stated that this avoids multiple members terms expiring during the same year. On a motion made by Councilor Peckham and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to confirm the reappointment, with Councilor Hart absent and not voting.

1c. Mayor and request for the confirmation of the reappointment of Mark Nassif, Jr., to the Retirement Board

On a motion made by Councilor Canuel and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to confirm the reappointment, with Councilor Hart absent and not voting.

PRIORITY COMMUNICATIONS

2a. City Council President's letter re: Updates from the Administration on the current status of the Civil Service process for the hiring of a Police Chief

On a motion made by Councilor Pereira and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted that the communication be accepted and placed on file, with Councilor Hart absent and not voting.

ORDINANCES

2b. Proposed Ordinance – Requiring City Council approval of certain employment contract obligations

Councilor Canuel explained that a related resolution is currently tabled in the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation and he proactively drafted this proposed ordinance for further deliberation. A brief discussion was held by President Ponte, Councilor Canuel and Councilor Pereira regarding the drafting of the proposed ordinance. Councilor Canuel clarified that a proposed ordinance has not yet been presented by Corporation Counsel, so this draft will assist with the Committee's ability to progress the discussion. Councilor Cadime stated that Corporation Counsel holds a contracted position, and his action on drafting a proposed ordinance may be considered a conflict of interest. On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted that the proposed ordinance be referred to the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation, with Councilor Hart absent and not voting.

RESOLUTIONS

6a. City Council exercise its authority under Section 2-7(a) of the City Charter, which relates to access to information, to initiate a formal investigation of the Fall River Police Department's use of a search warrant to identify an individual behind an anonymous social media account

Councilor Peckham stated that the related accusations were published online and that proactive action would provide transparency to the public. Councilor Peckham also stated that a formal legal opinion was presented by Corporation Counsel prior to the beginning of the City Council Meetings, and that this legal opinion was not necessary.

President Ponte relinquished the podium to Vice President Dionne at 8:34 p.m.

President Ponte stated that the resolution is not politically motivated and that the published news story, along with the related judicial warrant, represent a potential abuse of power. President Ponte stated that the search warrant may have been issued to investigate someone who posted remarks on social media regarding the Fall River Police Department, and that this action is not a criminal act. President Ponte emphasized the need for an investigation into this matter. President Ponte also expressed concern that no criminal charges were filed after the warrant was issued. President Ponte emphasized that the City Council must conduct this investigation to protect police officers and to provide transparency to the public. President Ponte stated that the City Council has the right to perform this investigation based on the City Charter, §2-7(a), which relates to Access to information, and stated that he does not agree with the legal opinion provided by Corporation Counsel.

President Ponte returned to the podium at 8:37 p.m.

Councilor Cadime stated that he will support the resolution as the news story suggests that an abuse of power may have taken place. Councilor Cadime agreed with President Ponte that the City Council needs to investigate this matter to protect police officers. Councilor Cadime also expressed concern regarding the legal opinion provided by Corporation Counsel, as it contradicts the language present within the City Charter, §2-7(a), which states, "The City Council may make investigations into the affairs of the city and into the conduct and performance of any city agency." Councilor Cadime stated that Corporation Counsel's interpretation of the text would require the City Council to conduct investigations during public meetings, which would be unusual.

Councilor Cadime suggested that the City Council request that the Mayor attend a meeting to discuss this matter in person and stated that paid administrative leave for the employees involved should be considered.

Councilor Canuel asked if the Council would request the Mayor to attend, or if a representative would suffice. Councilor Cadime clarified that the Charter allows a representative to attend the meeting, based on the text, but he would prefer to speak directly with the Mayor. Councilor Camara asked if the legal opinion on the matter was formally requested and President Ponte confirmed it was not requested by any City Councilor or the City Council office.

On a motion made by Councilor Cadime and seconded by President Ponte, it was voted that the City Council send a letter to formally request that the Mayor attend a future meeting to discuss this matter and provide insight as to why an investigation is not being conducted by the Administration, with Councilor Pereira opposed and Councilor Hart absent and not voting, a copy of which is attached and hereto made a part of these minutes.

