

City of Fall River Massachusetts

Office of the City Clerk

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CITY CLERK

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ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

MEETING: March 26, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, One Government Center

PRESENT: President Joseph D. Camara, presiding;
Councilors Shawn E. Cadime, Michelle M. Dionne, Paul B. Hart,
Bradford L. Kilby, Linda M. Pereira, Cliff Ponte, Andrew J. Raposo
and Laura-Jean Sampson

ABSENT: None

IN ATTENDANCE: Christian McCloskey, Youth Services Coordinator
Bill Keefe, Executive Director,
Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission
Patrick Charles, Deputy General Counsel,
Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission
Michael Pasternak, Executive Director, Fall River Contributory
Retirement Board
Robert Camara, Vice Chair, Fall River Contributory Retirement Board

President Camara called the meeting to order at 7:41 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.

On a motion made by Vice President Pereira and seconded by Councilor Kilby, it was unanimously voted to take item 10 out of order for purposes of presenting the citations to the Fall River Youth of the Year 2023 Award Winners and Finalists, with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.

PRIORITY MATTERS

1. Mayor and confirmation of the appointment of Nicholas L. Christ to the Fall River Contributory Retirement Board
Vice President Pereira stated she is a Fall River retiree and that at the advice of the State Ethics Commission she was recusing herself for the discussion of this item and exited the City Council Chamber. A motion was made by Councilor Kilby and seconded by Councilor Sampson to confirm the appointment. On a further motion made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to waive the rules to allow representatives from the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (PERAC) and the Fall River Contributory Retirement Board (FRCRB) to answer questions regarding this item, with Vice President Pereira abstaining and Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.

Bill Keefe, Executive Director, PERAC, provided a summary regarding the rules, policies and memos that must be followed by all Contributory Retirement Boards within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Mr. Keefe also provided details regarding the events that occurred in both meetings of the FRCRB in 2024 and the lack of interviews that occurred for potential candidates. Mr. Keefe stated that there was a flaw in the process of electing a fifth member as the interviews did not occur. A brief discussion was held between Councilor Dionne and Mr. Keefe regarding the possibility of litigation regarding the lack of interviews. Patrick Charles, Deputy General Counsel, PERAC, stated that while that portion of the process could be litigated, the appointment of the fifth member is now the responsibility of the Mayor and the City Council.

Michael Pasternak, Executive Director, FRCRB, stated that he posted the application to the website and received information from two candidates and one candidate submitted a letter of interest, while the other submitted a letter of interest and a resume. Mr. Pasternak stated that there was an intent to interview both candidates but only one of them was available within the thirty-day window.

Councilor Kilby asked that the written response to this matter sent by the General Counsel of the FRCRB be read aloud for the record. The City Clerk read the communication into the record sent by Michael Sacco, Esq., Sacco & Collins, P.C.

Councilor Sampson asked Mr. Keefe to confirm that the Mayor and City Council now had the power to appoint a fifth member and asked for clarification regarding the requirement of interviews. Mr. Keefe confirmed that the Mayor and City Council are now responsible for the appointment of a fifth member, but also stated that all Memorandums sent by PERAC must be adhered to, which includes PERAC's interpretation of needing to conduct interviews, even if it is not specifically defined in the Massachusetts General Laws. Mr. Keefe stated that he disagreed with the correspondence from the General Counsel of the FRCRB, as it did not adhere to the requirement in the PERAC Memorandum regarding interviews.

Councilor Cadime arrived at 8:12 p.m.

Councilor Ponte asked Mr. Pasternak why these interviews did not take place. Mr. Pasternak explained that the Vice Chair asked the FRCRB members if they wanted to hold interviews and there wasn't a majority consensus among the membership to do so and as a result the interviews did not move forward. On a motion made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by Councilor Dionne, it was unanimously voted to waive the rules to allow the Vice Chair of the FRCRB to provide additional information, with Vice President Pereira abstaining and not voting.

Robert Camara, Vice Chair, FRCRB, provided his recollection of the February meeting, including a discussion regarding interviews and a vote that was tied to appoint a fifth member.

Councilor Ponte stated that the City Council's duty is to confirm or deny this appointment based on the qualifications of the candidate and that he was disappointed in the lack of adherence to the PERAC Memorandums during the search for a new board member.

Councilor Dionne made a subsequent motion to waive the rules to allow Mr. Camara to address the Council again but received no second.

On yet a further motion made by Councilor Hart and seconded by Councilor Kilby, it was voted 4 yeas, 4 nays to move the question, with President Camara and Councilors Hart, Kilby and Sampson voting in the affirmative and Vice President Pereira abstaining and not voting, and the motion failed to carry.

Councilor Ponte stated that the motion to move the question meant to end the discussion and that a motion was now needed to take up the item. Councilor Ponte made a motion to confirm the appointment of Mr. Christ, but President Camara stated that the motion was already on the floor. President Camara explained that calling the question meant that the motion to confirm the appointment was not before the City Council, but Councilor Ponte made a motion to reconsider, which was seconded by Councilor Kilby, and the motion carried, with Councilor Dionne opposed and Vice President Pereira abstaining and not voting.

On a further motion made by Councilor Kilby and seconded by Councilor Sampson, it was voted 7 yeas, 1 nay to confirm the appointment, with Councilor Dionne voting in the negative and Vice President Pereira abstaining and not voting.

