

City of Fall River Massachusetts

Office of the City Clerk

ALISON M. BOUCHARD
CITY CLERK

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ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

MEETING: Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, One Government Center

PRESENT: President Joseph D. Camara, presiding;
Councilors Michelle M. Dionne, Bradford L. Kilby,
Pamela S. Laliberte, Leo O. Pelletier,
Linda M. Pereira, Andrew J. Raposo, and Laura-Jean Washington

ABSENT: Councilor Shawn E. Cadime

IN ATTENDANCE: Seth Thomas Aitken, City Administrator
Nicholas Macolini, Director of Human Resources

President Camara 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.

PRIORITY MATTERS

1. Mayor requesting confirmation of the following appointments to the Commission on Disability:

- a. Joseph A. Rioux

On a motion made by Councilor Kilby and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to confirm the appointment, with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.

- b. Maiza Silva, Esq.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Pereira, it was unanimously voted to confirm the appointment, with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.

2. Mayor and orders to accept the following grants:
 - a. \$99,650 from MA EOEEA – Greening the Gateway Cities Implementation Grant Program

Councilor Dionne inquired as to whether or not matching funds were available with this grant and Vice President Pereira stated that she had spoken with Mayor Coogan regarding this matter and was told matching funds were available. On a motion made by Councilor Kilby and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted that the communication be accepted and placed on file and that the order be adopted, with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.

Approved, June 29, 2023

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

b. \$147,727.27 from FEMA – Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program

On a motion made by Councilor Kilby and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted that the communication be accepted and placed on file and that the order be adopted, with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.

Approved, June 29, 2023

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

3. Mayor and order to accept donation from former Mayor William Flanagan of used furniture from the former Salter School

Vice President Pereira requested that the City Clerk send a letter of thanks to former Mayor William Flanagan for the donation of furniture, a copy of which is attached hereto and made part of these minutes. On a motion made by Councilor Kilby and seconded by Councilor Washington, it was unanimously voted that the communication be accepted and placed on file and that the order be adopted, with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.

Approved, June 29, 2023

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

4. Mayor and request to approve the creation of a Community Medicine Scheduling Coordinator position within the Emergency Medical Services Department

On a motion made by Councilor Kilby and seconded by Vice President Pereira, it was unanimously voted that the communication be accepted and placed on file and that the request be referred to the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation, with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.

5. Mayor and order transferring the sum of \$1,906,110.20 to the Stabilization Fund from the Fiscal Year 2022 Surplus Revenue

On a motion made by Councilor Kilby and seconded by Vice President Pereira, it was unanimously voted that the communication be accepted and placed on file and that the order be adopted, with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.

6. Mayor and order transferring the sum of \$23,726.06 to Intergovernmental (Bristol County Agricultural School) from the Reserve Fund

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

7. Mayor and order re: a Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure for 78 Thomas Street from David Gagnon (Parcel ID# K14-0061)

On a motion made by Vice President Pereira and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was voted that the communication be accepted and placed on file and that the order be adopted, with Councilor Laliberte abstaining and Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.

Approved, June 29, 2023

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

On a further motion made by Vice President Pereira and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to take items 8a and 8b together, with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.

On a further motion made by Councilor Dionne and seconded by Councilor Laliberte, it was unanimously voted to waive the rules to allow the City Administrator and Director of Human Resources to answer questions, with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.

8. Mayor and Memorandums of Agreement between the City of Fall River and the following:
 - a. The Fall River Environmental Police, Local 491
 - b. The Fall River Police Superior Officer's Association, Local 1844

Councilor Dionne inquired as to how many positions are currently budgeted within the Environmental Police Memorandum of Agreement as there is only one Environmental Police officer currently employed. Seth Thomas Aitken, City Administrator, stated that there is another officer with ten years of experience that is in the queue to join the Fall River Environmental Police within the next few months and that hire was anticipated in the budget proposal. Councilor Dionne also asked if any transfers or appropriations were anticipated to occur within the next year and Mr. Aitken stated that he is confident the Memorandum of Agreement will be covered entirely with the planned budget. Councilor Dionne and Mr. Aitken discussed the staffing shortage within the Fall River Environmental Police and Mr. Aitken stated that the Police Chief is working to increase staffing but must prioritize employment of Patrol Officers due to the importance of public safety. On a motion made by Councilor Kilby and seconded by Councilor Washington, it was unanimously voted that the communication be accepted and placed on file and that the orders be adopted, with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.

Approved, June 29, 2023

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

PRIORITY COMMUNICATIONS

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

10. Planning Board recommendation **not to approve the acceptance of Marier Street** extending from North Main Street westerly to its current terminus
On a motion made by Councilor Kilby and seconded by Councilor Washington, it was unanimously voted that the Planning Board recommendation be accepted and that the acceptance of Marier Street be granted leave to withdraw, with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.

11. Planning Board recommendation to **approve the acceptance of Small Street**, extending from President Avenue northerly to its current terminus. Also recommended **not to approve Stanley Street** extending from Small Street to Damon Street.
On a motion made by Councilor Kilby and seconded by Councilor Washington, it was unanimously voted that the Planning Board recommendation be accepted, with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

ORDINANCES

Second reading and enrollment:

12. Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, miscellaneous

Handicapped Parking removals:

Barnaby Street	Bogle Street (east side)	Bogle Street (west side)
Bradford Avenue	Haffards Street	Kilburn Street
Quequechan Street	South Main Street	William Street

Section 2

Stop Intersections Designated

Almond Street (Northbound) at the intersection of Ferry Street

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

Approved, June 29, 2023

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

13. Proposed Ordinance – Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board fee schedule amendments

On a motion made Councilor Laliberte and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to pass the proposed ordinance through second reading and enrollment, with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting. On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Dionne, it was unanimously voted that the proposed ordinance be passed through ordination, with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.

Approved, June 29, 2023

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

RESOLUTIONS – None

CITATIONS

14. James and Robert Karam – WSAR Celebration of 100th Year Anniversary (1923-2023)

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

On a further motion made by Vice President Pereira and seconded by Councilor Pelletier, it was unanimously voted to take items 15 through 17 together, with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.

ORDERS – HEARINGS

Curb Removals:

15. Fidel Estrella, 53 California Street – Removal of 25 feet at 53 California Street

16. Scott and April Cabral, 402 Courtney Street – Removal of 13 feet at 402 Courtney Street

17. Richard Aguiar, 1500 President Avenue – Removal of 8 feet at 1500 President Avenue

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

Approved, June 29, 2023

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

Street Acceptances – Hearings to be Scheduled for July 18, 2023:

18. Courtney Street extending from Highland Avenue to Fieldstone Lane
On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Vice President Pereira, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order, with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.

19. Small Street extending from President Avenue to terminus
On a motion made by Vice President Pereira and seconded by Councilor Washington, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order, with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.

ORDERS – MISCELLANEOUS

20. Auto Body Shop License Renewal:

Penacho Associates Ltd d/b/a Mike's Auto Body – 535 Bay Street
On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Vice President Pereira, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order, with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.
Approved, June 29, 2023
Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

21. Auto Repair Shop License Renewals:

Penacho Associates Ltd d/b/a Complete Auto Tech Center – 535 Bay Street
John Glass d/b/a JG Auto – 84 14th Street
On a motion made by Vice President Pereira and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order, with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.
Approved, June 29, 2023
Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

22. Police Chief's report on licenses:

Private Livery Drivers

Otis Aliemeke Sheroze Asif Ateeb Asif Melanie A. Nadeau
Luis G. Rosario Rivera

Private Livery Vehicles

Ateeb Asif – Two (2) Vehicles

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

23. Light Order – Barclay Street

On a motion made by Vice President Pereira and seconded by Councilor Pelletier, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order, with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.
Approved, June 29, 2023
Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

24. Applications for Taxicab Licenses – Muhammad Shabbir d/b/a Shab in a Cab
(2 vehicles)

Councilor Pelletier expressed concerns regarding the economic challenges that taxicab companies have experienced following the COVID-19 pandemic and the competition with ride share companies, such as Uber and Lyft, and stated that adding more competition to this market would impact those existing businesses financially. President Camara stated that this order is to allow an application to be submitted and is not the application to approve medallions. Councilor Pelletier requested a roll call vote be taken. On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Washington, it was voted 5 yeas, 3 nays to adopt the order, with Councilors Dionne, Pelletier and President Camara voting in the negative and with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.

Approved, June 29, 2023

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

COMMUNICATIONS – INVITATIONS – PETITIONS

25. Claims

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

26. Structure on or over a public way applications for St. Anthony of the Desert Church for banners at the following locations:

- Bedford and Troy Streets near the Fire Station
- South Main Street near the Cultural Center
- Pleasant Street near the Police Station

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Washington, it was unanimously voted to approve the application, with President Camara abstaining and Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.

27. Petition submitted by Collin Dias to rename Third Street (between Bedford Street and Borden Street) to Jean Baptiste LePage Street

Councilor Laliberte stated that if the Planning Board recommended against renaming Third Street, there should be a discussion held to choose another area to replace the original memorial and President Camara encouraged Councilor Laliberte to attend the Planning Board meeting to discuss that possibility. On a motion made by Vice President Pereira and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted that the petition be referred to the Planning Board, with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting. On a further motion made by Councilor Dionne and seconded by Vice President Pereira, it was unanimously voted to send a letter to the Planning Board asking that they recommend another area for a memorial if the proposed area in the petition is not suitable, a copy of which is attached hereto and made part of these minutes.

28. Drainlayer License for ELJ, Inc.

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

Approved, June 29, 2023

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

On a further motion made by Vice President Pereira and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to take items 29 through 32 together, with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.

City Council Minutes:

- 29. Public Hearing – June 1, 2023
- 30. Committee on Finance – June 1, 2023
- 31. Committee on Finance – June 6, 2023
- 32. Regular Meeting – June 6, 2023

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

BULLETINS – NEWSLETTERS – NOTICES – None

A brief recess was held from 7:23 p.m. to 7:25 p.m. for purposes of signing the Traffic, Miscellaneous and Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board Fee Schedule Amendments ordinances.

President Camara made a statement prior to adjournment that the City Council meetings for the summer months would be held once a month and provided the meeting dates of Tuesday, July 18, 2023 and Tuesday, August 15, 2023.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by President Camara, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:26 p.m., with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:

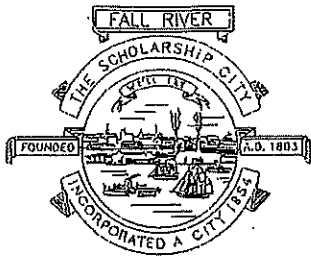
Agenda packet (attached)
DVD of meeting

A true copy. Attest:



City Clerk

In City Council, July 18, 2023
Approved, as amended



City of Fall River Massachusetts
Office of the City Clerk

ALISON M. BOUCHARD
CITY CLERK

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ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

June 30, 2023

Planning Board
One Government Center
Fall River, MA 02722

Dear Honorable Board Members,

At a meeting of the Fall River City Council held on Tuesday, June 27, 2023 members voted unanimously to refer the enclosed petition to rename a portion of Third Street, between Bedford Street and Borden Street, as "Jean Baptiste LePage Street" to the Planning Board.

On a further motion, it was voted unanimously to send a communication requesting that if the Planning Board does not recommend the renaming of this portion of Third Street, an alternative area be recommended to honor this World War I veteran, who was killed in action, as his previous memorial was removed due to the Route 79/Davol Street project demolition.

If there are any additional questions in this regard, feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,

Alison M. Bouchard
City Clerk

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City of Fall River
Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor

PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

June 22, 2023

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

Dear Council President and Members of the Honorable Council:

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

Name: Joseph A. Rioux

Address: 79 Woodlawn Street
Fall River, MA 02720

Position: Commission on Disability

Effective: June 22, 2023

Expiration: June 22, 2024

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

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PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

June 22, 2023

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

Dear Council President and Members of the Honorable Council:

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

Name: Maiza Silva, Esq.

Address: 169 Barnes Street
Fall River, MA 02723

Position: Commission on Disability

Effective: June 22, 2023

Expiration: June 22, 2025

Sincerely,

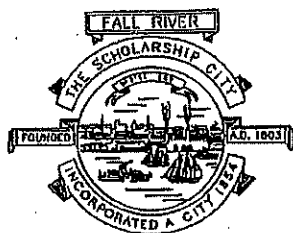
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FALL RIVER, MA

June 6, 2023

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

Council President and Members of the Honorable Council,

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

- (1) Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (MA EOEEA)
– Greening the Gateway Cities Implementation Grant Program in the amount of \$99,650.

Thank you in advance for your consideration with this request.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

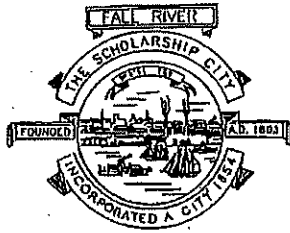
City of Fall River, *In City Council*

ORDER:

The City of Fall River was awarded a grant through the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (MA EOEEA) Greening the Gateway Cities Implementation Grant Program in the amount of \$99,650 with a duration of July 01, 2023 to June 30, 2024. This grant will fund the planting of 190 trees in Kennedy Park, Lafayette Park, and North Burial Ground as well as the hosting of a Citywide Arbor Day event in order to promote urban forestry and environmental stewardship.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT VOTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: That the Mayor be and is hereby authorized in the name of the City of Fall River to accept and expend a Grant through the MA EOEEA in the amount of \$99,650 to plant trees in Kennedy Park, Lafayette Park, and North Burial Ground and host a Citywide Arbor Day event.

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



PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

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FALL RIVER, MA

June 13, 2023

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

Council President and Members of the Honorable Council,

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

- (1) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) – Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program in the amount of \$147,727.27.

Thank you in advance for your consideration with this request.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

City of Fall River, In City Council.

ORDER:

The City of Fall River was awarded a grant through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program in the amount of \$147,727.27 with a duration of June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2025. This grant would fund the installation of code-compliant smoke and carbon monoxide alerting systems in the four fire stations that do not currently have them, including Flint Reney/Eastwood Fire Station, Center Fire Station (also known as Central Fire Station), Globe/Kosior Fire Station, and Stanley Street Fire Station.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT VOTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: That the Mayor be and is hereby authorized in the name of the City of Fall River to accept and expend a Grant through FEMA in the amount of \$147,727.27 to safeguard the safety and wellbeing of Fall River Fire Department personnel and the public via the installation of code-compliant smoke and carbon monoxide alerting systems.