Councilor Pereira provided an overview of the necessary steps to obtain a legal search warrant, which was obtained by the Fall River Police Department. Councilor Pereira stated that the issuance of the warrant is at the discretion of the judge, based on the evidence presented. Councilor Pereira also provided information regarding the process of obtaining information from social media platforms and emphasized that Massachusetts General Laws related to obtaining a warrant supersede the City Charter in relation to City Council investigations. Councilor Canuel asked if Councilor Pereira could provide the M.G.L. sections she was referring to, in relation to this matter, and Councilor Pereira stated that she would share that information following the adjournment of the meeting. Councilor Pereira also emphasized that there are limitations related to Civil Service positions when disciplining employees for improper conduct and stated that the City would need to notify the Massachusetts Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Commission of any inappropriate actions taken by the police department. Councilor Pereira also stated that only three individuals were involved in this matter, but local news sources published the story as though the matter involved the entire department.

Councilor Peckham reiterated the importance of an outside investigator and stated that there were events in the past that should have been invested further but were not pursued. Councilor Peckham stated that it is the City Council's responsibility to address the accusations that have been made.

President Ponte relinquished the podium to Vice President Dionne at 9:00 p.m.

President Ponte stated that an investigation must occur to protect police officers who are put in high-risk situations to protect the City. President Ponte also stated that the Fall River Police Department should not be using City funds to research those who criticize the department on social media. President Ponte also clarified that the POST Commission would address this matter following an investigation and expressed concern regarding any Councilor who is not in support of the resolution.

President Ponte returned to the podium at 9:04 p.m.

Councilor Cadime emphasized that the last paragraph of the resolution states that any information found regarding this matter would be reported publicly and referred to appropriate state agencies, if necessary. Councilor Cadime explained that even if the investigation discovers no wrongdoing, it may help to develop additional policies related to obtaining a legal search warrant. Councilor Cadime also expressed concern regarding the unsolicited legal opinion provided by Corporation Counsel as it creates doubt in relation to the integrity of the Administration's intentions with this matter.

Councilor Pereira emphasized that Corporation Counsel stated, in person, to the Councilors prior to the meeting that he had researched this matter and issued the legal opinion for consideration prior to action on the resolution. Councilor Pereira stated that there must have been enough evidence for a search warrant if the court approved the request and expressed concern that requesting employees be placed on administrative leave would jeopardize the public viewpoint on the Fall River Police Department, as it would imply they were guilty prior to any investigation.

Councilor Peckham stated that conducting this investigation is well within the jurisdiction of the City Council. Councilor Peckham emphasized that he has professional relationships will all three individuals involved, but that a formal investigation is warranted.

Councilor Cadime reiterated that those being investigated should be placed on paid administrative leave and that this protocol is standard for investigating employee actions. Councilor Cadime emphasized that this action would increase the integrity of the investigation and allow those interviewed to answer questions with no risk of negative repercussions. Councilor Pereira stated that the investigation should be conducted by the Mayor and Councilor Cadime agreed and expressed concern that this action has not yet been taken. Councilor Cadime expressed concern that the legal opinion provided states that the City Council does not have the right to investigate, when the language within the City Charter, §2-7(a), clearly states that it is within the Council's jurisdiction.

Councilor Camara asked for additional details regarding the paid administrative leave for the three employees involved in this matter. Councilor Cadime stated that the leave should be implemented immediately. Councilor Camara stated that he would not support that request until the investigation takes place.

Councilor Canuel stated that he agrees with Councilor Cadime regarding the City Council's power to conduct the investigation but disagrees that the employees in question should be placed on paid administrative leave and stated that he would not support that motion. President Ponte clarified that this would only be submitted in a letter to the Mayor as a request, not a demand.

Councilor Peckham asked if the employees would be reassigned to a desk position without public contact, or if they would cease working entirely during the investigation, as being removed from the department fully increases mental health risks for officers.

Councilor Cadime stated that he understood Councilor Peckham's concerns but emphasized that the intent of paid administrative leave is to avoid any interaction between those being investigated and those who may be interviewed for impartial input on the matter. Councilor Cadime explained that the Mayor will most likely deny this request, but that this protocol is appropriate for these types of investigations to avoid delays or interference with obtaining information.

Councilor Raposo questioned if there was any policy through the Department of Human Resources related to paid administrative leave. Councilor Cadime stated that personnel investigations in other municipalities almost always utilize this process. Vice President Dionne stated that this request should be submitted to determine if the Mayor is open to this policy.