Vice President Pereira returned to the City Council Chamber at 8:36 p.m.

2. Mayor and order transferring the sum of \$1,100,000 from the FY23 Surplus Revenue to School Appropriation

An amended financial order was submitted by the Mayor for the City Council's consideration and the City Clerk stated that the new amount was in the sum of \$1,062,707. On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to accept the communication and place it on file and adopt the order, as amended.

3. Mayor and order to accept a donation of fourteen (14) cameras

On a motion made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to accept the communication and place it on file and adopt the order.

Approved, March 27, 2024

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

Councilor Kilby exited the Chamber at approximately 8:36 p.m. and returned after item 5.

4. Mayor and proposed Fiscal Year 2025 Emergency Medical Services Budget

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

PRIORITY COMMUNICATIONS

5. Traffic Commission recommending amendments to the traffic ordinances

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Ordinances and Legislation recommending:

All readings with Emergency Preamble:

6. Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, handicapped parking
- Albion Street, West, 30 feet south of Downing Street
 - Hamlet Street, North, 22 feet east of Ridge Street
 - King Phillip Street, South, 447 feet east of King Street
 - North Underwood Street, West, 52 feet north of Langley Street

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

Approved, March 27, 2024

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

First Reading

7. Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, miscellaneous

Section 1.

Loading zones

Locust Street, South, Starting at a point 121 feet east of June Street for a distance of 40 feet east, 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m, Monday through Friday

Section 2.

Handicapped parking removals

- 18th Street, East, 150 feet south of Merchant Street
- Bay Street, East, 126 feet north of Pokross Street
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- Fulton Street, West, 87 feet south of Suffolk Street
- Grant Street, West, 178 feet north of William Street
- Grant Street, West, 190 feet north of Division Street
- Grinnell Street, South, 20 feet east of Arlington Street
- Hambly Street, West, 172 feet south of Globe Street
- John Street, West, 202 feet south of Morgan Street
- Middle Street, South, 144 feet west of Broadway
- Norfolk Street, South, 145 feet east of Fulton Street
- North Underwood Street, West, 136 feet south of Narragansett Street
- Oxford Street, West, 20 feet north of Pelham Street
- Pokross Street, North, 296 feet west of Bowen Street
- Pokross Street, North, 440 feet east of Bay Street
- Snell Street, North, 120 feet west of Dover Street
- Stone Street, West, 35 feet north of Lafayette Street

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

ORDINANCES – None

RESOLUTIONS

8. The Committee on Public Safety convene with the Administration and the Chief of Police to discuss the mitigation of firearm violence, any funding that may be needed to assist the Fall River Police Department with this challenging task and to provide public education on firearm safety

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

9. The City Council request that the Chief of Police provide an updated crime data and analysis report to the public as soon as possible

A brief discussion was held by the Councilors regarding the need for regular meetings with the Police Chief regarding crime data, attendance of community meetings with the Police Chief and the type of crimes that have increased in Fall River, specifically targeted crime. Councilor Sampson emphasized the need for available public data and stated that she prepared these both resolutions to address the concerns of all residents and business owners regarding crime and violence increasing. Councilor Sampson also emphasized that this crime data was needed to hold discussions and ask questions regarding this matter. On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to adopt the resolution.

CITATIONS

10. Fall River Youth of the Year 2023 Award Winners and Finalists

Winner

Emma McDonnell

Runner-Up

Eshal Zahra

Finalists

Eva Bhandari

Julia Hargraves

Elizabeth Kinnane

Rachel Lemma

Inez Medeiros

Maggie O'Connell

Ayla Roias

Vice President Pereira made brief remarks regarding Julia Hargraves and her achievements, as she was unable to attend. On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Vice President Pereira, it was unanimously voted to adopt the citations.

ORDERS – HEARINGS - None

ORDERS – MISCELLANEOUS

11. Police Chief's report on license:
Private Livery Driver
Melanie A. Nadeau

Second Hand License Renewals

Curt Barreira d/b/a Jimmy Jr's Tire Service – 729 Davol Street
EcoATM, LLC – 4171 North Main Street (inside Shaw's)
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Pool/Billiards License Renewal

Bob's Place, LLC d/b/a Straight Shooters Billiards (24 tables) – 30 Front Street

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

12. Auto Repair Shop License Renewal:

Wilson Frank Elias d/b/a One Stop Auto Center, Inc. – 697 Pleasant Street
Haissam Elazar, Inc. d/b/a Joe's Gas Auto Sales – 2608 South Main Street

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

Approved, March 27, 2024

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

13. Order – City Council Reappointment of Alexander Silva to the Community Preservation Committee

On a motion made by Vice President Pereira and seconded by Councilor Kilby, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order.

COMMUNICATIONS – INVITATIONS – PETITIONS

14. Claims

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

15. Anonymous letter regarding parking issues in the Danforth Street neighborhood

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.

16. Application for a License to Conduct One-Day Bingo – We Love Children Fund Organization, June 7, 2024 at 20 Star Street

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

Approved, March 27, 2024

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

17. Communication from New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid re SEMA 2 Projects Introduction

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

18. Drainlayer Licenses:
JB Lanagan & Company Inc.
Foley Excavation LLC
Bristol Pacific Homes, Inc.
Sandstone Construction, Inc.
Narragansett Improvement Company
ELJ, Inc.
A. Difazio Construction, Inc.