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



PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

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FALL RIVER, MA

June 16, 2023

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

Dear Council President and Members of the Honorable Council,

Attached please find a request from Al Oliveira, Director of City Operations, regarding a donation of used furniture from the former Salter School, owned by former Mayor William Flanagan to the City of Fall River. We ask for your every consideration with this request.

Thank you.

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 City of Fall River be, and the same is hereby, authorized to accept a donation from former Mayor William Flanagan of used furniture from the former Salter School.



CITY OF FALL RIVER MASSACHUSETTS

Department of City Operations

Community Maintenance · Facilities · Capital Projects · Print/Mail/Security

PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

Al Oliveira
Director

June 15, 2023

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

Dear Honorable Mayor Coogan,

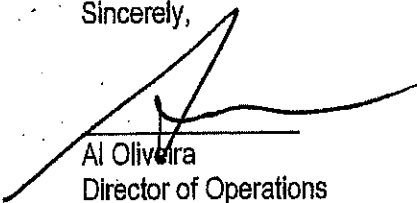
The City of Fall River has received the following as a donation of from the former Salter School, owned by former Mayor William Flanagan.

All items listed below would be used in various offices located throughout Government Center:

1. One (1) folding 8ft table
2. Two (2) long work tables
3. Ten (10) desks
4. Two (2) desks with wings
5. One (1) metal storage rack
6. Three (3) small filing cabinets
7. Two (2) white boards
8. Three (3) small tables
9. Two (2) pictures

Thank you.

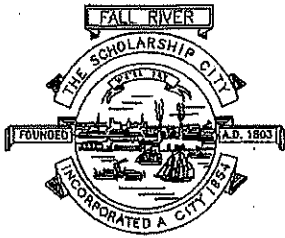
Sincerely,


Al Oliveira
Director of Operations

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FALL RIVER, MA

June 20, 2023

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 in the creation of a new position within the EMS Department: Community Medicine Scheduling Coordinator.

The EMS Department's Community Medicine program has proven beneficial to the City and the addition of the Community Medicine Scheduling Coordinator will assist with various administrative and clerical tasks as the program continues to grow. This will be a bargaining unit position in AFSCME Council 93 Local 1202 and its establishment is supported by the EMS Union. The salary of this position will follow the existing EMS 19BB salary schedule.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

Community Medicine Scheduling Coordinator

JOB DESCRIPTION

Under the direction of the Chief of EMS and/or his/her designee, the Community Medicine Scheduling Coordinator will be responsible for assisting the Community Medicine program with various administrative and clerical tasks associated with the Division.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

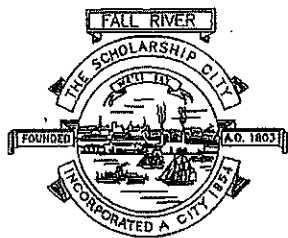
- Accurately schedules appointments with patients and vendors including, but not limited to, initial appointments, reschedules, cancelations, and post-appointment follow ups.
- Coordinates and collaborates with supervisory staff to ensure appointments, meetings, and deadlines are met.
- Resolves conflicts with crews and staff to ensure minimal disruption to patient care.
- Works in conjunction with command staff to meet operational needs.
- Helps monitor fiscal stability of the program.
- Provides program feedback to command staff and makes recommendations based on trends and statistical data.
- Liaison to all Community Medicine contracts and home visits.
- Monitors compliance of all Community Medicine grants and contracts.
- Performs other administrative tasks when required.

PREFERRED KNOWLEDGE, EDUCATION, AND COMPETENCY REQUIREMENTS

- Two (2) years of experience in ambulance service coordination.
- EMT-Basic credentialing.
- Knowledge of community medicine methodology and contract compliance.
- Capability to multi-task in a high paced environment.
- Strong organizational and communication skills.
- Excellent customer service skills.
- Ability to analyze data and provide recommendations.
- Ability to understand new procedures and regulations.
- Proficient with Microsoft Office.
- Other combinations of experience, education, and training will be considered.

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AFSCME 93 Local 1202
19BB Salary Schedule
(40 Hours/Week)



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Mayor

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FALL RIVER, MA

June 21, 2023

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. \$1,906,110.20 That the sum of \$1,906,110.20 be, and the same is, hereby transferred to the STABILIZATION FUND from the FY22 SURPLUS REVENUE.

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

Best Regards,


Paul Coogan
Mayor

City of Fall River, *In City Council*

June 27, 2023

ORDERED:

**That the sum of \$1,906,110.20 be, and the same is, hereby transferred to
Stabilization Fund from FY22 Surplus Revenue:**

FY22 Surplus Revenue

\$1,906,110.20

FY23 Appropriation/Transfer Number Analysis

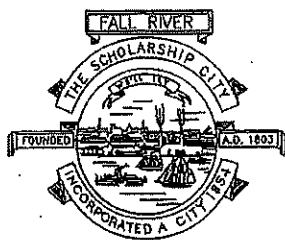
Line	Original/Revised Appropriation	Amount Transferred	Adjusted Balance
FY 22 SURPLUS REVENUE	\$ 1,906,110.20	\$ (1,906,110.20)	\$ -
Stabilization Fund	\$ 8,282,545.02	\$ 1,906,110.20	\$ 10,188,655.22

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


 Assistant City Auditor
 June 27, 2023

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PAUL E. COOGAN
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FALL RIVER, MA

June 22, 2023

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. \$23,726.06 That the sum of \$23,726.06 be, and the same is, hereby transferred to the INTERGOVERNMENTAL (BRISTOL COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL) from RESERVE FUND.

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

Best Regards,

Paul Coogan
Mayor

City of Fall River, In City Council

June 27, 2023

ORDERED:

**That the sum of \$23,726.06 be, and the same is, hereby transferred to
Intergovernmental (Bristol County Agricultural School) from Reserve Fund**


Reserve Fund

\$23,726.06

FY23 Appropriation/Transfer Number Analysis

Line	Original/Revised Appropriation	Amount Transferred	Adjusted Balance
RESERVE FUND	\$ 1,881,909.39	\$ (23,726.06)	1,858,183.33
INTERGOVERNMENTAL (BRISTOL COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL)	\$ 353,337.00	\$ 23,726.06	377,063.06

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


Assistant City Auditor
June 27, 2023



PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

City of Fall River
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April 4, 2023

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

Dear Councilor President and Members of the Honorable Council:

Attached please find correspondence from the Treasurer/Tax Collector Ian Schachne regarding a Deed In Lieu of Foreclosure for 78 Thomas Street, Parcel ID# K14-0061.

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 pursuant to the requirements of General Laws Chapter 60, Section 77C the City Council accepts the attached Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure from David Gagnon, to the land with buildings thereon located at 78 Thomas Street (Parcel ID# K14-0061) which pursuant to said Section 77C shall become a Tax Possession of the City of Fall River, and authorizes the Treasurer of the City of Fall River to cause said Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure to be recorded with the Bristol County (Fall River District) Registry of Deeds.



**CITY OF FALL RIVER
MASSACHUSETTS**

DEPARTMENT of FINANCIAL SERVICES
TREASURER • COLLECTOR • AUDITOR • ASSESSOR

June 21, 2023

PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

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

IAN P. SCHACHNE, CMMC
Treasurer/Collector

RE: DEED IN LIEU OF FORECLOSURE
78 THOMAS STREET
Parcel ID # K14-0061

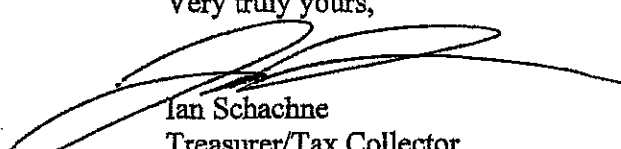
Dear Mayor Coogan:

Attached please find a fully executed Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure for 78 Thomas Street (Parcel ID# K14-0001). Pursuant to General Laws Chapter 60, Section 77C this Deed in Lieu must be accepted by the City Council in order to become effective. Upon acceptance of the Deed in Lieu by the City Council and recording with the Bristol County (Fall River District) Registry of Deeds, the above referenced parcel will become a Tax Possession of the City of Fall River.

Please accept this letter as a request that this matter be placed on the City Council Agenda.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,


Ian Schachne
Treasurer/Tax Collector

enc.

cc: Seth Aitken, City Administrator
Bridget Almon, Director of Financial Services

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DEED IN LIEU OF FORECLOSURE

David A. Gagnon, 108 Lowell Street, #2, Peabody, MA 01960, for consideration given and in full consideration of the forgiveness of the present outstanding real estate tax liability on the herein conveyed property

grants to the CITY OF FALL RIVER, One Government Center, Fall River, Massachusetts, 02722

with *Quitclaim Covenants*

the land in Fall River, Bristol County, Massachusetts, with the buildings thereon, bounded and described as follows:

FALL RIVER ASSESSORS PARCEL ID# K14-0061
78 THOMAS STREET, FALL RIVER, MA

FOR GRANTOR'S TITLE see deed of Arthur E. Gagnon dated September 1, 1994 and recorded with the Bristol County (Fall River) Registry of Deeds in Book 2860, Page 221.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 15 day of June, 2023.

DAVID A. GAGNON

WITNESS

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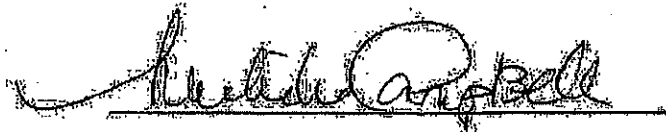
78 Thomas Street,
Fall River, MA

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Essex, ss

On this 5th day of June, 2023, before me the undersigned notary public, personally appeared David A. Gagnon, whose identity was proved to me by in person to be the person whose name is signed on the preceding or attached documents and acknowledged to me that he signed it voluntarily as his free act and deed.



Michelle A. Campbell
Notary Public
My Commission Expires August 8, 2025
Commonwealth of Massachusetts



Notary Public
My commission expires: 8.8.2025

Acceptance By Fall River City Council

The foregoing parcel is conveyed to the City of Fall River pursuant to Chapter 60 Section 77C of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and said conveyance has been accepted by City of Fall River acting through its City Council on _____ Please see Agenda Item # _____ of said Meeting of the Fall River City Council.

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PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

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June 21, 2023

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

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council:

Consistent with the requirements of MGL Chapter 150E, Section 7, I am submitting the recently negotiated Memorandums of Agreement between the City of Fall River and the following Collective Bargaining Units:

The Fall River Environmental Police, Local 491, which is Affiliated with Massachusetts Coalition of Police and represents the Environmental Police Officers.

The Fall River Police Superior Officer's Association, Local 1844, which is Affiliated with Massachusetts Coalition of Police and represents all permanent sergeants, lieutenants, and captains, excluding patrol officers, deputy chiefs, and the chief of the Police Department of the City of Fall River.

These Agreements will become a part of the contractual obligations of their prior contracts. The Administration is grateful to each bargaining unit for their willingness to collaborate and reach consensus on Agreements which are favorable to both our employees and the constituents of the City of Fall River. I respectfully request you grant an appropriation necessary to fund the cost items contained therein. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

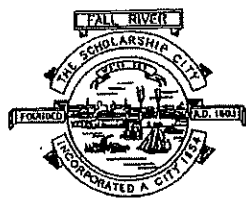
Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

City of Fall River, In City Council

ORDERED, that the funding of the cost items contained in the collective bargaining agreements between the City of Fall River and the Fall River Environmental Police, MCOP Local 491, are hereby approved.

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CITY OF FALL RIVER

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

THROUGH

JULY 1, 2022 –JUNE 30, 2025

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Environmental Police Officers, Local 491

	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	TOTALS
Pensionable	\$1,364.19	\$24,897.05	\$5,429.34	\$31,690.58
Non-Pensionable	\$142.69	0	0	\$142.69
Total	\$1,506.88	\$24,897.05	\$5,429.34	\$31,833.27

Note: Figures are draft amounts and are subject to change based on current employees' staffing levels.

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE CITY OF FALL RIVER
and
THE FALL RIVER ENVIRONMENTAL POLICE, MCOP LOCAL 491**

This **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT** is entered into by and between the City of Fall River (hereinafter "the City") and the Fall River Environmental Police, MCOP Local 491, ("Union");

WHEREAS, the City and the Union are parties to a collective bargaining agreement originally in effect for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the City and the Union have come to terms for a successor agreement,

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of mutual covenants and promises, the Parties hereby agree extend and maintain all current terms and conditions of employment which are established by their 2019-2022 Memorandums of Agreement, the 2016-2019 Collective Bargaining Agreement, the parties' practices, current policies and work rules, or in any other way, except as modified by this Memorandum of Agreement:

1. Duration:

- a. Modify the CBA to reflect a three-year agreement from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2025.

2. Wages:

- a. Modify section 1 of Article V of the CBA to reflect the following across the board increases to base pay:

Effective July 1, 2022: 1.5% general wage adjustment

Effective July 1, 2023: Implement new wage scale as attached in Appendix A.

Effective July 1, 2024: 2% general wage adjustment

Such general wage adjustments shall be fully retroactive to the effective date of the increase.

3. Article VI Hours of Work

- a. Add new paragraph to section 2(a) as follows:

Employees shall be permitted to accrue a maximum of four hundred and eighty (480) hours of said compensatory time and shall not be allowed to accrue additional compensatory time until their remaining balance is below four hundred and eighty (480) hours.

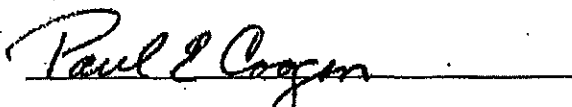
4. Body Worn Cameras

The Union agrees to the department wide implementation of a body worn camera program for all officers regardless of assignment.

This Agreement is subject to ratification by the Fall River Environmental Police, MCOP Local 491 and full funding by the City Council.

Signed and Agreed to this 9th day of June, 2023.

FOR THE CITY:



Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

FOR THE UNION:



William Medeiros, President
Fall River Environmental Police
MCOP Local 491

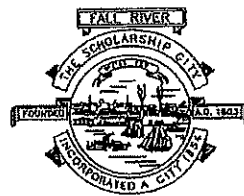
APPENDIX A

Wages Effective 7/1/2023

Step	Bi-Weekly
Step 1	1,846.15
Step 2	1,938.46
Step 3	2,035.38
Step 4	2,137.15
Step 5	2,244.01
10 Years	2,356.21
15 Years	2,474.02
20 Years	2,647.20
25 Years	2,832.51

City of Fall River, In City Council

ORDERED, that the funding of the cost items contained in the collective bargaining agreements between the City of Fall River and the Fall River Police Superior Officer's Association, MCOP Local 1844, are hereby approved.