On a motion made by Councilor Cadime and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was voted 5 yeas, 3 nays, that, within the correspondence voted upon in relation to the Mayor attending a City Council meeting, the City Council also formally request that the Mayor implement paid administrative leave for all employees involved in this matter, with Councilors Camara, Canuel and Pereira voting in the negative, and Councilor Hart absent and not voting, a copy of which is attached and hereto made a part of these minutes.

On a further motion made by Councilor Peckham and seconded by Councilor Cadime, it was voted 7 yeas to adopt the resolution, with Councilor Pereira voting present and Councilor Hart absent and not voting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Finance recommending:

Action

2a(i). Communication - Mayor and request from Purchasing Agent for City Council approval to conduct a public online auction for surplus property

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Vice President Dionne, it was voted 8 yeas to approve the request, with Councilor Hart absent and not voting.

A further motion was made by Councilor Canuel to apply a stipulation that the funding generated by the auctioned items from the Fall River Fire Department and Fall River Police Department be returned to the respective department funds, but there was no second.

A recess was held from 9:27 p.m. to 9:31 p.m. for the signing of ordinances and street acceptances.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Cadime, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:33 p.m., with Councilor Hart absent and not voting.

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

A true copy Attest:

Chelsea Pacheco

Assistant City Clerk

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City of Fall River, *In City Council*

(Councilor Christopher M. Peckham, Sr., and President Cliff A. Ponte)

WHEREAS, Section 2-7(a) of the Fall River City Charter authorizes the City Council to investigate the conduct of any department, office, or agency of the City, and

WHEREAS, recent publicly reported information has raised concerns regarding actions taken by the Fall River Police Department involving the use of a search warrant to identify the individual behind an anonymous social media account, and

WHEREAS, such reporting alleges that the warrant was sought in response to critical online commentary directed at members of the department, rather than clearly defined criminal activity, and

WHEREAS, the affidavit supporting the warrant reportedly cited generalized concerns regarding harassment and officer safety, without identifying a specific underlying criminal offense, and

WHEREAS, it has further been reported that no criminal charges resulted from the investigation and that the warrant return may not have been filed within the timeframe required under Massachusetts General Laws, and

WHEREAS, these circumstances raise legitimate concerns regarding the potential misuse of investigative authority, the protection of First Amendment rights, and the appropriate threshold for establishing probable cause, and

WHEREAS, maintaining public trust in law enforcement requires transparency, accountability, and strict adherence to constitutional and statutory standards, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby exercises its authority under Section 2-7(a) of the City Charter to initiate a formal investigation into the actions of the Fall River Police Department related to this matter, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council President, Vice President, and Chair of the Committee on Public Safety are hereby authorized, on behalf of the full City Council, to retain independent outside legal counsel or a qualified investigative firm experienced in conducting governmental investigations and witness interviews, for the purpose of ensuring a thorough, impartial, and independent review of the facts, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the scope of the investigation shall include, but not be limited to:

- The basis for establishing probable cause in the application for the search warrant
- Whether the warrant was sought and executed in accordance with applicable laws and constitutional protections
- Whether any City resources or authority were used in a manner that could constitute an overreach or misuse of power
- Compliance with statutory requirements regarding the return and filing of the warrant
- Any internal communications, policies, or directives related to the investigation and subsequent actions taken by the department, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council may request documents, testimony, and cooperation from relevant parties, including but not limited to the Police Department, legal counsel, and any other appropriate entities, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that findings of this investigation shall be reported publicly, along with any recommendations for policy changes, disciplinary action, or referral to appropriate state or federal authorities, if warranted.

In City Council, March 24, 2026
Adopted, 7 yeas

A true copy. Attest:

Inês da Silva Paulino Leite
City Clerk

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City of Fall River Massachusetts
Office of the City Clerk

INÊS DA SILVA PAULINO LEITE
CITY CLERK

CHELSEA PACHECO
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

March 26, 2026

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

Dear Mayor Coogan:

At a meeting of the Fall River City Council held on March 24, 2026, on a motion that was made and seconded, it was voted 7 yeas to adopt the enclosed resolution, with Councilor Linda M. Pereira voting present and Councilor Paul B. Hart absent and not voting.

On a further motion that was made and seconded, it was voted to send a letter to the Administration requesting that the Mayor attend a future Regular Meeting of the City Council to address matters related to a potential investigation into the Fall River Police Department, with Councilor Linda M. Pereira opposed and Councilor Paul B. Hart absent and not voting.