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

Approved, March 27, 2024

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On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Kilby, it was unanimously voted to take items 19 through 25 together.

City Council Minutes

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

BULLETINS – NEWSLETTERS – NOTICES - None

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Sampson, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:57 p.m.

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:

Agenda packet (attached)

DVD of meeting

Email correspondence from Michael Sacco, Esq., Sacco & Collins, P.C.

A true copy. Attest:



City Clerk

In City Council, April 23, 2024
Approved.



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MEETINGS SCHEDULED
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, ONE GOVERNMENT CENTER
MARCH 26, 2024
AGENDA

5:00 P.M. COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

6:00 P.M. CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON FINANCE MEETING (OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM MEETING IF IT RUNS PAST 6:00 P.M.)

1. Citizen Input
2. *Fiscal Year 2025 Enterprise Fund budgets for Water and Sewer Divisions (referred 3-12-24)
3. Transfer and appropriation

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

PRIORITY MATTERS

1. *Mayor and confirmation of the appointment of Nicholas L. Christ to the Fall River Contributory Retirement Board (objected to on 3-12-2024)
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CITY CLERK
FALL RIVER, MA

PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

March 6, 2024

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 an appointment letter for the fifth (5) member of the Fall River Contributory Retirement Board. Per MGL, Part I, Title IV, Chapter 32, Section 20 (4B) if the fifth member is not chosen by the other four (4) members within thirty (30) days after the expiration of the term of the fifth (5) member, said member shall be appointed in a city by the mayor, subject to confirm by the city council.

Your every consideration would be appreciated with this request. Thank you and as always, I am available for any questions or concerns you may have regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan
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Mayor

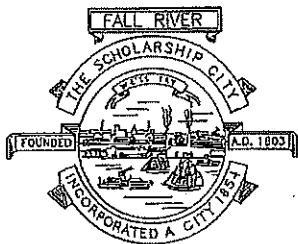
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CITY OF FALL RIVER
IN CITY COUNCIL

MAR 12 2024

*Objected to & laid
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with the Charter*

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**City of Fall River
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PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

March 7, 2024

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: Nicholas L. Christ

Address 663 Madison Street
Fall River, MA 02720

Position: Retirement Board

Expiration: March 6, 2027

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

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CITY OF FALL RIVER

IN CITY COUNCIL

March 12, 2024
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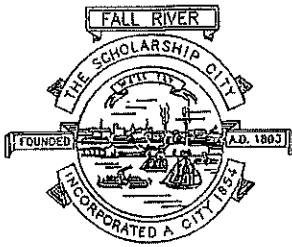
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FALL RIVER, MA

PAUL E. COOGAN

Mayor

March 15, 2024

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. \$1,100,000.00 That the sum of \$1,100,000.00 be, and the same is, hereby transferred to the SCHOOL APPROPRIATION from the FY23 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

March 26, 2024

ORDERED:

**That the sum of \$1,100,00.00 be, and the same is, hereby transferred to
School Appropriation from FY23 Surplus Revenue:**

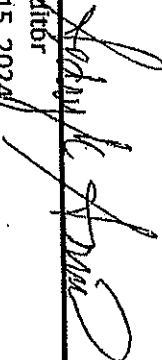
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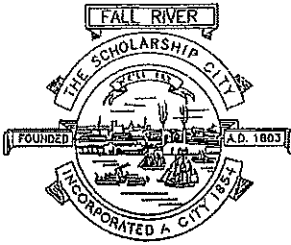
FY24 Appropriation/Transfer Number Analysis

Line	Original/Revised Appropriation	Amount Transferred	Adjusted Balance
FY 23 SURPLUS REVENUE	\$ 10,556,636.00	\$ (1,100,000.00)	\$ 9,456,636.00
School Appropriation	\$ 166,420,197.00	\$ 1,100,000.00	\$ 167,520,197.00

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



City Auditor
March 15, 2024



**City of Fall River
Massachusetts
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PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

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FALL RIVER, MA

March 21, 2024

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

Dear Mr. President and Members of the City Council,

Attached please find a request from Joseph A. Marshall, President of the Vietnam Memorial Wall Committee, offering a donation of fourteen (14) cameras, to be installed by members of the Vietnam Memorial Wall Committee and the Marine Corps League. The installation of the cameras will provide security to the Veterans Bicentennial Park.

We respectfully request your every consideration with this request.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan
Mayor

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 of fourteen (14) cameras installed by the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall Committee and the Marine Corps League, to heighten security at Veterans' Memorial Bicentennial Park.

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VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL WALL COMMITTEE

IN FALL RIVER

Mayor Paul Coogan
City of Fall River
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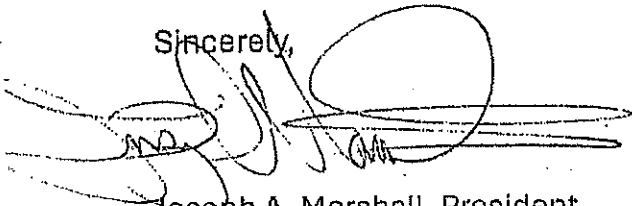
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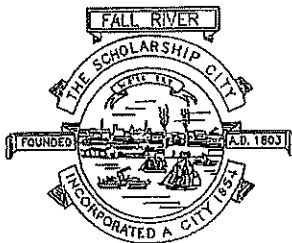
On behalf of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall Committee and the Marine Corps League, we would like to donate the 14 cameras' (all paid for) installed by us providing security to the Veterans Bicentennial Park.