CITY OF FALL RIVER

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

THROUGH

JULY 1, 2023 –JUNE 30, 2025

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Superior Officers', Local 1844

	2023-2024	2024-2025	TOTALS
Pensionable	254,922.00	\$535,213.00	\$790,135.00
Non-Pensionable	0	0	0
Total	\$254,922.00	\$535,213.00	\$790,135.00

Note: Figures are draft amounts and are subject to change based on current employees' staffing levels.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF FALL RIVER AND THE FALL RIVER POLICE
SUPERIOR OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION, MASSACHUSETTS COALITION OF POLICE,
LOCAL 1844

WHEREAS, the City of Fall River ("City") and the Fall River Police Superior Officers' Association, Massachusetts Coalition of Police, Local 1844 ("Union") are parties to a collective bargaining agreement originally in effect from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Parties reopened the contract to discuss wages and additional language;

NOW THEREFORE, the parties agree to the following:

The parties agree to extend the collective bargaining agreement through June 30, 2025 and maintain all current terms and conditions of employment established by their 2021-2024 collective bargaining agreement as modified by the April 19, 2022 Memorandum of Understanding, February 27, 2023 Settlement Agreement, March 7, 2023 Side Letter, the parties' practices, current policies, and work rules, or in any other way except as modified herein:

1. Article XIX Employee Wages

Amend the current wage schedule to reflect the new wage schedule as attached in APPENDIX A.

Wage Differential by Rank: (Replace existing language with the following)

Step 1 Lieutenant: 16.5 percent above a Sergeant's Step 1 Rate.

Step 1 Captain: 16.5 percent above a Lieutenant's Step 1 Rate.

All steps shall be as shown in the attached wage schedule.

2. The Parties agree to a complement of 4 Captains and 13 Lieutenants in FY24. The Parties further agree that this does not establish an obligation to bargain over minimum/maximum staffing levels, which will continue to be based on management rights, operational needs, and budgetary considerations, as determined by the City.
3. Subject to the above mentioned-operational and budgetary considerations, One Sergeant slot (created by the second vacancy in FY24) will not be filled until FY25.
4. The Parties agree that Paragraphs 2 and 3 above shall be binding to the degree explicitly described in those paragraphs, but shall not be incorporated into the integrated collective bargaining agreement between the Union and the City.

5. Article XXIV Sick Leave Guidelines Non-Line of Duty

Add the following language to end of Section 1: "The six days of undocumented sick leave referred to above shall be available to the officer for family illness. The days of undocumented leave, whether taken for personal illness or family illness, will count toward forfeiture of personal days. The restrictions of Section 2 shall apply to the officer taking such leave for family illness.

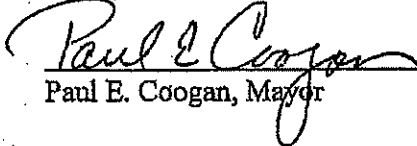
6. Article XXII, Quinn Bill

Rewrite section 1, second paragraph to expand eligible degrees for all officers beyond Quinn-eligible degrees to include degrees in business administration, public administration, communication, law enforcement, psychology, sociology, computer science, or related fields, and social services or related fields from an accredited college or university.

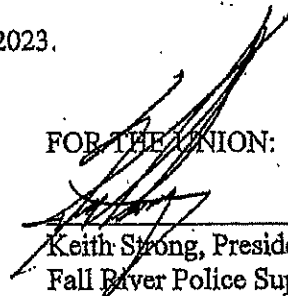
All other provisions of the current collective bargaining agreement not specifically modified by this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

Signed and Agreed to this 9th day of April, 2023.

FOR THE CITY:


Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

FOR THE UNION:


Keith Strong, President
Fall River Police Superior Officers Union

APPENDIX A

Effective 7/1/2023

Step	Bi-Weekly	Differential
Step 1 Sergeant	3,273.87	Base
Sergeant 20 Year	3,404.83	4% Over Step 1 Sergeant
Sergeant 28 Year	3,472.92	2% Over 20 Year Sergeant
Step 1 Lieutenant	3,732.21	14% Over Step 1 Sergeant
Lieutenant 20 Year	3,881.50	4% Over Step 1 Lieutenant
Lieutenant 28 Year	3,959.13	2% Over 20 Year Lieutenant
Step 1 Captain	4,254.72	14% Over Step 1 Lieutenant
Captain 20 Year	4,424.91	4% Over Step 1 Captain
Captain 28 Year	4,513.41	2% Over 20 Year Captain

Effective 7/1/2024

Step	Bi-Weekly	Differential
Step 1 Sergeant	3,518.22	Base
Sergeant 15 Year	3,658.95	4% Over Step 1 Sergeant
Sergeant 20 Year	3,732.12	2% Over 15 Year Sergeant
Step 1 Lieutenant	4,098.72	16.5% Over Step 1 Sergeant
Lieutenant 15 Year	4,262.67	4% Over Step 1 Lieutenant
Lieutenant 20 Year	4,347.93	2% Over 15 Year Lieutenant
Step 1 Captain	4,775.01	16.5% Over Step 1 Lieutenant
Captain 15 Year	4,966.01	4% Over Step 1 Captain
Captain 20 Year	5,065.33	2% Over 15 Year Captain



**CITY OF FALL RIVER
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Traffic & Parking Division

Paul Coogan
Mayor

LAURA FERREIRA
Parking Clerk

June 6, 2023

The Honorable City Council
City of Fall River
One Government Center
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Honorable Council Members:

At a meeting of the Traffic Board Commission held on Wednesday, May 17, 2023 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: 373

Fifteen (15) Minute Parking Only

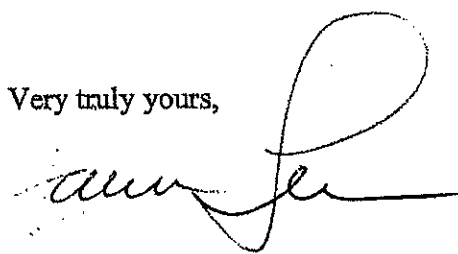
**7:00am TO 11:00 pm
All Days**

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following.

INSERT

NAME OF STREET	SIDE	LOCATION	HOURS/DAYS
Eastern Avenue	West	Starting at a point 73 feet North of County Street For a distance of 40 feet North.	7:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. All Days

Very truly yours,


Laura Ferreira
Manager of Traffic

One Government Center – Room 234 - Fall River, MA 02722
Tel: (508) 324-2123 Fax: (508) 324-2578 E-mail: Lferreira@fallriverma.org

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**CITY OF FALL RIVER
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Traffic & Parking Division

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

LAURA FERREIRA
Director of Traffic & Parking

June 1, 2023

The Honorable City Council
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Honorable Council Members:

At a meeting of the Traffic Board Commission held on Wednesday, May 17, 2023 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
Alden Street	West	Starting at a point 130 feet south of Merino Street For distance of 20 feet south.

Very truly yours,

Laura Ferreira
Director of Traffic & Parking



**CITY OF FALL RIVER
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Traffic & Parking Division

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

LAURA FERREIRA
Director of Traffic & Parking

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Article: 70
Section: 387

Handicapped Parking

By striking out in proper alphabetical order the following.

Name of Street	Side	Location
Broadway	West	Starting at a point 15 feet north of Division Street For distance of 20 feet north.

Very truly yours,

Laura Ferreira
Director of Traffic & Parking



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Article: 70
Section: 387

Handicapped Parking

By striking out in proper alphabetical order the following.

Name of Street	Side	Location
Buffinton Street	South	Starting at a point 91 feet east of Plymouth Ave For distance of 15 feet east.

Very truly yours,

Laura Ferreira
Director of Traffic & Parking

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**CITY OF FALL RIVER
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That Chapter 70 of Revised Ordinances be amended in the following Section:

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

By striking out in proper alphabetical order the following.

Name of Street	Side	Location
Lewis Street	West	Starting at a point 383 feet north of Slade Street For distance of 20 feet north.

Very truly yours,

Laura Ferreira
Director of Traffic & Parking



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Traffic & Parking Division

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

Article: 70
Section: 387

Handicapped Parking

By striking out in proper alphabetical order the following.

Name of Street	Side	Location
Second Street	West	Starting at a point 149 feet south of Cottage Street For distance of 20 feet south.

Very truly yours,

Laura Ferreira
Director of Traffic & Parking



**CITY OF FALL RIVER
MASSACHUSETTS**

Traffic & Parking Division

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

LAURA FERREIRA
Director of Traffic & Parking

May 31, 2023

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Honorable Council Members:

At a meeting of the Traffic Board Commission held on Wednesday, May 17, 2023 the following request was heard and approved. The poles and signs are up already from a previous tenant.

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

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

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following.

INSERT

Name of Street	Side	Location
Third Street	East	Starting at a point 192 feet south of Morgan Street, for a distance of 20 feet south.

Very truly yours,

Laura Ferreira
Director of Traffic & Parking



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Traffic & Parking Division

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

LAURA FERREIRA
Director of Traffic & Parking

May 31, 2023

The Honorable City Council
City of Fall River
One Government Center
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Honorable Council Members:

At a meeting of the Traffic Board Commission held on Wednesday, May 17, 2023 the following request was heard and approved. The poles and signs are up already from a previous tenant.

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

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

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following.

INSERT

Name of Street	Side	Location
Division Street	North	Starting at a point 60 feet east of Grant Street, for a distance of 20 feet east.

Very truly yours,

Laura Ferreira
Director of Traffic & Parking

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Director of Traffic & Parking

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

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

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following.

INSERT

Name of Street	Side	Location
June Street	East	Starting at a point 153 feet south of Walnut Street, for a distance of 20 feet south.

Very truly yours,

Laura Ferreira
Director of Traffic & Parking



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Traffic & Parking Division

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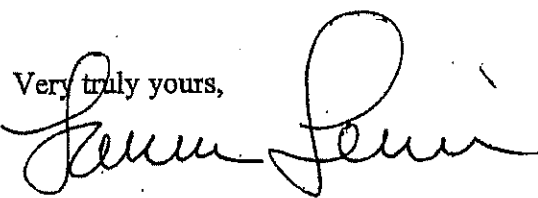
That Chapter 70 of Revised Ordinances be amended in the following Section:

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

By inserting in proper alphabetical order the following.

INSERT

Name of Street	Side	Location
Palmer Street	North	Starting at a point 356 feet east of South Main Street, for a distance of 20 feet east.

Very truly yours,

Laura Ferreira
Director of Traffic & Parking

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

Name of Street	Side	Location
Barnaby Street	West	Starting at a point 21 feet north of Lincoln Avenue, for a distance of 20 feet northerly
Bogle Street	East	Starting at a point 358 feet south of Horton Street, for a distance of 20 feet southerly
Bogle Street	West	Starting at a point 23 feet north of Pleasant Street, for a distance of 22 feet northerly
Bradford Avenue	North	Starting at a point 95 feet west of Howard Street, for a distance of 95 feet westerly
Haffards Street	West	Starting at a point 214 feet north of Donnelly Street, for a distance of 20 feet northerly
Kilburn Street	East	Starting at a point 115 feet north of Dwelly Street, for a distance of 20 feet northerly
Quequechan Street	West	Starting at a point 255 feet south of County Street, for a distance of 20 feet southerly
South Main Street	East	Starting at a point 62 feet south of Globe Street, for a distance of 20 feet southerly
William Street	South	Starting at a point 143 feet west of Hunter Street, for a distance of 20 feet westerly

Section 2.

By inserting in Section 70-241, which section relates to stop intersections designated, the following:

Name of Street	Direction of Travel	At Intersection of
Almond Street	Northbound	Ferry Street

CITY OF FALL RIVER
IN CITY COUNCIL

MAY 30 2023

*Passed Through
first Reading*

City of Fall River, In City Council

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

That the Code of the City of Fall River, Massachusetts, 2018, be amended as follows:

Section 1:

By inserting at the end of section 86-486, which section relates to fees, the following: as provided in Chapter A110, Fee Schedule of the City Code, to be paid to the Planning Division.

Section 2:

By inserting a new section after section 86-487, which section relates to Planning Board, the following:

§86-488. Fees charged by Planning Board.

The Planning Board may adopt reasonable fees and applicable legal advertisement costs and abutter notification costs, as provided in Chapter A110, Fee Schedule of the City Code, to be paid to the Planning Division.

Section 3:

By inserting a new section in Chapter A110 Appendix A – Fee Schedule, which section relates to zoning, the following:

§86-486, Zoning Board of Appeals schedule of fees and legal advertisement costs:

(1) Zoning Variance – Residential:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---|
| a. All residential variances | \$600 |
| b. Division of property | \$600; plus \$200 per each new lot being created, excluding the first lot |
| c. Additional residential units | \$600; plus \$100 per additional unit |
| d. Other | \$600 |

(2) Zoning Variance – Commercial:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---|
| a. All commercial variances | \$1,000 |
| b. Division of property | \$1,000; plus \$100 per each new lot being created, excluding the first lot |
| c. Other | \$1,000 |

(3) Special Permits – Residential and Commercial:

- | | |
|---|----------------------------|
| a. All special permits | \$800 |
| b. Residential developments | \$800; plus \$100 per unit |
| c. Division of property
(Section 86-243) | \$800 |

(4) Request for six month extension: \$500

(5) Appeal of an action of the Zoning Enforcement Officer: \$600

(6) Request by applicant to table or continue the hearing: \$500

This fee shall not apply when a matter is tabled at the request of the board or when a full board is not present. At the discretion of the board, this fee may be waived.

(7) After-the-fact filing (Work commenced without Building Permit):

Additional \$500 added to total cost of fees

If an applicant is seeking multiple forms of relief, the appropriate fee for each request is required.

(8) Legal Advertisement Cost:

The cost of the Legal Notice shall be the responsibility of the applicant. The Planning Division will prepare the legal notice, get the estimated cost from the newspaper and notify the applicant of the cost. The applicant shall provide the Planning Division with a check or money order to cover the Legal Notice advertisement prior to the public hearing date or the application will not be heard until payment is received. Cash will not be accepted.

Section 4.

By inserting a new section in Chapter A110 Appendix A – Fee Schedule, which section relates to zoning, the following:

\$86-488 Fees charged by Planning Board.

Planning Board schedule of fees and applicable legal advertisement costs and abutter notification costs.