On a further motion that was made and seconded, it was voted 5 yeas, 3 nays, to request that the three employees who have been named in these recent allegations be placed on paid administrative leave by the Administration, effective immediately, pending the results of an outside investigation into this matter, with Councilors Joseph D. Camara, Michael G. Canuel and Linda M. Pereira voting in the negative, and Councilor Paul B. Hart absent and not voting.

The City Council respectfully requests your attendance at a future Regular Meeting of the City Council, in congruence with the City Charter, §2-7(c), which relates to Access to information, to discuss this matter further. The City Council would like to address the lack of an inquiry into the Fall River Police Department following these allegations and to ensure an objective investigation is performed to protect the police officers who serve the City of Fall River.

In addition, to ensure an unbiased review by those who analyze these allegations, the City Council respectfully requests that the Administration place the three individuals involved in this matter on paid administrative leave until the conclusion of said investigation. This action will assist in ensuring that the outcome of this process is impartial and objective.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Chelsea Pacheco

Chelsea Pacheco
Assistant City Clerk

Encl.

cc: Nicholas A. Macolini, Director of Human Resources

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF INQUIRY AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 25-200 April 3, 2026

Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities on Its Own Motion into Gas and Electric Delivery Charges and Bill Redesign.

On December 15, 2025, the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") voted to open an investigation to conduct a comprehensive review of gas and electric delivery rates and charges with the aims of containing customer costs, reducing utility bill volatility, and increasing utility bill transparency and accessibility. The Department's investigation was docketed as D.P.U. 25-200. This investigation will explore ways to contain energy costs that fall under the Department's jurisdiction. As part of the investigation, the Department will evaluate all current delivery charges to consider what improvements can be made. The Department established the following objectives for the investigation:

1. identify electric and gas reconciling mechanisms that can be eliminated or included in base distribution rates going forward, with a goal to contain costs, reduce bill volatility, limit administrative burden, and reduce barriers to stakeholder participation in Department proceedings;

2. determine whether certain electric and gas reconciling mechanism costs should be collected from customers through fixed charges rather than volumetric charges, with a goal of more cost-reflective rates and to reduce bill volatility;

3. determine whether certain electric reconciling mechanisms should be included in the electric distribution companies' annual retail rate filings for review and approval rather than filed in separate dockets at different times of the year, with a goal of reducing administrative burden and cost and promoting greater transparency;

4. determine how the value of net metering credits and the associated bill impacts to electric customers in Massachusetts compare to similar programs in other jurisdictions and whether the value of the net metering credit should be adjusted, with a goal to reduce costs associated with net metering; and

5. determine the feasibility of creating a maximum threshold for the amount that charges assessed to customers may change from one month to another.

In its Order, the Department directed the electric distribution companies and gas local distribution companies (collectively, "Distribution Companies") to each submit a report with the Department containing information necessary for this investigation ("Report"). In addition, the Department invited all interested persons to participate in this proceeding and sought written comments from the Distribution Companies and other interested stakeholders on the questions in the Order by April 14, 2026.

On February 13, 2026, each Distribution Company filed a Report with the Department. The Reports are posted on the Department's website through our online File Room (enter "25-200" on the line for "Docket No.").

The Department invites members of the public to submit written comments on the questions contained in the Order and their experience with gas and electric delivery rates, by **5:00 p.m. on April 30, 2026**. All documents should be submitted to the Department in **.pdf format** by email attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov and DPU25200.Investigation@mass.gov. The text of the email must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 25-200); (2) the name of the person or entity submitting the filing; and (3) indicate that the document is a written comment.

All documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website through our online File Room as soon as practicable (enter "25-200" on the line for "Docket No."). Please note that in the interest of transparency, any comments will be posted to our website as received and without redacting personal information, such as addresses, telephone numbers, or email addresses. As such, consider the extent of information you wish to share when submitting comments. The Department strongly encourages public comments to be submitted by email. If, however, a member of the public is unable to send written comments by email, a paper copy may be sent to Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110.

All documents submitted to the Department or issued by the Department will be available on the Department's website as referenced above as soon as is practicable. To the extent a person or entity wishes to submit comments or intervene in accordance with this Notice, electronic submission, as detailed above, is sufficient. To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), contact the Department's ADA coordinator at eeadiversity@mass.gov or (617) 626-1282.

For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Stephanie Mealey, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at DPU25200.investigation@mass.gov.