The camera footage can be viewed via Advanced Alarms. Currently authorized to view is the FRPD, Joe Marshall, Bruce Aldrich, and Bill Desmarais. All four have been instrumen in maintaining the security at the park and would like permission to continue its surveillance as engaged citizens. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Joseph A. Marshall, President
Vietnam Memorial Wall Committee
PO Box 4210
Fall River, MA 02723



**City of Fall River
Massachusetts
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PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

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FALL RIVER, MA

March 21, 2024

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 the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) FY 25 budget for your consideration.

Thank you and as always, I am available for any questions or concerns you may have regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Coogan

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Mayor

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City of Fall River, In City Council

BE IT ORDERED: That the following FY 25 appropriations be provided through the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) rates under Chapter 53F 1/2 in the aggregate, amounting to \$13,735,000 be appropriated as follows

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

from EMS Rate Revenues, for EMS, Salaries	\$ 8,622,323
from EMS Stabilization Fund, for EMS, Expenses	\$ -
from EMS Rate Revenues, for EMS, Expenses	\$ 1,609,120
from EMS Rate Revenues, for EMS, Capital	\$ 220,000
from EMS Rate Revenues, for EMS, Transfers (Indirect Costs)	\$ 3,283,557
from EMS Rate Revenues, for EMS, Debt	\$ -

TOTAL: \$ 13,735,000

and that \$13,735,000 be raised as follows:

EMS Stabilization Fund	\$ -
Departmental Receipts	\$ 13,735,000
	<u>\$ 13,735,000</u>

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

Direct

Salaries	\$ 8,622,323
Expenses	\$ 1,609,120
Capital	\$ 220,000
Debt	\$ -
Subtotal	<u>\$ 10,451,443</u>

Indirect

Health Insurance	\$ 1,044,885
Pensions	\$ 1,132,652
Other	\$ 1,106,020
Subtotal	<u>\$ 3,283,557</u>

TOTAL: \$ 13,735,000



PAUL E. COOGAN
Mayor

City of Fall River
Massachusetts
Fall River
Emergency Medical Services



Timothy Oliveira
Chief of EMS

March 14, 2024

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

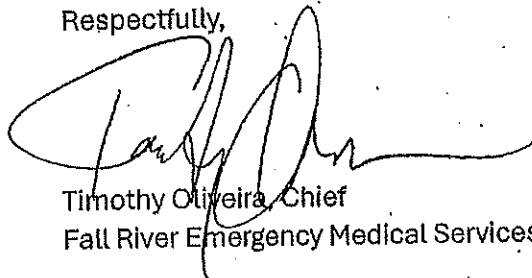
RE: FY25 Budget Submission
Emergency Medical Services Enterprise Fund

Dear Mayor Coogan:

Please find the enclosed documents for the above referenced budget submittal. This submittal meets the requirements of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53F ½ for submittal of Enterprise Fund Budgets 120 days prior to the beginning of the fiscal year. Further, Ordinance Sections 2-183 and 2-184 require that Enterprise Fund Budgets be submitted to the City Council by April 1st.

Our revenue projections are based on rate increases from federally mandated insurances, increased call volume.

Respectfully,



Timothy Oliveira, Chief
Fall River Emergency Medical Services

	FY 2024 Revised Budget	FY 2024 thru 03/31/21	FY 2025 Projection	Percent +/-	Support/ Calculations
Emergency Medical Revenue:					
User Fees	\$ 10,450,000	\$ -	\$ 12,500,000		
Prima Care Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
PCG Reimbursement	\$ 1,100,000	\$ -	\$ 1,200,000		
EMT School	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000		
EMS Vaccine Program	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000		
CPR Training	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000		
Shared Revenue with General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Transfer from Free cash & stabilization	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Total Revenue	\$ 11,550,000	\$ -	\$ 13,735,000	18.9%	