- | | |
|--|---|
| (1) Form A (ANR) Plans: | \$500 fee; plus an additional \$100 for each newly created lot |
| (2) Late fee: | Additional \$500 (If filed after the deadline of one week prior to the scheduled meeting; with the late fee, Form A (ANR) Plans will be accepted until 2 p.m., four days prior to scheduled meeting). |
| (3) Form B Plans: | \$1,000 |
| (4) Form C Plans: | \$1,000 fee; plus an additional \$100 per lot; plus an additional \$5.00 per linear foot of roadway; plus \$500 per revision. |
| (5) Change/Reduction of performance guarantee: | \$200 |
| (6) Request for rehearing: | \$500 |
| (7) Street reconstruction: | \$500 fee; plus \$5.00 per linear foot of roadway |
| (8) Site plan review: | \$500 Minor site plan plus \$50 per revision.
\$1,000 Major site plan plus \$200 per revision. |

(9) Legal Advertisement Cost:

The cost of the legal notice shall be the responsibility of the Applicant. The Planning Division will prepare the legal notice, get the estimated cost from the newspaper and notify the applicant of the cost. The applicant shall provide the Planning Division with a check or money order to cover the legal notice advertisement prior to the public hearing

date or the application will not be heard until payment is received. Cash will not be accepted.

(10) Abutter Notification Cost:

The cost of the abutter notification shall be the responsibility of the applicant. The Planning Division will prepare and administer the notification. The Planning Division will notify the applicant of the cost. The applicant shall provide the Planning Division with a check or money order to cover the cost of abutter notification prior to the public hearing date or the application will not be heard until payment is received. Cash will not be accepted.

CITY OF FALL RIVER
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City of Fall River
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1. Claimant's name: Dawn Menard 23-30
2. Claimant's complete address: 73 Williamson St. FALL RIVER, MA 02720
3. Telephone number: Cell: 774-322-6340 Home: 508-977-8014 Work: 508-977-8014
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
Slip and fall on sidewalk on Oak Grove Ave.
5. Date and time of accident: 5/29/23-2pm Amount of damages claimed: \$16,000
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):
Oak Grove Ave - Oak Grove Laundry side entrance Pain & suffering - medical bills
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
I was walking my dog on Oak Grove Ave and walked past the laundry just before entrance and tripped over the fence that was bent and hanging over the sidewalk and landed on my
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
WellSense for medical / ER visit

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: 5/31/23

Claimant's signature: Dawn Menard

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Date: 6/2/23



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Owner

1. Claimant's name: Constance Cauto Matthew Sertini Driver 23-31
2. Claimant's complete address: owner 140 Essex St apt 801 Fall River MA 02720
Driver 162 Walnut St apt 2 east Fall River MA 02720
3. Telephone number: Home: Driver 508 415 2219 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: 4/4/23 / 2034 Amount of damages claimed: \$ 3979.34
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):
Parking lot entrance on pine st for Heritage heights (2nd entrance)
in between meadow st and Penarth
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
Claimant was driving up harbor st turned right on to pine
after passing meadow st emergency vehicle backed out of apt complex's
2nd entrance with all lights on backing into claimant as claimant was
passing entrance. emergency vehicle was still half in/half out of entrance
entrance was obstructed by 2 vehicles and building. Operator of emergency vehicle stated *
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
stated driver of emergency vehicle at fault

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

Date: 4/27/23

Claimant's signature: Matthew Sertini

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* he was backing up shut off emergency lights then bang - was struck. operator of emergency vehicle was still half in/half out of entrance at this time. with all lights on vehicle was moved before police arrived and parked on street

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Notice of Claim

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#23-32 25

1. Claimant's name: Vanessa J Botelho
2. Claimant's address: 178 Bradford Ave. Apt 5, Fall River, MA 02721
3. Telephone number: Home: 508 360 9475 Work: 401 335 0194
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage) driver side front window broken by rock from mower
5. Date and time of accident: 5/30/23 8-10am(?) Amount of damages claimed: \$ 516.00
6. Exact location of the incident: (Include as much detail as possible):
right in front of 178 Bradford, mower from back launched rock
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
police report by officer Chase and photos

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: 6/9/23

Claimant's signature: Vanessa J Botelho

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Date: 6/9/23



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City of Fall River
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1. Claimant's name: Stephanie A. Camara 2023 JUN 12 P 12:09
2. Claimant's complete address: 5500 No. Main St CITY CLERK
FALL RIVER, MA
3. Telephone number: Home: (508) 492-9472 Work: _____
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
Damage to the under carriage of my car - oil pan cracked
5. Date and time of accident: 5/9/23 mid-morning Amount of damages claimed: \$1282.40 TIRE Bulging
(\$500.00)
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):
I was in my car heading up President Ave. / right lane was a half lane
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
oncoming lane open. Driving over the metal plates, big cracks.
Driving (Across from Truesdale Clinic area) up President Ave.
going to the bank & errands. Going slow, other cars going slow
lane should have been closed and there should've been a police
man directing (1 lane) car hit the hole with metal plates so hard
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: 6/1/23Claimant's signature: Stephanie A. Camara

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I'm very upset when my car bottomed out. I could feel it in my jaw. I'm taking care of my mother on Hospice, had no car



**City of Fall River
Notice of Claim**

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1. Claimant's name: American Family Insurance Claim Services as subrogee of Susan Moss
2. Claimant's complete address: 6000 American Pkwy Madison, WI 53783 2023 JUN 16 A 11: 15
3. Telephone number: Home: _____ Work: 608-722-3150 #23-34
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
City of Fall River Police Officer rear ended Susan Moss CITY CLERK FALL RIVER, MA
5. Date and time of accident: 04/14/2023 @ 3:46 PM Amount of damages claimed: \$ 662.21
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):
150 Plymouth Ave in Fall River, MA
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
Susan Moss was NB on Plymouth Ave when she was rear ended by Matthew Gauvin with the Fall River Police Department.
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: 6/12/2023 | 8:34 AM CDT

Claimant's signature: Kristen Navarro

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City of Fall River
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CITY CLERK #23-35
FALL RIVER, MA

1. Claimant's name: Fatima Lawrence
2. Claimant's complete address: 312 Tremont St Fall River, Ma 02720
3. Telephone number: Home: 508-415-4209 Work: _____
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
door frame, lock, molding, trim
5. Date and time of accident: 5-17-23 5:00 PM Amount of damages claimed: \$ 550.00
6. Exact location of the incident: (Include as much detail as possible):
312 Tremont St F.R. Ma near entrance
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
the Fall River Police kicked my door in because they thought something was wrong with my mom, my mom and I were on vacation at the azores.
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: 6-8-23

Claimant's signature: Fatima Lawrence

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Fall River Police Department
Incident Report

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06/21/2023

Incident #: 23-3615-OF
Call #: 23-31605

Date/Time Reported: 05/17/2023 1616
Report Date/Time: 05/17/2023 1651
Occurred Between: 05/17/2023 1616-05/17/2023 1651
Status: No Crime Involved

Reporting Officer: Officer Lauren Fiola

Signature: _____

#	INVOLVED	SEX	RACE	AGE	SSN	PHONE
1	LOURENCO, GLORIA 312 TREMONT ST Apt. #2 FALL RIVER MA	F	W	78	NOT AVAIL	508-642-2832

Military Active Duty: N

BODY: NOT AVAIL.

DOB: 06/25/1944

LICENSE NUMBER: NOT AVAIL.

COMPLEXION: NOT AVAIL.

PLACE OF BIRTH: NOT AVAIL.

ETHNICITY: NOT HISPANIC

[CONTACT INFORMATION]

Home Phone	(Primary)	508-677-0517
CallBack Number	(Primary)	508-642-2832

2	PEREIRA, MARIA 312 TREMONT ST Apt. #1 FALL RIVER MA 02720	F	W	78	NOT AVAIL	508-415-4429
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Military Active Duty: N

BODY: NOT AVAIL.

DOB: 06/25/1944

LICENSE NUMBER: unknown

COMPLEXION: NOT AVAIL.

PLACE OF BIRTH: NOT AVAIL.

ETHNICITY: NOT HISPANIC

[CONTACT INFORMATION]

Home Phone	(Primary)	508-415-4429
Home Phone		508-679-0760

EVENTS(S)

LOCATION TYPE: Residence/Home/Apt./Condo Zone: Zone 203, Sec 4
312 TREMONT ST Apt. #2
FALL RIVER MA

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City of Fall River
Notice of Claim

CITY CLERK #23-36
FALL RIVER, MA

1. Claimant's name: Paul Lemaire
2. Claimant's complete address: 466 WARREN ST. FALL RIVER, MA. 02721.
3. Telephone number: Home: 774 526 1625 Work: _____
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
Property Damage - Lead Pipe replacement
5. Date and time of accident: 5-24-2023 Amount of damages claimed: \$ 4000.00
6. Exact location of the incident: (Include as much detail as possible):
Lead Pipe from street to house.
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
Currently on the list for lead pipe removal from ARPA Fund. Pipe had leak in it and had to replace sooner than the city could replace.
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: 6-20-2023

Claimant's signature: Paul Lemaire

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Notice of Claim

2023 JUN 20 P 2:33

1. Claimant's name: PAUL Lagasse CITY CLERK #23-37
2. Claimant's complete address: 58 Keene St FALL RIVER, MA
3. Telephone number: Home: 774 309 4881 Work: 508 675 0391
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: 6/5 9:41 AM Amount of damages claimed: \$ 20.00
6. Exact location of the incident: (Include as much detail as possible):
CARR ST (ON THE SIDE OF MY HOUSE)
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
RECEIVED A PARKING TICKET AT 9:41 AM TRIED TO REMOVE IT UPON FINDING IT ON WINDOW AROUND 3:30 PM AS MOST OF THE TICKET IS STUCK ON MY WINDOW COVERING MY INSPECTION STICKER AND WILL NOT COME OFF NOT SURE HOW AS IT BARLEY RAINED THAT DAY (CONT ON BACK)
8. Have you submitted a claim to any insurance company for damages arising from this incident? If so, name and address of insurance company: ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Date: 6-19-23

Claimant's signature: Paul Lagasse

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Date: 6/20/23

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City of Fall River
Notice of Claim

- CITY CLERK
1. Claimant's name: Emelda Araujo
 2. Claimant's complete address: 799 Cohannet Street Taunton MA 02780
 3. Telephone number: Cell: 508 345 7440 Home: 508 235 7200 Work: 508 235 7200
 4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
Slipped + fell on uneven sidewalk.
 5. Date and time of accident: 5/24/2023 5:38pm Amount of damages claimed: \$
 6. Exact location of the incident: (Include as much detail as possible):
Carrigan Mental Health Center 49 Hillside Street Fall River MA
 7. Circumstances of the Incident: (attach additional pages if necessary): On Wed, May 24, 2023 @ 5:30 PM I left my work at Carrigan Mental Health Center. At 5:38 PM I tripped on an uneven sidewalk and fell on my face breaking my nose, injuring my right hand and left foot. My nose was bleeding a lot so security (wage) called an ambulance for me. I was taken to Charlton Memorial Hospital. On June 2, 2023 I had surgery at St. Luke's Hospital 101 Page Street, New Bedford, MA to repair my broken nose. My eye glasses were also broke. All of the hospital notes from St. Luke's + Charlton Memorial are attached.
 8. Have you submitted a claim to any insurance company for damages arising from this incident? If so, name and address of insurance company: ☐ Yes ☒ No

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

* Date: 6/20/2023 * Claimant's signature: Emelda Araujo

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Notice of Claim

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CITY CLERK #23-39
FALL RIVER, MA

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1. Claimant's name: Joshus Almeida
2. Claimant's complete address: 447 East Main St F.R. MA 02724
3. Telephone number: Home: 774-707-7483 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: 6/21/2023 Amount of damages claimed: \$ 338.75
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):
Eastern Ave @ Jefferson Ave
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
Weed Wacking pebble cracked window
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: 6/21/2023

Claimant's signature: Joshus Almeida

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Date: 6/21/23

CITY OF FALL RIVER PETITION

We the undersigned residents of the City of Fall River, pursuant to section 66-186 of the Fall River City Ordinances, which is titled "Naming or renaming of streets, parks, buildings or other property", hereby petition for the renaming of "Third Street" in Fall River from: "Third Street" To: "Jean Baptiste LePage Street."

Jean Baptiste LePage "(LePage)" was a resident of the City of Fall River, who served during World War One. He enlisted in the United States Army and served in combat with the Canadian Mounted Rifles. LePage was killed in action around November of 1917. The current memorial, located on Route 79, has been demolished, in order to complete the Route 79 project. The renaming of third street, the very street located in front of our Government Center, would be a high honor for a city born War Hero. We the undersigned only request Third Street be renamed between Bedford Street and Borden Street.

NAME	SIGNATURE	ADDRESS
Collin Dias	<i>Collin Dias</i>	560 Ray street, Fall River Massachusetts 02720
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

MEETING: Thursday, June 1, 2023 at 5:45 p.m.
Council Chamber, One Government Center

PRESENT: Joseph D. Camara, presiding;
Councilors Shawn E. Cadime, Michelle M. Dionne,
Bradford L. Kilby, Pamela S. Laliberte, Leo O. Pelletier
Linda M. Pereira, Andrew J. Raposo and Laura-Jean Washington

ABSENT: None

IN ATTENDANCE: Seth Thomas Aitken, City Administrator
Bridget Almon, Director of Financial Services

The President called the meeting to order at 5:49 p.m. and announced that the meeting may be recorded with audio or video and transmitted through any medium and that the purpose of the hearing was to hear all persons interested and wishing to be heard on the following:

FISCAL YEAR 2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Councilor Laliberte arrived at 5:50 p.m.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Kilby, it was unanimously voted that the hearing be opened. The President stated that in accordance with Sec. 6-4(a) of the City Charter, this meeting is open to the public to hear all persons interested and wishing to be heard on the proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Municipal Budget.

The President asked if there were any proponents to be heard and Seth Thomas Aitken, City Administrator, and Bridget Almon, Director of Financial Services, provided a presentation of the proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Municipal Budget, a copy of which is attached hereto and made part of these minutes.

Councilors Raposo and Dionne requested clarification regarding cannabis businesses within the City. Mr. Aitken gave a brief explanation regarding the revenue generated from tax rates and the steps the City will take to reinstate a Community Fee with permission of the Commonwealth.