Estimate based on rates and historical collections

	FY 2024 Revised Budget	FY 2024 thru 03/31/22	FY 2025 Projection	Percent +/-	Support/ Calculations
Emergency Medical Services Salaries:					
SALARIES & WAGES-PERMANENT	\$ 5,497,874	\$ -	\$ 6,526,464		See Personnel Detail
EMS SHARED SQUAD	\$ 336,375	\$ -	\$ 336,375		(5) BASE, HOLIDAY, STIPENDS, STEP
POLICE DISPATCHERS	\$ 257,555	\$ -	\$ 257,555		(5) BASE, HOLIDAY, STIPENDS, STEP (\$51,511 actual)
FIRE MECHANICS	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ 30,000		EMS MAINTENANCE SHOP
LONGEVITY	\$ 34,250	\$ -	\$ 35,800		Compensation for years of service per CBA
PER DIEM SALARIES	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 125,000		Compensation for per diem employees to defer overtime cost
SALARIES - OVERTIME	\$ 350,000	\$ -	\$ 450,000		Compensation for overtime hours
SALARIES - SNOW / EVENTS	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ 50,000		Compensation for details
EDUCATIONAL	\$ 24,500	\$ -	\$ 30,450		Education Stipend per CBA
SHIFT PREMIUM - SALARIES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		Compensation for shift differential
HOLIDAY PAY - SALARIES	\$ 463,242	\$ -	\$ 546,393		Compensation for holidays per CBA
SERVICE OUT OF RANK - SALARIES	\$ 7,500	\$ -	\$ 7,500		Compensation for employees back fill officers
RETIREMENT BUYOUTS	\$ 75,000	\$ -	\$ 75,000		Employees severing employment
WORKER'S COMPENSATION - SALARIES	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ 30,000		Employees injured on duty
UNEMPLOYMENT PAYMENTS - SALARIES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
MEDICARE MATCH	\$ 87,175	\$ -	\$ 104,086		1.45% salaries, overtime, per diem salaries, snow/events
UNIFORM ALLOWANCE - SALARIES	\$ 62,125	\$ -	\$ -		moved to expense due to change in CBA
DUTY OFFICER STIPEND	\$ 14,340	\$ -	\$ 17,700		on call stipend
Total Salaries	\$ 7,394,936	\$ -	\$ 8,622,323	16.6%	

Emergency Medical Services Expenditures: Support/Calculations

	FY 2024 Revised Budget	FY 2024 thru 03/31/21	FY 2025 Projection	Percent +/-
ELECTRICITY	\$ 9,000	\$ -	\$ 9,000	
HEAT	\$ 6,500	\$ -	\$ 6,500	
REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	\$ 1,200	\$ -	\$ 1,200	
RADIO REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$ 8,000	\$ -	\$ 8,000	
RENTALS AND LEASES	\$ 285,000	\$ -	\$ 456,000	
WORKERS COMP MEDICAL	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000	
DATA PROCESSING	\$ 49,300	\$ -	\$ 49,300	
TELEPHONE/COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 10,400	\$ -	\$ 10,400	
POSTAGE/COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ 7,500	
MEDICAL DIRECTOR COMPENSATION	\$ 22,500	\$ -	\$ 22,500	
GASOLINE/ENERGY SUPPLIES	\$ 175,000	\$ -	\$ 175,000	
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 1,800	\$ -	\$ 1,800	
OTHER OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 195	\$ -	\$ 195	
PRINTING SUPPLIES	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ 7,500	
OTHER R&M SUPPLIES	\$ 8,600	\$ -	\$ 8,600	
CLEANING SUPPLIES	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ 1,500	
MOTOR OIL AND LUBRICANTS	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ 30,000	
PARTS AND ACCESSORIES - VEHICLES	\$ 148,470	\$ -	\$ 150,000	

Electricity for department buildings, charging of ambulances, and various equipment 1,500/qr

Heat provided for ambulance quarters/bays %per cu ft 3 yr average 5,633.44

Repair of printer, scanner, copier, stamp machine lease 174.17

For radio batteries and replacement, and accessories (increase cost for accessories)

(2) 98,000 leases, transfer van 180,000

Workers compensation treatment bills for employees injured on duty cardiac monitor/lucas preventative \$13000, insurance research \$14,500, electronic billing \$9480 (cost increase with increases of 75 over submissions, IMC dispatch program \$2,125, aldatee scheduling program \$7,057, old billing \$7,800

\$550 per month verizon/apparatus cellphones and nifi only, comcast internet service 25% = \$26.25 per month, radio license fee 25% = \$49.88 per year, mobile access to CAD and patient care reporting \$40.00 per month (6) =2,880.00

Cost of postage for medical bills, attorney correspondence, employee correspondence, certified mail, rental of postal machine 3 yr average \$1,776.66 varies postal increases

Medical director compensation 1855.00 per month

Gasoline/diesel fuel used in the medical rescues, department vehicles 6 MONTH 95,000.00, FY 22 122,914.00

Paper clips, certificate paper, staplers, printer paper, cabinets, folders, expandable folders for record keeping, staplers, computer mouse, note pads 3 year avg 1745.91

HCEA billing forms 46.00 per box of 500 x 4 boxes plus shipping 195.00

Printer paper, envelopes various sizes required for billing purposes, business cards, letterhead, RICOH OVERAGES-RENTALS

Repair of primer veins (NFPA mandated), keys, 25% of \$44.00 per month pest control \$132.00, EMS Gear per contract (3) \$2658.00 per new employee CBA

Custodial supplies for maintenance of crews quarters

Cost of routine maintenance of medical rescues ford products required to validate warranty, tires for general wear to meet manufacturer specifications, flats, antifreeze for winterizing of medical rescues (cost increase due to manufacturer parts required to not void extended warranty) 3 year average \$5,019.00

For medical rescue parts and accessories for the purpose of medical rescues 6 MO FY23 \$ 69,500-one time expense paint for rescues