A lengthy discussion was held between Councilors Raposo, Dionne, Vice President Pereira and Mr. Aitken regarding funding for the construction of the new Diman Regional Technical Vocational High School and revenue that will be generated from the Route 79/Davol Street project. Mr. Aitken provided information regarding the cost estimate for the new school in Fiscal Year 2025 as \$2,600,000 and the cost estimate in Fiscal Year 2026 as \$6,600,000. Mr. Aitken also stated that the School Building Committee had changed their plan for geothermal energy resources and he could not estimate how that would affect these costs currently. Mr. Aitken

provided information regarding development that is anticipated in the area of the Route 79/Davol Street project including real estate revenue and business growth. Councilor Cadime requested clarification regarding anticipated housing development in the City and Mr. Aitken stated that there are currently over 1000 units in different stages of development, so not all units will create revenue within Fiscal Year 2024. Ms. Almon provided an estimate of \$2,700,000 in revenue from businesses in relation to Tax Increment Financing agreements for Fiscal Year 2025. Councilor Cadime expressed concern that there will be large financial debt even if there is an increase in revenue. Ms. Almon stated Free Cash for FY 2022 was certified at \$2,900,000 and stated that the FY 2023 amount will not be estimated until later in the year.

Councilor Kilby and Vice President Pereira expressed concern regarding American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding being used for projects that may incur additional costs after the ARPA funding has expired in 2026. Councilor Pereira requested the total amount of unused ARPA funding. Mr. Aitken stated that the City's ARPA fund balance was currently \$32,000,000 but that he did not have the balance for the Bristol County ARPA fund available.

Councilor Raposo asked for a timeline regarding the completion of the Fire Department contracts. Mr. Aitken stated that a member of the arbitration committee had a family emergency and therefore discussion was postponed.

A brief discussion was held between Vice President Pereira and Ms. Almon regarding tax revenue, development of affordable housing and consultants within City departments. Ms. Almon stated that she would obtain tax revenue information to provide to the City Council and that many retired financial employees are providing consultation to municipal departments.

The President then directed the opponents to be heard and there were no opponents.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Kilby, it was unanimously voted to close the hearing at 6:33 p.m.

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:

Agenda (attached)

DVD of meeting

Fiscal Year 2024 Municipal Budget PowerPoint

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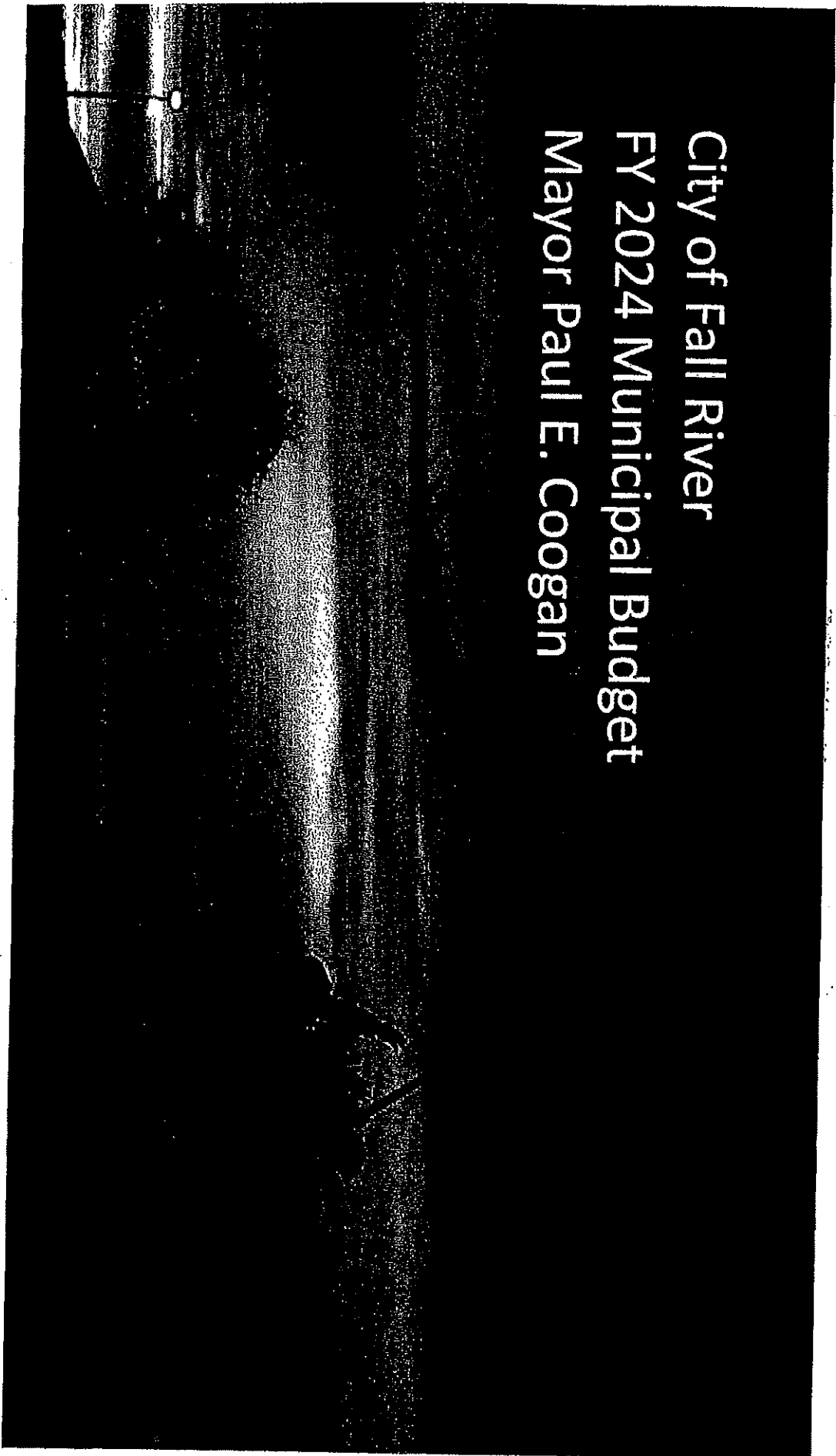
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City Clerk

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City of Fall River
FY 2024 Municipal Budget
Mayor Paul E. Coogan



In thinking about FY24 and beyond, we anticipated the following:

Uncertainty regarding cannabis revenue

Uncertainty regarding Diman construction costs

Flat revenue in FY 24

The Administration anticipates that the following conditions beginning in FY25 will offset some of the challenges:

Potential for 1,000+ new housing units

Significant TIF reductions for several recipients

Use of the entire Durfee debt exclusion

Increased revenue associated with MBTA service and Rt. 79 development

Completion of the 10-year revaluation

The Administration also proposes to be proactive by:

Using ARPA Funds for Capital Expenses

Using some ARPA Revenue Replacement Funds to offset costs, resulting in increased cash reserves by the end of FY24

Delivering a conservative, balanced budget derived from strategic meetings with every department head

The FY2024 City of Fall River Budget builds on the best practices.

Let's take a quick look at the highlights
of the FY2024 City of Fall River Budget.

*"Coming together is a beginning, staying together is
progress, and working together is success." Henry Ford*

City of Fall River, MA Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024 Budget Highlights

This Budget was built using the State Aid numbers from the House Ways & Means proposed Budget. (Senate Committee has released figures, we are hopeful these will hold up in Conference committee)

Administration Prioritized Public Safety & Education (100% budgeted for NSS)

Free Cash of \$840 thousand is being used to cover the Diman Short Term Interest

\$4.5 million of ARPA Revenue Replacement as a Revenue Source

For the third year in a row, the Durfee Debt Exclusion approved by the voters has not been implemented at the full amount. (The first year none of \$4.5 M of the exclusion was utilized, and for FY24 & FY23 only half of the Debt Exclusion is included in the Budget)

2.5% increase in the Tax Levy

\$2 million in New Growth Budgeted

The FY2024 City of Fall River Budget is really a "bridge" budget:

City operations and services are returning to normal levels after responding to COVID-19 impacts

There still remains uncertainty regarding Diman cost and debt service

Ambiguity regarding changes to State laws regarding revenue from existing cannabis host community agreements

The FY2024 Budget allows the City to use ARPA revenue replacement money to ease the impact of the Budget on taxpayers

Potential losses from cannabis host agreement – guidance from State on host agreements forthcoming

The actual cost of Diman, and the impact of the Diman debt service on the City's taxpayers is still unknown

Use of the one-time ARPA funds will allow the City to transfer funds from other resources to build up some reserves to handle the Diman uncertainty

Once the City bridges to FY2025, all indications point to optimism and opportunity.

TIF-phased new growth, new market rate housing, continued utility company investment, cannabis state excise tax, and continued commercial investment will total over \$4.5 million in new revenues

Free cash certification over the last two years has been strong, allowing the City to build up our Stabilization Fund, currently at \$8.4 million. Today's balance of \$1.9 million of free cash indicates that the City is able to transfer to get our Stabilization Fund to \$10 million by the end of this fiscal year

The City has generated an average of \$3.2 million in annual free cash for the last 5 years. Continued strong tax collection, estimated receipts, and management efficiencies will continue this trend

Reasons for optimism and opportunity:

- ARPA Funds are allowing the City to invest in our community
 - Utilization of these funds and investing ARPA in capital expenditures will provide years of relief to the operating budget
 - Reduced borrowing for the General Fund and Enterprise Funds
- Six out of the seven collective bargaining agreements have been settled

As with all opportunities, there are some challenges.

The City believes that funding education is one of the best investments to assure a bright and strong future.

However, it's important to remember that the City must match each \$1 million of Chapter 70 Funds with \$170 thousand of local tax revenue.

City of Fall River, MA

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024

Challenges:

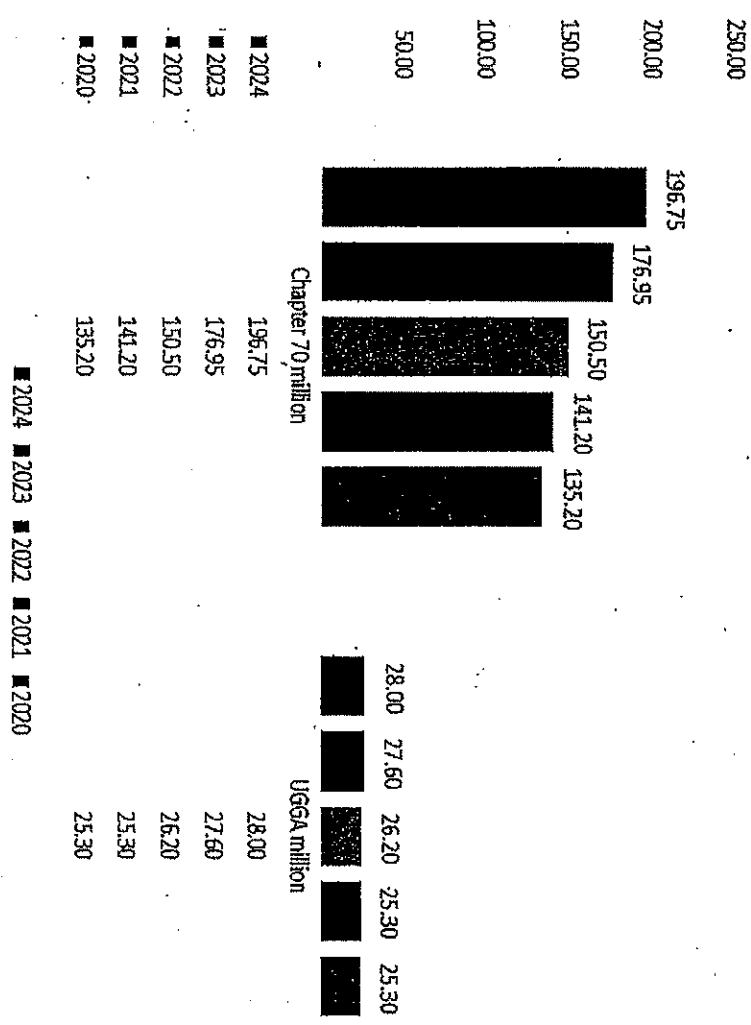
Chapter 70 Aid vs State Local
Unrestricted Aid

Operating Budget increasing \$28 million. 60% of the increase comes from Chapter 70 Aid for education net of assessments (\$17 million). The effect in the expenditure to the City Appropriation will increase by \$22 million.

From 2020 to 2024, Chapter 70 aid to the City has increased an average of 10% while unrestricted State aid has increased an average of 3%.

The increase in the City's net school spending obligation is rising higher than revenues, leaving little for the remaining obligations of the City.

Increase in Chapter 70 aid vs UGGA



As with all opportunities, there are some challenges.

The Impact of Diman: Estimated Diman Cost to Towns

- This is being monitored, the figures provided to the City from Diman in December 2022 have since increased due to interest rates.
- These figures are extremely impactful to the City's budget and not sustainable. We have already received notice that the original estimate of \$618 thousand has risen to \$830 thousand for FY24.
- By 2026 the cost of \$6.5 million will represents approx. 2% of our operating budget.

Most Recent Diman Debt Schedule,

We are waiting on revised figures

Diman Regional Vic Tech H.S. - Financing Scenario- 30 Year Bond

Estimated District Share of Construction

LEVEL DEBT	FISCAL YEAR	PRINCIPAL	SHORT TERM	BOND	3.55% AVG BOND	ANNUAL DEBT SERVICE	Westport		Swansea		Fall River		
							5.30% of TOTAL	DEBT SVC	8.40% of TOTAL	DEBT SVC	9.45% of TOTAL	DEBT SVC	76.50% of TOTAL
2021		\$147,725,000	\$9,375.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,375.00	\$496.88		\$787.50		\$918.75		\$7,171.88
2022		\$147,725,000	\$2,991.67	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,991.67	\$158.56		\$251.30		\$295.18		\$2,288.63
2023		\$147,725,000	\$91,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$91,250.00	\$4,836.25		\$7,665.00		\$8,942.50		\$69,806.25
2024		\$147,725,000	\$808,650.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$808,650.00	\$42,858.45		\$67,926.60		\$79,247.70		\$618,617.25
2025		\$147,725,000	\$3,000,000.00	\$0.00	2,843,706.25	\$3,000,000.00	\$159,000.00		\$251,000.00		\$294,000.00		\$2,295,000.00
2026		\$144,920,000		\$2,805,000.00	5,633,416.25	\$8,438,416.25	\$447,236.06		\$708,826.97		\$826,964.79		\$6,451,388.43
2027		\$142,005,000		\$2,915,000.00	5,523,306.25	\$8,438,306.25	\$447,230.23		\$708,817.73		\$826,954.01		\$6,451,304.28
2028		\$138,980,000		\$3,025,000.00	5,408,961.25	\$8,433,961.25	\$446,999.95		\$708,452.75		\$826,528.20		\$6,451,980.36
2029		\$135,830,000		\$3,150,000.00	5,290,092.50	\$8,440,092.50	\$447,324.90		\$708,967.77		\$827,129.07		\$6,456,670.76
2030		\$132,565,000		\$3,265,000.00	5,166,603.75	\$8,431,603.75	\$446,875.00		\$708,234.72		\$826,297.17		\$6,450,176.87

FY2024 Budget Highlights

- The Administration looks forward to discussing the proposed FY2024 Budget with the City Council over the coming weeks.
- But first, let's take a look at some highlights of the proposed FY2024 City of Fall River Budget.