	FY 2043 Revised Budget	FY 2024 thru 03/31/21	FY 2025 Projection	Percent +/-	Support/ Cancellations
MEDICAL SUPPLIES	\$ 185,000	\$ -	\$ 205,000		Medical supplies for providing patient care as per IFB, medications, cost of stocking new medical rescues, oxygen for patient treatment 3 yr average \$130,163.62
EDUCATIONAL SUPPLIES	\$ 625	\$ -	\$ 625		Protocol books, narcotics logs, station journals, stretcher repair logs as mandated by DPH, AHA Heart Association Updates 126.00 each (3) all levels
BOOKS	\$ 600	\$ -	\$ 600		American Medical Association 361.20 updated coding books, 325.00 Polk Directory 325.00 address, name research for billing purposes
DATA PROCESSING SUPPLIES	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ 2,500		Printer scanner copier ink 126.99 (3) \$381.00, 146.99 (4) \$588.00 total: 969.00
STRETCHER REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	\$ 6,000	\$ -	\$ 6,000		For the repair of stretchers, wheel casters, frames, mattresses, batteries, vehicle mounts 3 yr average \$7,271.73
OTHER INTERGOVERNMENTAL	\$ 8,500	\$ -	\$ 10,000		ambulance licenses 600 per year & 200 per vehicle (10) \$2,600, ambulance drug licenses \$300 (7) \$2100.00, certification reimbursement per CSA \$150 (20) \$3000, 850.00 CMED
EMS DOCUMENTATION PROGRAM	\$ 46,000	\$ -	\$ 50,000		EMS report writing program, billing software 30000/16000 CAD INTEGRATION
WATER/SEWER CSO CHARGE	\$ 4,500	\$ -	\$ 4,500		Water and CSO charge 3 yr average \$2,566.28
INSTATE TRAVEL/MILEAGE	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ 300		Parking, and mileage for travel, currently mobile integrated health care meeting parking \$39.00

	FY 2024		FY 2024 thru		FY 2025 Projection	Percent +/-	Support/ Calculations
	Revised Budget	03/31/21					
SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$	100	\$	-	\$	100	JEMS magazine (5) subscriptions 20.00 per year
MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE	\$	180,000	\$	-	\$	210,000	Motor vehicle insurance and malpractice umbrella insurance total \$129,683
CLAIMS & DAMAGES	\$	2,000	\$	-	\$	2,000	For claims involving medical rescues, and deductibles
STAFF DEVELOPMENT	\$	11,000	\$	-	\$	11,000	First responder training certification and AHA CPR training as mandated by law \$875.00, honor guard academy , EMS1 education \$6,500
CPR TRAINING	\$	12,000	\$	-	\$	12,000	Purchase of AHA CPR cards/plus training expenses/deferred by CPR Training revenue, EMS ACADEMY BOOKS/EXAMINERS
STERILIS SYRINGE DISPOSAL	\$	11,500	\$	-	\$	11,500	yearly fee (2) \$5,000, \$1,500 parts (potential repairs)
COMMUNITY VACCINE PROGRAM					\$	20,000	
CLOTHING					\$	88,000	AFSCME 1202 CLOTHING ALLOCATION \$1,000 PER EMPLOYEE (SWITCH FROM SALARIES/EXPENSES)
EMT SCHOOL					\$	10,000	NEW EMS ACADEMY
Total Expenditures	\$	1,253,590	\$	-	\$	1,609,120	28.4%

	FY 2024	FY 2024 thru Revised Budget 03/31/21	FY 2025 Projection	Percent +/-	Support/ Calculations
OTHER EQUIPMENT	\$ 175,000	\$ -	\$ 220,000		
Total Capital	\$ 175,000	\$ -	\$ 220,000	25.7%	
TRANSFERS TO GENERAL FUND	\$ 896,660	\$ -	\$ 958,592		6.8% INCREASE FY 25
TRANSFER GF - HEALTH	\$ 791,730	\$ -	\$ 1,044,885		FY24 ACTUAL FULL (990,440.84) (144,444)
TRANSFER GF PENSIONS	\$ 890,656	\$ -	\$ 1,132,652		
TRANSFER GF-SHARED PAYROLL	\$ 147,428	\$ -	\$ 147,428		Health, Pension (Squad & Dispatchers) \$48,836 plus 16.2 normal cost per employee pension
Total Transfers	\$ 2,726,474	\$ -	\$ 3,283,557	20.4%	
Total Expenditures	\$ 4,155,064	\$ -	\$ 5,112,677		
Total Emergency Medical Services	\$ 11,550,000	\$ -	\$ 13,735,000	18.9%	

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March 21, 2024

The Honorable City Council
City of Fall River
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Fall River, MA 02722

Honorable Council Members:

At a meeting of the Traffic Board Commission held on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 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
Birch Street	North	Starting at a point 291 feet east of King Street, For distance of 20 feet east.

Very truly yours,

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Director of Traffic & Parking

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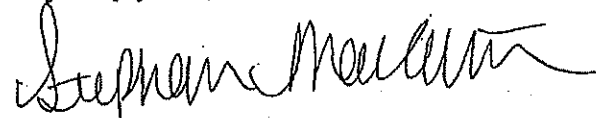
That Chapter 70 of Revised Ordinances be amended in the following Section:

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Section: 387 Handicapped Parking

By striking out in proper alphabetical order the following.

Name of Street	Side	Location
Cory Street	North	Starting at a point 106 feet east of Oregon Street, For distance of 20 feet east.

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Name of Street	Side	Location
Holden Street	North	Starting at a point 170 feet west of Fielden Street, For distance of 20 feet west.

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Article: 70
Section: 387

Handicapped Parking

By striking out in proper alphabetical order the following.

Name of Street	Side	Location
Lebanon Street	North	Starting at a point 67 feet west of Quequechan Street, For distance of 20 feet west.

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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
Prospect Street	North	Starting at a point 30 feet east of Barnaby Street, For distance of 20 feet east.

Very truly yours,


Stephanie MacArthur
Director of Traffic & Parking

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CITY OF FALL RIVER

To the City Council

Councillors:

The Committee on Ordinances and Legislation, at a meeting held on March 18, 2024, voted unanimously to recommend the accompanying proposed ordinance, accompanied by an emergency preamble, be passed through first reading, second reading, passed to be enrolled and passed to be ordained, with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.


Clerk of Committees

City of Fall River, In City Council

EMERGENCY PREAMBLE

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

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

City of Fall River, *In City Council*

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

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

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

Name of Street	Side	Location
Albion Street	West	Starting at a point 30 feet south of Downing Street, for a distance of 20 feet southerly
Hamlet Street	North	Starting at a point 22 feet east of Ridge Street, for a distance of 20 feet easterly
King Phillip Street	South	Starting at a point 447 feet east of King Street, for a distance of 20 feet easterly
North Underwood Street	West	Starting at a point 52 feet north of Langley Street, for a distance of 20 feet northerly

CITY OF FALL RIVER

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Councillors:

The Committee on Ordinances and Legislation, at a meeting held on March 18, 2024, voted unanimously to recommend that the accompanying proposed ordinance be passed through first reading, with Councilor Cadime absent and not voting.


Clerk of Committees

City of Fall River, In City Council

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

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

Section 1.

By inserting in Section 70-385, A, which sub-section relates to Loading zones, the following:

Name of Street	Side	Location	Hours/Days
Locust Street	South	Starting at a point 121 feet east of June Street for a distance of 40 feet east	6:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

Section 2.

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

Name of Street	Side	Location
18th Street	East	Starting at a point 150 feet south of Merchant Street, for a distance of 20 feet southerly
Bay Street	East	Starting at a point 126 feet north of Pokross Street, for a distance of 20 feet northerly
Brownell Street	North	Starting at a point 64 feet north of North Court Street, for a distance of 20 feet easterly
Cash Street	West	Starting at a point 87 feet south of Pleasant Street, for a distance of 20 feet southerly
County Street	Noth	Starting at a point 53 feet west of Roccliffe Street, for a distance of 20 feet westerly
Fenner Street	West	Starting at a point 200 feet north of Dwelly Street, for a distance of 20 feet northerly
Fulton Street	West	Starting at a point 87 feet south of Suffolk Street, for a distance of 20 feet southerly
Grant Street	West	Starting at a point 178 feet north of William Street, for a distance of 20 feet northerly
Grant Street	West	Starting at a point 190 feet north of Division Street, for a distance of 20 feet northerly
Grinnell Street	South	Starting at a point 20 feet east of Arlington Street, for a distance of 20 feet easterly
Hambly Street	West	Starting at a point 172 feet south of Globe Street, for a distance of 20 feet southerly
John Street	West	Starting at a point 202 feet south of Morgan Street, for a distance of 20 feet southerly
Middle Street	South	Starting at a point 144 feet west of Broadway, for a distance of 20 feet westerly
Norfolk Street	South	Starting at a point 145 feet east of Fulton Street, for a distance of 20 feet easterly
North Underwood Street	West	Starting at a point 136 feet south of Narragansett Street, for a distance of 20 feet southerly
Oxford Street	West	Starting at a point 20 feet north of Pelham Street, for a distance of 20 feet northerly
Pokross Street	North	Starting at a point 296 feet west of Bowen Street, for a distance of 20 feet westerly
Pokross Street	North	Starting at a point 440 feet east of Bay Street
Snell Street	North	Starting at a point 120 feet west of Dover Street, for a distance of 20 feet westerly
Stone Street	West	Starting at a point 35 feet north of Lafayette Street, for a distance of 25 feet northerly

City of Fall River, *In City Council*

(Councilor Laura-Jean Sampson)

WHEREAS, ongoing violence with firearms within the City of Fall River is a public safety emergency, and

WHEREAS, these tragedies negatively affect the emotional and physical health of those who are directly or indirectly involved, and

WHEREAS, community safety is one of the highest priorities of all residents, business owners and elected officials who serve the City of Fall River, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee on Public Safety convene with the Administration and the Chief of Police to discuss ongoing community efforts to reduce gun-related crimes, identify any funding deficiencies that are affecting the progress of these efforts and to review information that the Fall River Police Department offers to the public regarding firearm safety.

(Filed 3-15-2024)

City of Fall River, In City Council

(Councilor Laura-Jean Sampson)

WHEREAS, in the past there were reports provided by the Fall River Police Department to the public regarding crime data and analysis, and

WHEREAS, there have been no reports after 2021 posted on the Fall River Police Department website, or received by City Councilors, and

WHEREAS, there have been multiple violent crimes committed in the past few months in the City of Fall River, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council request that the Chief of Police provide an updated report of crime statistics to the public as soon as possible.