Appropriations by category

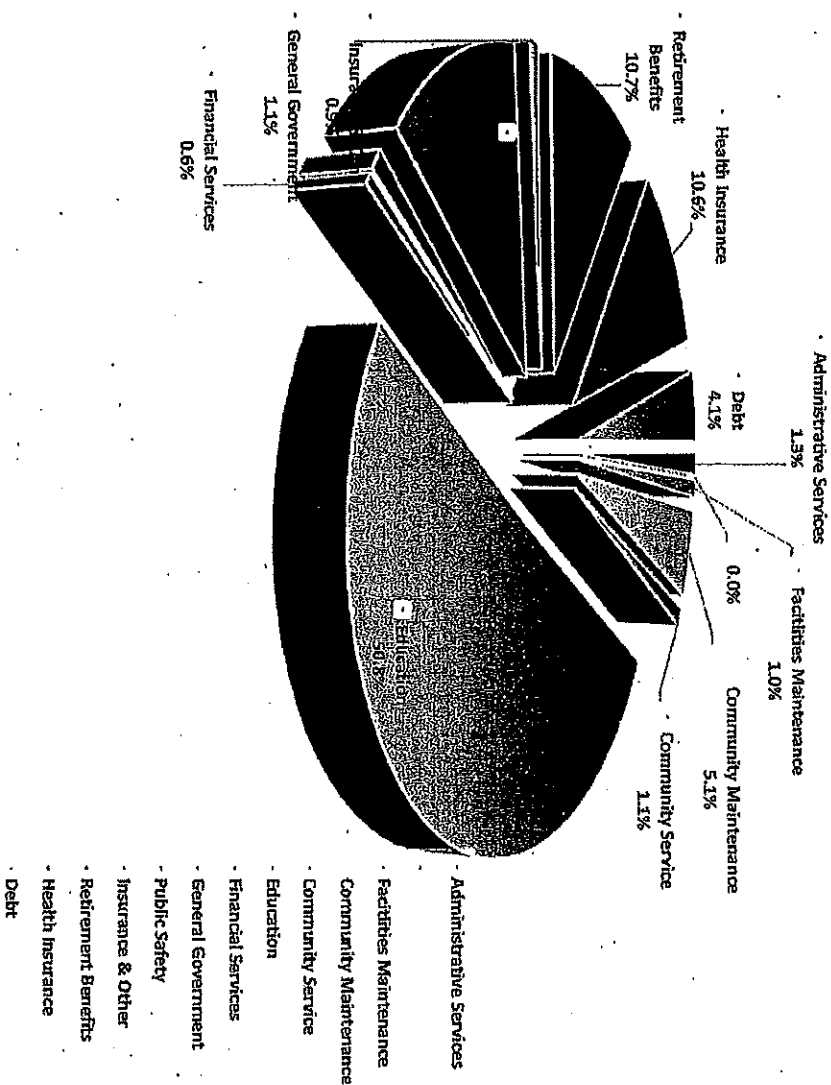
Education: 50.8%

Public Safety: 12.7%

Retirement: 10.7%

Health Insurance: 10.6%

Remaining for all other departments: 15.2%



As with all opportunities, there are some challenges

- During recent years, the Commonwealth has seen unprecedented retirement by experienced municipal employees
- As a result, the City is competing with other municipalities, some more affluent, to attract municipal workers
- This has impacted all City departments, including Police, Fire, EMS, Water & Sewer, City Operations, Community Services, Finance, and Administration.

As with all opportunities, there are some challenges.

- The City is pursuing strategies to respond to this, for example:
- Evaluating existing staff to identify their potential for advancement in their Department & other Departments, providing upward mobility;
- Working with the City Council in review salaries to make them more competitive in today's Municipal Employment Marketplace; and
- Providing Education to Staff & using outside consultants, as appropriate, to provide technical services and mentoring.

FY2024 Budget highlights

The proposed FY2024 Budget:

- Allows continued investment in our City, while remaining fiscally prudent
- Allows continued growth and growing of the Stabilization Fund
- Allows collaboration between departments to develop strategic plans

FY2024 Budget highlights

Impact of FY2024 Durfee Debt Exclusion

\$2,600,000

Estimated Impact of Debt Exclusion As Appearing in FY2024 Budget

	<u>Median Value</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Tax</u>	<u>Estimated Rate due to DE</u>	<u>New Tax</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Single Family	\$ 327,990	\$ 11.89	\$ 3,899.80	\$ 12.14	\$ 3,981.80	\$ 82.00
Two Family	\$ 335,010	\$ 11.89	\$ 3,983.27	\$ 12.14	\$ 4,067.02	\$ 83.75
Three Family	\$ 402,211	\$ 11.89	\$ 4,782.29	\$ 12.14	\$ 4,882.84	\$ 100.55
Commercial	\$ 689,642	\$ 24.83	\$ 17,123.81	\$ 25.34	\$ 17,475.53	\$ 351.72
Industrial	\$ 1,573,704	\$ 24.83	\$ 39,075.07	\$ 25.34	\$ 39,877.66	\$ 802.59

\$5,200,000

Estimated Impact of Debt Exclusion if Full Debt Exclusion Used

	<u>Median Value</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Tax</u>	<u>Estimated Rate due to DE</u>	<u>New Tax</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Single Family	\$ 327,990	\$ 11.89	\$ 3,899.80	\$ 12.38	\$ 4,060.52	\$ 160.72	49%
Two Family	\$ 335,010	\$ 11.89	\$ 3,983.27	\$ 12.38	\$ 4,147.42	\$ 164.15	49%
Three Family	\$ 402,211	\$ 11.89	\$ 4,782.29	\$ 12.38	\$ 4,979.37	\$ 197.08	49%
Commercial	\$ 689,642	\$ 24.83	\$ 17,123.81	\$ 25.84	\$ 17,820.35	\$ 696.54	50%
Industrial	\$ 1,573,704	\$ 24.83	\$ 39,075.07	\$ 25.84	\$ 40,664.51	\$ 1,589.44	50%

The foregoing represents only the estimated impact from the Durfee Debt Exclusion.

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024 Proposed Budget

RESOURCES:

State Aid:

General government, net of assessments
 Education, net of assessments
 Real Estate Taxes, net of abatements
 Local Receipts
 Indirects
 Other Sources
 American Rescue Plan Act(ARPA) - Revenue Loss
 From Free Cash
 From Stabilization - Capital

TOTAL RESOURCES - GENERAL FUND

Water
 Sewer
 EMS

TOTAL RESOURCES - ENTERPRISE FUNDS

LESS: NON-APPROPRIATED USES

Other Amounts to be Raised:

Appropriation & Snow & Ice Deficits
 Transfer to Trust & Agency
 Prior Year Expenditures

TOTAL NON-APPROPRIATED USES

RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR APPROPRIATION

Original FY23	FY24 vs. FY23 Increase (Decrease)		
	Budget	Budget	Budget
Budget	Budget	Budget	Dollars Percentage

\$ 26,053,310	\$ 26,890,216	\$ 27,262,266	\$ 372,050	1.4%
\$ 144,680,073	\$ 144,515,482	\$ 161,597,189	\$ 17,081,707	11.8%
\$ 123,880,996	\$ 125,712,034	\$ 131,282,953	\$ 5,570,919	4.4%
\$ 22,803,835	\$ 21,670,478	\$ 21,809,790	\$ 139,312	0.6%
\$ 6,990,036	\$ 6,990,036	\$ 7,153,315	\$ 163,279	2.3%
\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ (25,000)	-100.0%
\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,500,000	\$ 4,500,000	
\$ -	\$ 1,071,959	\$ 840,000	\$ (231,959)	-21.6%
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\$ 324,433,250	\$ 326,875,205	\$ 354,445,513	\$ 27,570,308	8.4%
\$ 14,289,039	\$ 14,289,039	\$ 14,799,457	\$ 510,418	3.6%
\$ 26,603,402	\$ 26,603,402	\$ 27,615,277	\$ 1,011,875	3.8%
\$ 9,651,000	\$ 10,443,147	\$ 11,550,000	\$ 1,106,853	10.6%
\$ 50,543,441	\$ 51,335,588	\$ 53,964,734	\$ 2,629,146	5.1%

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\$ 374,976,691	\$ 378,210,793	\$ 408,410,247	\$ 30,199,454	8.0%

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Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024 Proposed Budget

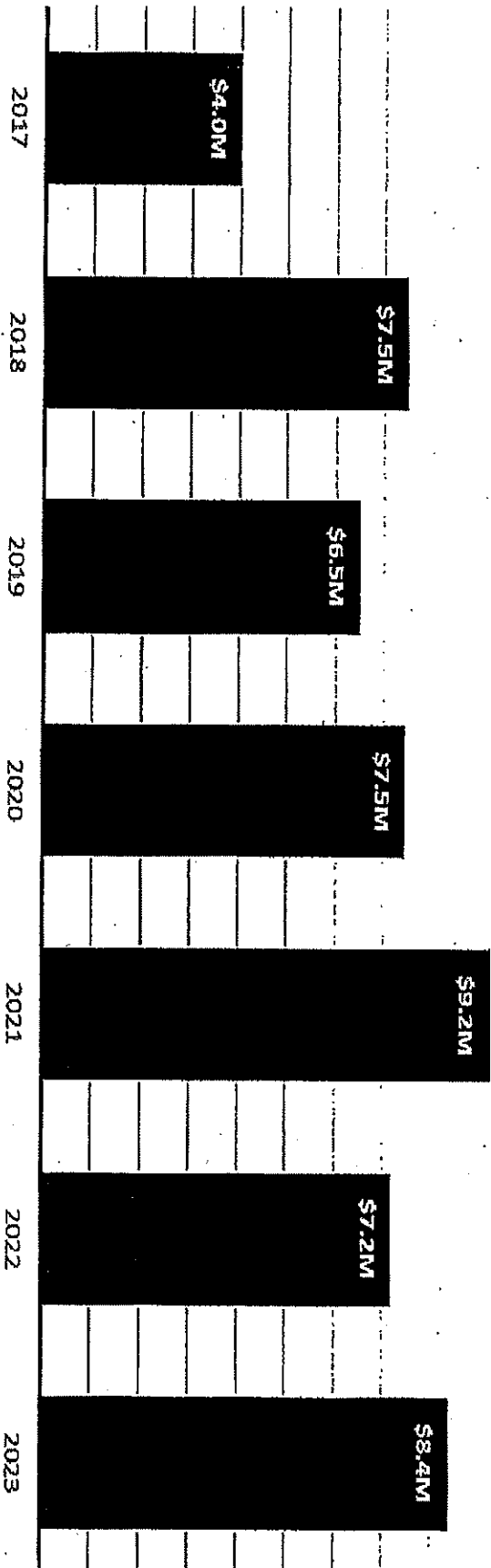
FY23 FY23 FY24 FY24 vs. FY23
Increase (Decrease)

	Budget	Budget	Budget	Dollars	Percentage
General Government	\$ 4,089,345	\$ 4,107,898	\$ 3,993,549	\$ (114,349)	-2.8%
Administrative Services	\$ 5,259,542	\$ 5,399,643	\$ 4,545,960	\$ (853,683)	-15.8%
Financial Services	\$ 1,859,539	\$ 1,983,432	\$ 2,180,622	\$ 197,190	9.9%
Facility Maintenance	\$ 2,827,420	\$ 2,759,421	\$ 3,546,158	\$ 786,737	28.5%
Community Maintenance	\$ 17,495,351	\$ 17,640,679	\$ 18,003,150	\$ 362,471	2.1%
Community Service	\$ 3,594,364	\$ 3,692,864	\$ 3,797,586	\$ 104,722	2.8%
Education	\$ 155,009,615	\$ 157,451,574	\$ 179,712,977	\$ 22,261,403	14.1%
Public Safety	\$ 41,694,832	\$ 41,409,900	\$ 44,951,508	\$ 3,541,608	8.6%
Debt	\$ 13,903,341	\$ 13,903,341	\$ 14,642,681	\$ 739,340	5.3%
Retirement	\$ 36,072,580	\$ 36,072,580	\$ 37,748,989	\$ 1,676,409	4.6%
Insurance & Other	\$ 40,026,890	\$ 40,026,890	\$ 40,443,895	\$ 417,005	1.0%
Reserve	\$ 2,600,429	\$ 2,426,984	\$ 878,440	\$ (1,548,544)	-63.8%
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS - GENERAL FUND	\$ 324,433,248	\$ 326,875,206	\$ 354,445,514	\$ 27,570,308	8.4%
Water	\$ 14,289,039	\$ 14,289,039	\$ 14,799,457	\$ 510,418	3.6%
Sewer	\$ 26,603,402	\$ 26,603,402	\$ 27,615,277	\$ 1,011,875	3.8%
EMS	\$ 9,651,000	\$ 10,443,147	\$ 11,550,000	\$ 1,106,853	10.6%
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS - ENTERPRISE FUNDS	\$ 50,543,441	\$ 51,335,588	\$ 53,964,734	\$ 2,629,146	5.1%
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS - ALL FUNDS	\$ 374,976,688	\$ 378,210,793	\$ 408,410,247	\$ 30,199,454	8.0%
PLUS: APPROPRIATED USES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
TOTAL APPROPRIATED USES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 374,976,688	\$ 378,210,793	\$ 408,410,247	\$ 30,199,454	8.0%

City of Fall River

Stabilization Fund

Fiscal Years 2017 to 2023



*FY 2023 approx as of June 1, 2023

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MEETING: Thursday, June 1, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, One Government Center

PRESENT: President Joseph D. Camara, presiding;
Councilors Shawn E. Cadime, Michelle M. Dionne,
Bradford L. Kilby, Pamela S. Laliberte, Leo O. Pelletier,
Linda M. Pereira, Andrew J. Raposo, and Laura-Jean Washington

ABSENT: None

IN ATTENDANCE: Seth Thomas Aitken, City Administrator
Bridget Almon, Director of Financial Services
Maria Pontes, Superintendent, Fall River Public Schools
Kevin Almeida, Chief Financial Officer, Fall River Public Schools
Kenneth Pacheco, Chief Operating Officer, Fall River Public Schools
Thomas Coogan, Director of Human Resources,
Fall River Public Schools
Roger St. Martin, Fire Chief, Fall River Fire Department
Timothy Oliveira, Director, Emergency Medical Services
Beth Faunce, Deputy Director, Emergency Medical Services
Paul Gauvin, Police Chief, Fall River Police Department

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

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

1. Citizens' Input Time – Before Discussion of Financial Matters: None
2. School Department Presentation and Discussion of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Budget

Maria Pontes, Superintendent of Fall River Public Schools, gave a brief explanation of various changes that have occurred within the proposed budget for the School Department in comparison to the presentation from the April 11, 2023 meeting and distributed documents that provided a written version of those changes, a copy of which is attached and hereto made a part of these minutes.

Councilor Pereira complimented the School Committee and all employees of the School Department and emphasized the hard work they provide to the students and families of the City.

A discussion was held between Councilor Pereira and Superintendent Pontes regarding the benefits of schools that serve students in kindergarten through grade 8 and the projected plan to increase the amount of public schools that utilize this structure. Councilor Pereira also emphasized encouraging students to utilize the school bus system and asked if there were plans to increase ridership to alleviate heavy traffic around schools. Kenneth Pacheco, Chief Operations Officer of Fall River Public Schools, presented information regarding distances that students were expected to walk, either to their school or to the bus stops, and also gave a brief explanation of the time limit the bus company has to complete a route, which reduces opportunities for more frequent stops. Councilor Washington expressed concern regarding traffic congestion around schools and student safety in regards to the distance between residences and school bus stops. Mr. Pacheco clarified that students in middle school and high school had a different mileage limit than those in elementary school. President Camara suggested that bus stop structures be created to protect students from precipitation while waiting for the school buses and Councilor Kilby supported this idea.

Councilor Kilby asked for updates regarding renovation projects for both Samuel Watson Elementary School and James Tansey Elementary School. Mr. Pacheco provided updates, such as air conditioner installation, elevator repair and window replacements. Councilor Kilby emphasized the need for diversity in the hiring process of teachers and staff within the School Department. Superintendent Pontes stated that they are currently working to hire more teachers and they are sensitive to the needs of their students when considering candidates. Thomas Coogan, Director of Human Resources of Fall River Public Schools, gave a brief presentation of data that has been collected regarding diversity efforts within the School Department. Mr. Coogan also explained that the School Department had increased compensation for educators and staff to attract exemplary applicants.

Councilor Raposo requested information regarding unfunded positions within the budget and the current balance of the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER). The Superintendent gave information regarding the process in which the School Department reviews requests for additional positions for each school, prior to creating a position, to ensure the position is needed and will fit within the budget. Superintendent Pontes gave a brief explanation regarding the need for School Adjustment Councilors and Special Education teachers and funding of those positions. Kevin Almeida, Chief Financial Officer of Fall River Public Schools, stated that the current balance for ESSER II is \$1,000,000 and the current balance for ESSER III is \$34,500,000. Councilor Raposo asked for information regarding changes in tuition line items. Mr. Pacheco stated that the Commonwealth's Operational Services Division had increased by 14% and therefore the School Department needed to adjust their tuition rates to compensate for the increase.

Councilor Dionne and Superintendent Pontes held a brief discussion regarding utilizing larger public schools to host more grade levels and reduce congestion in smaller schools. Superintendent Pontes stated the School Department is looking into changing some schools to kindergarten through eighth grade, which will assist other schools that are currently overcrowded. Councilor Dionne requested clarification regarding budget line items for directors, supervisors and para-professionals. A brief discussion was held between Councilor Dionne, Superintendent Pontes, Mr. Pacheco and Mr. Almeida regarding the reorganization of the Facilities and Operations Department and how new divisions and supervisor positions had been created to lessen the burden on other employees. Ms. Pontes explained that the School Department is working to fill forty-eight para-professional positions to aid students who have Individual Education Plans and that some of those positions are funded by grant applications.

3. Public Safety

Police, Fire, Emergency Medical Services

Chief St. Martin, Fall River Fire Department, gave a brief overview of his proposed budget, including supplies, vehicles and staff.

Councillor Dionne requested clarification regarding Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification being required for all firefighters within the Fire Department. Chief St. Martin explained that while the Fire Department was separate from the Emergency Medical Services (EMS), they worked together and all firefighters needed to be able to provide basic EMT skills in an emergency. Chief St. Martin gave a brief explanation of anticipated retirements as well as current vacancies within the Fire Department.

Councillor Pelletier asked about different property locations that had been considered for use by the Fire Department. A brief discussion was held between Councillor Pelletier, Seth Thomas Aitken, City Administrator, and Chief St. Martin regarding different locations of offices within the city, the cost of obtaining a new facility and repairs that were ongoing at Central Fire Station. Councillor Washington requested an update regarding the air conditioning system at Central Fire Station. Chief St. Martin emphasized that he has been working closely with the Director of City Operations on this update and the Community Preservation Committee has assisted with grant funding as well.

Councillor Pereira complimented the Fire Department's proposed budget and inquired as to whether any additional equipment would be needed or anticipated in the near future. Chief St. Martin explained that the Fire Department had recently obtained older vehicles that are being refurbished and will be utilized as reserve trucks.

Councillor Kilby asked for clarification regarding the union contract negotiations within the Fire Department. A brief discussion was held between Councillor Kilby and Mr. Aitken regarding those contracts currently being in arrears, but it was agreed upon by all parties that details could not be provided as the City was still in negotiations with the union members.

Councillor Cadime asked for information regarding the salaries as the contracts had not yet been completed. Bridget Almon, Director of Financial Services, explained that those salary amounts were estimated based on the original contract that was offered. Councillor Cadime inquired about ARPA funding to assist with vehicle purchases and both Mr. Aitken and Chief St. Martin explained that the purchase of vehicles by the Fire Department did not fit into any qualifying category that would allow for APRA funds to be used.

Councillor Pereira complimented the work that had been done by Tim Oliveira, Director of EMS, and Beth Faunce, Deputy Director of EMS, with assisting people who are homeless within the City. A brief discussion was held regarding revenue from ambulances and the "right of first refusal" at hospitals. Mr. Oliveira clarified that they currently have "right of first refusal" at St. Anne's Hospital, but not at Charlton Memorial Hospital. Councillor Dionne inquired as to whether or not there was an ambulance stationed with Prima CARE and Mr. Oliveira explained that they are currently guaranteed transport and Prima CARE provides reimbursement for all salaries and fees related to that service. Councillor Dionne and Mr. Oliveira discussed anticipated retirees within EMS and Mr. Oliveira stated that 90% of all current employees are paramedics and many of them participated in integrated community health programs, which they were working to expand.

Councilor Cadime asked for clarification regarding revenue and the 30% increase in salaries and wages. Ms. Faunce stated that the department's revenue was close to \$10,000,000 and that a new contract had been created that increased compensation in the City in order to be competitive with other municipalities. A lengthy discussion was held between Councilor Cadime, Ms. Faunce and Mr. Aitken regarding the compensation amounts, EMS wages being stagnant compared to other first responders and the need to maintain employees. Councilor Cadime expressed concern regarding the large increase in compensation.

Chief Paul Gauvin, Fall River Police Department, gave a brief explanation of his proposed budget, including increases in salary due to contract negotiations, but emphasized that the remainder of the proposal was level funded.

A discussion was held with Councilor Dionne and Chief Gauvin in regards to budget line items related to salaries, retirement and overtime. Mr. Aitken provided information regarding challenges of civic events that required officers and compensation for that service. Chief Gauvin emphasized that his goal was to fill all vacant positions within the Police Department as that will benefit the City greatly. Councilor Dionne expressed concern regarding vacant positions not being filled as that funding could be used elsewhere.

Councilor Raposo requested clarification regarding School Resource Officer compensation and Chief Gauvin explained that the School Department funds those positions.

Councilor Pereira inquired as to whether or not working with Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) would be helpful for task forces within the City and Chief Gauvin gave a brief explanation about how they do not have an official employee from the DEA currently working with the Police Department, but they have worked with them in the past. Councilor Pereira and Chief Gauvin held a brief discussion regarding compensation from the Housing Authority, emergency calls regarding firearms, utilizing volunteers at local events and buy out pay for retirees. Chief Gauvin provided information regarding the training of volunteers and stated that future contracts would change how buy out pay was provided and the change would allow new recruits to fill positions sooner. Councilor Pereira complimented the Police Department and the service they provide to the City. Councilor Raposo emphasized the need for volunteer assistance with civic events and asked Chief Gauvin what the process included to become a volunteer. Chief Gauvin stated there was a training session they would go through and the Police Department supports the use of volunteers to provide services, such as directing traffic, during an event.

Councilor Laliberte asked for clarification regarding the Harbormaster salary increase. Chief Gauvin explained that currently there is a police officer in that position due to new state requirements. Councilor Laliberte and Mr. Aitken held a brief discussion regarding the new contract for patrol officers and when that would go into effect. Mr. Aitken clarified that it began immediately as the previous contract was in arrears and Ms. Almon stated that the first payment within that contract occurred two pay periods ago.

Councilor Cadime asked how the Police Department was utilizing DEA forfeiture funds and for clarification regarding new positions and eliminated positions. Chief Gauvin stated DEA forfeiture funds were used for equipment as it cannot be used for compensation. Mr. Aitken provided a brief overview of the changes within the ordinances and how those changes affected the future for individual contracts. Mr. Aitken also explained that some positions had been vacant for a long time, so they were eliminated.

President Camara asked for clarification regarding the fuel budget for the Harbormaster and the need for a new vessel. Chief Gauvin stated that last year they overestimated the fuel costs, so this year they had decreased their estimate and that the Police Department is working on finding a replacement vessel and funding the purchase with grants.

On a motion made by Councilor Kilby and seconded by Councilor Pereira, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:28 p.m.

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:

Agenda packet (attached)
DVD of meeting


Clerk of Committees

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Maria Pontes, Superintendent

May 12, 2023

Superintendent's Budget Update

Since the March 20, 2023 CFO presentation, as a result of feedback, we have made several adjustments to the original presentation. Although the bottom line was not impacted, we have moved some funds around to account for the changes. The following are changes made as a result of hearings and feedback:

- Additional Vice Principal for Henry Lord Community School
- Additional Special Education Administrator to support Assistant Superintendent Obenchain
- Durfee High School has requested two additional positions
 - Art
 - CTE for Early Childhood

Additionally, at our last meeting, we adjusted the Circuit Breaker funds to add:

- One Special Education Supervisor
- Two Speech Language Pathologists
- One Evaluation Team Chair
- One special Education Clerk

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Maria Pontes, Superintendent

MEMORANDUM

To: Fall River School Committee
From: Maria Pontes, Superintendent
Date: April 24, 2023
Re: Budget Update Rationale

After further review, we will be adjusting the budget for Transportation. Originally, we put in a placeholder of \$1,500,000 to pay for Out of District Transportation. After further discussions and meetings, we have updated the budget to reflect \$1,157,496 and not \$1,500,000. This figure represents the two years of reimbursement in Circuit Breaker associated with Transportation. In FY22, we received \$231,092 and in FY23 we will be receiving \$926,404. This totals \$1,157,496. These funds will be used to offset Out of District Transportation for the fiscal year 2024. Due to this change, we will have to increase the Transportation budget in FY24. The new amount for Transportation - Non-Net School Spending is \$10,342,504. The change from \$10,000,000 to \$10,342,504 represents the difference between \$1,500,000 and \$1,157,496. Originally this was to be funded by Circuit Breaker Funds, but will now be funded through the Transportation Budget Non-Net School Spending.

In addition, this will free up funds in the Circuit Breaker Revolving fund. We are proposing to move \$342,504 in Tuition that was proposed to be funded in the Operating Budget and will now be funded in the Circuit Breaker Revolving fund.

With the above move, we are proposing to add one special education supervisor, two speech-language pathologists, one evaluation team chair, and one special education clerk. This totals \$342,504. There is no change to the School's Operating budget.

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Maria Pontes, Superintendent

MEMORANDUM

To: Fall River School Committee
From: Maria Pontes, Superintendent
Date: April 24, 2023
Re: Fiscal Year 2024 Proposed Budget



TRANSPORTATION-NON-NSS-CURRENT	10,000,000.00
UPDATE FOR DIFFERENCE IN CIRCUIT BREAKER REIMBURSEMENT (\$1,500,000 VS \$1,157,496)	<u>342,504.00</u>
TRANSPORTATION-NON-NSS-UPDATED	<u><u>10,342,504.00</u></u>

With this update, the following additional moves will be occurring:

SPECIAL EDUCATION SUPERVISOR	100,800.00
SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST (2)	136,000.00
EVALUATION TEAM CHAIR	68,000.00
SPECIAL EDUCATION CLERK	37,704.00
MOVE SPECIAL EDUCATION TUITIONS FROM OPERATING BUDGET TO CIRCUIT BREAKER	<u>(342,504.00)</u>
NET CHANGE - SCHOOL OPERATING BUDGET	<u><u>-</u></u>

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MEETING: Thursday, June 6, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, One Government Center

PRESENT: President Joseph D. Camara, presiding;
Councilors Shawn E. Cadime, Michelle M. Dionne,
Bradford L. Kilby, Leo O. Pelletier, Linda M. Pereira,
Andrew J. Raposo, and Laura-Jean Washington

ABSENT: Councilor Pamela S. Laliberte

IN ATTENDANCE: Seth Thomas Aitken, City Administrator
Bridget Almon, Director of Financial Services
Ryan Lyons, Chair, Board of Election Commissioners
Michelle Hamilton, Veteran's Benefit Agent, Veteran's Services
Al Oliveira, Director of City Operations
Charles Denmead, Director of Community Maintenance
Daniel Aguiar, City Engineer
Laura Ferreira, Director, Parking Division
Tyler Antaya, Director of Management Information Systems
Daniel Lane, Administrator of Assessing
Richard Gonsalves, Chair, Board of Assessors

The chair called the meeting to order at 6:01 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.

Prior to the reading of agenda items, President Camara invited Vice President Pereira to present a citation to Mr. William "Bill" Feeney and the staff of F&F, Inc. Vice President Pereira made remarks commending the work that Mr. Feeney does for the Historical Society and for the Durfee High School Alumni groups. Mr. Feeney provided a brief presentation of his scrimshaw work for the City Councilors.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Washington, it was unanimously voted to waive the rules to allow Mr. Santos, a resident of Somerset, MA, to speak, with Councilor Laliberte absent and not voting.

1. Citizens' Input Time – Before Discussion of Financial Matters:
Tom Santos, 35 Sullivan Avenue, Somerset, MA 02725 – Director of Community Maintenance

2. Continue discussion of the proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Municipal Budget as follows:
 - Departments carried over from the June 1, 2023 Committee on Finance agenda, if needed

- General Government
Elections; Veterans

Councilor Raposo requested clarification in regards to professional salaries, personnel services and building rentals within the Board of Election's proposed budget. Ryan Lyons, Chair, Board of Election Commissioners, gave information regarding poll worker compensation, the vacancy of the department's Head Clerk position and stated that there is a large location, United Methodist Church, which hosts elections for Precinct 7 due to the population size. Councilor Pereira complimented Mr. Lyons for the department's efficiency with mail-in ballots and early voting. Councilor Dionne asked for details regarding the line item for office equipment and Mr. Lyons explained the need for new desks within the office. Councilor Pelletier inquired about the plans for special elections or recounts if needed and Mr. Lyons stated that there is no funding for those situations within the budget as that would require City Council approval. Councilor Cadime requested information regarding the increase in salaries and a brief discussion was held between Councilor Cadime, Mr. Lyons and Seth Thomas Aitken, City Administrator, regarding changing a position from part-time to full-time and the three elections scheduled in 2023, which require more assistance within the office.

Councilor Raposo asked for more information regarding a vacant Investigator position within Veteran Services. Michelle Hamilton, Veteran's Benefit Agent, Veteran's Services, stated that she was still contemplating if that position needed to be filled and that her employees have been able to balance their work load while that position has been vacant. A lengthy discussion was held between Councilors Cadime, Dionne, Mr. Aitken, and President Camara regarding the decision to keep the vacant position funded within the department when it could be utilized in other departments. Mr. Aitken stated that the variable with this position is whether or not improved outreach to veterans will increase the workload within the department this year. Councilors Cadime and Dionne both expressed concerns regarding this and assured Ms. Hamilton that the City Council would not hesitate to re-create the position if necessary in the future.

Councilor Kilby complimented Ms. Hamilton on the events held by the City during Memorial Day weekend. President Camara asked why the line item for training went from \$25,000 to \$2500 and Ms. Hamilton explained that with funding from other sources this smaller amount was sufficient for required training. Councilor Pereira said she'd received calls regarding a decrease in the Veterans' Service's budget and asked Ms. Hamilton to confirm that the change in the budget was based on fewer veterans reaching out for assistance. Ms. Hamilton confirmed that the decrease in applicants was a factor in the budget adjustment and also provided information regarding the process of, and obstacles related to, sending required documents to Veterans' Affairs (VA) officials. Ms. Hamilton emphasized that the department was working on completing those tasks in a timely manner.

Councilor Cadime requested clarification regarding salary increases within the department. Mr. Aitken stated that the new Veterans' Agent's salary and the reclassification of a clerk had contributed to the increase. Councilor Cadime also requested data in relation to Fiscal Year 2023 performance measures. A brief discussion was held between Councilors Cadime, Washington and Mr. Aitken regarding the lack of available data and that effort would be made to obtain that information. Ms. Hamilton stated that the records were not easily available from

previous years and the staff is still working to organize that data. Ms. Hamilton also explained that the staff was consistently focused on phone calls, VA claims and Chapter 115 applications. Councilor Dionne complimented the work that Ms. Hamilton has done with her employees and asked if the department received any federal reimbursement. Ms. Hamilton explained that the office only receives state and city reimbursement.

• Facilities/Community Maintenance

Facilities; Community Maintenance; Engineering

Councilor Raposo requested information regarding the "other professional services" line item within the Facilities Maintenance's proposed budget. Al Oliveira, Director of City Operations, provided a brief explanation regarding earmarking that was needed to fund future projects that included designers, architects and project managers. Mr. Oliveira also provided clarification regarding the change in salary listings for certain departments after the reorganization that occurred in 2022, which moved some Management Information Systems divisions to Facilities Maintenance. Councilor Raposo asked about current vacancies that were listed and Mr. Oliveira stated that he is working to reorganize divisions within his department. Councilor Washington asked if any of the earmarked funding was for the Lewiston Street facility and Mr. Oliveira stated it was not and there was a separate section of the budget for that project.

A lengthy discussion was held between Councilors Cadime, Dionne and Mr. Oliveira regarding the plan to hire an evening custodian. Councilors Cadime and Dionne expressed concern regarding cost and benefit of creating this position and Mr. Oliveira stated that benefits of having a City employee in the building after hours include inspections and repairs as well as cleaning. Councilor Dionne also requested clarification regarding the vacant Cemetery Director position and Mr. Oliveira and Charles Denmead, Director of Community Maintenance, stated that they were reconsidering that position with the planned reorganization of divisions.

Councilor Dionne inquired about the future plan for eliminating business trash pick-up. A lengthy discussion was held between Councilors Cadime, Dionne, Raposo, President Camara, Mr. Aitken and Mr. Denmead regarding contracts with trash pick-up companies and the cost of services for business trash collection. Councilor Dionne emphasized that originally only 78 businesses were included in trash pick-up and that number has grown to 266. Councilor Raposo requested clarification regarding items that are considered recyclable that the City will accept and Mr. Denmead provided examples such as mattresses, paint, oil and the costs associated with accepting those items for disposal. Councilor Cadime stated that pending contracts shouldn't affect the decision regarding business disposal pick-up and expressed concern that there was not a specific opinion on this topic from the administration. Mr. Aitken stated that they had not yet made a final decision and the current contract negotiations included business trash pick-up. Councilor Dionne expressed concern regarding the new pilot cardboard recycling plan and President Camara requested information regarding when residents and businesses can drop off their recycling to the Lewiston Street facility. Mr. Denmead stated that this pilot program was created to collect data prior to making a large, city-wide decision, and stated that the Lewiston Street facility is open Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Councilors Dionne and Raposo both requested information regarding vacant positions within the Community Maintenance division and Mr. Denmead provided clarification on positions he anticipated would be filled this year, including the Community Maintenance Manager, which would be immediately below him managing the Solid Waste division.

Councilor Cadime expressed concern regarding the plan to reorganize the divisions within the department and asked the administration about proposed salaries. Bridget Almon, Director of Financial Services, stated that the salary increases within these divisions were a result of bargaining agreements and that there were no salary increases within Fiscal Year 2023, which is why a significant increase was noted in this proposed budget. Councilor Cadime stated that he was uneasy about changes proposed within the divisions and that it appeared inconsistent with recent discussions with the City Council. Mr. Aitken stated that any miscommunication was unintentional.

Councilor Dionne inquired as to how the Combined Sewer Overflow fees were determined for each division and Ms. Almon stated that all Department Heads were instructed to meet with the Administrator of Community Utilities to determine how to budget for those rates.

Vice President Pereira asked for information regarding composting programs and the likelihood of hiring a Purchasing Agent in the near future. Mr. Denmead stated that they have sold thirty composting sets and hope more will be purchased. Mr. Oliveira stated that he and another employee are currently acting as Purchasing Agents for the City and they were still searching for a permanent employee for that position.

Councilor Cadime asked for clarification regarding reductions in Cemetery Division salaries and Ms. Almon explained that the previous Director of Cemeteries had moved to the Engineering Department which decreased the budgeted salaries. Councilor Cadime also asked about the increase in the Parks Division salaries and Ms. Almon explained that the increase was due to contract renegotiations. Ms. Almon also stated that in previous years, vacant positions had helped the division fund salaries without increasing their budget.

Councilor Pelletier emphasized the importance of funding the Parks Division adequately and that lack of communication between the City Council and administration regarding American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for this division was an ongoing issue. Vice President Pereira also supported more funding for Park Division employees, materials and equipment. A lengthy discussion was held between Councilor Raposo, Mr. Aitken, Ms. Almon and Mr. Oliveira regarding future plans for helping the Park Division fund repairs and maintenance that is urgently needed and Councilor Raposo asked for a detailed update within the next six months.

Councilor Dionne made brief remarks about the reasonable budget proposal and very satisfactory service that had been provided by the Engineering Department. Daniel Aguiar, City Engineer, stated that has increased the proposed budget from past years due to necessary changes in funding.

Councilor Raposo asked for clarification regarding coin-operated traffic meters being changed to a digital format that accepted credit and debit card payments. Laura Ferreira, Director of Traffic, provided a detailed explanation of how the division is changing meters in high-traffic areas to the digital format and how the use of credit or debit cards has increased by 80%. Ms. Ferreira also stated that in lower-traffic areas they will keep coin-operated meters. Ms. Ferreira also stated that there are plans in place to install digital parking machines in the Route 79/Davol Street area once the project is completed. President Camara requested information regarding parking meter hours and rates in the city and Ms. Ferreira stated that those meters are active Monday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and the rate was \$0.25 per 15 minutes with a limit of two hours.

Vice President Pereira requested information regarding handicapped parking signs within public school parking lots as two were recently stolen. Ms. Ferreira stated that the municipal division assists the School Department as needed and that she would look into replacing those stolen signs.

- Administrative Services

City Administration; Management Information Systems; Law

Councillor Dionne asked if the administration had hired an Auditor. Mr. Aitken stated that they had not but are working with the Assistant Auditor to achieve required certification and training.

A brief discussion was held between Councillors Dionne, Raposo, Vice President Pereira and Mr. Aitken regarding the Library Bookmobile, funding and that it would handicap accessible.

Councillors Dionne and Cadime requested clarification on five contract positions (City Administrator, Chief of Staff, Corporation Counsel, Director of Financial Services and Director of Human Resources) that were receiving Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustments to their salaries and Councillor Dionne stated she did not support these large increases. Mr. Aitken stated that these contracts were all agreed upon prior to the removal of CPI adjustments and that there was a 7% increase with CPI this year, which is an anomaly.

Councillor Cadime asked if consultants were being used in any administrative departments and Mr. Aitken stated that the previous Grant Writer was providing consulting services to the new Grant Writer to assist with training. Councillor Cadime also requested clarification regarding the increase in salary for the Director of Human Resources. Mr. Aitken explained that the salary was lower when the contract was first signed and that the salary has been adjusted based on his training and experience increasing over the past year.

Councillor Dionne asked for clarification regarding "professional services" in the Management Information System. Tyler Antaya, Director of Management Information Systems (MIS), gave a brief explanation of different services that are utilized, such as new technology, software and cyber insurance. Mr. Antaya also provided information on his plan to consolidate funding into fewer accounts and the development of more online municipal services, including the MIS Department's use of ARPA funding.

Councillor Raposo asked for information regarding the development of a new City website. Mr. Aitken stated he expects the new website to be up and running by late summer of this year. Councillor Raposo also requested clarification regarding "service management." Mr. Antaya provided information regarding an outside company that controls any software updates or patches, while in-house MIS employees handle more day-to-day issues and troubleshooting. Councillor Raposo and Mr. Antaya held a brief discussion regarding updating the City to Microsoft 365 and allowing for digital access to forms and applications. Mr. Antaya specified that a new employee within the department would be assigned to any issues that arise with digital formatting of documents. Vice President Pereira complimented the work that was being done within the MIS Department.

Councillor Kilby requested information regarding the vacant Assistant Corporation Counsel position. Alan Rumsey, Corporation Counsel, stated that he was looking for a new graduate from a local law school to fill this position and that he has not yet filled this position. A discussion was held between Councillors Kilby, Washington, President Camara, Vice President Pereira and Mr. Rumsey regarding the low salary of \$65,000 for this position and how that will make the

process of hiring very challenging. Councilor Washington asked if this position could be changed to part-time and Mr. Rumsey stated that he has considered these options.

Vice President Pereira asked how much funding had been used for outside attorneys this year. Mr. Rumsey stated it was roughly \$183,000, and that funding included outside attorneys, depositions and legal experts as well.

- Financial Services

- Director of Financial Services

Councilor Dionne requested clarification regarding the large amount of consulting fees within divisions of the Financial Services Department. Ms. Almon provided a detailed explanation of the many new employees within all of the divisions and that when she came on board last year there was a significant deficit in training. Ms. Almon stated that the consultant was only being utilized for two days per week for about four hours per day. Councilor Dionne also asked for information regarding ARPA funding within the proposed budget. Ms. Almon stated that ARPA funds were being utilized as new growth went down \$1,700,000 from last year, Tax Incentive Financing agreements that would be adjusted this year and the new Durfee High School debt exclusion is expected next year. Councilor Dionne asked if Capital Improvement funding will be included in the near future due to ARPA expiration and Ms. Almon stated that ARPA funding was the most stable form of funding currently due to interest rate increases for borrowing. Councilor Dionne requested clarification regarding Ms. Almon's salary and the Director of Financial Services stated that she earns \$144,000 per year.

A brief discussion between Councilor Dionne, President Camara, Ms. Almon and Mr. Aitken was held regarding property tax exemptions for seniors and veterans and the delay in legislation within the state that would affect financial decisions relevant to those programs.

Councilor Raposo requested information regarding the "computer services" funding increase within the proposed budget. Daniel Lane, Administrator of Assessing, stated that Patriot Properties had recently issued a new version of their software and the City will benefit from updating the program that is used. Mr. Lane also explained that the "other purchased services" line was to fund bids for property vendors, vendors, outside attorney services, etc.

Councilor Raposo also inquired about the timeline for finding a full-time City Auditor. Ms. Almon and Mr. Aitken expressed confidence in the Assistant Auditor's ability to fulfill that position but explained that there is required training to hold that position and it takes three years to fulfill. Ms. Almon stated that the Assistant Auditor had completed one out of the three required years of training. Ms. Almon also stated that as of June 5, 2023, the Treasurer's office had filled the Senior Accountant position.

President Camara asked if any City Council Committee on Finance members had additional questions regarding the proposed budget for Department Heads and no one presented any further questions.

On a motion made by Vice President Pereira and seconded by Councilor Pelletier, it was unanimously voted to refer the FY 2024 appropriation order to the City Council for action, with Councilor Laliberte absent and not voting.