(Filed on 3-20-24)

City of Fall River, In City Council

ORDERED, that the City Council hereby appoints the following individual to serve on the Community Preservation Committee:

Alexander Silva

The term for the member shall expire on January 13, 2027.



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City of Fall River
Notice of Claim

2024 MAR 11 P 12:08

1. Claimant's name: Thomas Couel Cheryl ^{CITY CLERK} 24-25
2. Claimant's complete address: 285 Globe St FALL River MA 02724
3. Telephone number: Home: (508) 933-3207 Work: Cell (508) 287-3480
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
City Truck Hit our cement wall
5. Date and time of accident: 10-26-23 Amount of damages claimed: \$ 14,880
6. Exact location of the Incident: (include as much detail as possible):
285 Globe St FALL River MA 02724
7. Circumstances of the Incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):

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
Massachusetts property insurance underwriting Association

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

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

Date: 3-6-24 Claimant's signature: Thomas Couel

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

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

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

For official use only:	
Copies forwarded to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Clerk <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Law <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Council <input type="checkbox"/> City Administrator <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DCM	Date: <u>3/11/24</u>



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City of Fall River
Notice of Claim

2024 MAR 14 P 12:03

1. Claimant's name: Mary Jean Storing / Elizabeth Botelho ^{see a Hocl #5}
2. Claimant's complete address: 221 Ames St. Fall River, Ma. 02721
3. Telephone number: Home: (508) 674-5375 Work: (508) 494-9034
4. Nature of claim: (e.g., auto accident, slip and fall on public way or property damage):
Auto/SNOW PLOW ACCIDENT
5. Date and time of accident: 2/13/24 ~ 12:15 PM Amount of damages claimed: \$ 500⁰⁰ (DEDUCT.)
6. Exact location of the incident: (include as much detail as possible):
EASTERN AVE. FALL RIVER, MA.
7. Circumstances of the incident: (attach additional pages if necessary):
See attached #1
8. Have you submitted a claim to any insurance company for damages arising from this incident? If so, name and address of insurance company: ☒ Yes ☐ No
GEICO

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Date: 3/10/24

Claimant's signature: Mary Jean Storing

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To: Fall River Traffic Department

From: Danforth Street Neighborhood

Subject: Parking Problem

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FALL RIVER, MA

To whom it may concern,

There is a Serious Parking Problem on Danforth Street, between Pine Street and Cherry Street. Vehicles are Parking in driveways, very close to driveways, and sometimes halfway into a driveway, blocking access to the sidewalk. The biggest problem with the parking, is the residents of 34 Danforth Street. When we try to speak to them, they

Laugh and say "Tell it to the Mayor".

We would appreciate some HELP down here, Please. We don't need any confrontations.

Thank You,

Danforth Street Neighborhood

c.c.: Fall River City Council

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Via Email (city_council@fallriverma.gov; lindacitycouncil1@gmail.com; scadime.citycouncil@gmail.com; mdionne2019@yahoo.com; BradfordKilby@aol.com; phart@fallriverma.gov; cponete@fallriverma.gov; RaposoFRCC@gmail.com; laurajeannfallriver@gmail.com)

Subject: New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid's SEMA 2 Projects Introduction

Dear City Councilors,

I am reaching out to introduce New England Power Company (NEP) d/b/a National Grid's SEMA 2 Projects. The SEMA 2 program includes four individual projects which are described below. Detailed project information can be found on the dedicated website- www.southcoastreliabilityprojects.com/.

N12/M13 Double Circuit Tower (DCT) Separation Project

The N12/M13 Double Circuit Tower (DCT) Separation Project is a proposed reliability project to separate two 115 kilovolt (kV) transmission lines currently carried on one set of transmission structures. The 1.85-mile segment of overhead transmission lines to be reconstructed begins on the west shore of the Taunton River in Somerset (Riverside Avenue at Pottersville Switching Station), crosses the river to Fall River, and continues east in an existing transmission corridor to the Sykes Road Substation. The existing red and white river crossing towers – one in Somerset and one in Fall River - will stay in place for the N12 line. Next to each of those a Y-frame structure will be installed for the M13 line. In most of the remaining right-of-way, each existing green lattice structure will be replaced with two steel monopoles. One set of monopoles will support the N12 Line and one set will carry the M13 Line. This project is anticipated to go to construction mid to late 2025.

N12 and M13 Reconductoring and Refurbishment Project

The N12 and M13 Transmission Line Reconductoring and Refurbishment Project is a proposed reliability project to reductor (string new transmission line) and upgrade certain transmission line structures on an existing overhead transmission line. The project involves maintenance activities along the existing N12 and M13 115-kV transmission lines extending east of Sykes Road Substation to just west of the Bell Rock Substation in Fall River, a distance of approximately 1.75 miles. Maintenance activities consist of select structure replacements, installation of cross-bracing on existing structures, replacing existing shield wire with fiber optic cable, installation of new hardware on select structures, and replacing the existing conductor with new conductor. This project is anticipated to go to construction mid to late 2025.

Acushnet to Fall River Reliability Project (Line 114)

The Acushnet to Fall River Reliability Project is a joint project of NEP and Eversource. The proposed 115 kV transmission line will be constructed along approximately 12.1 miles of an existing right-of-way (ROW) with approximately 7.9 miles located in Acushnet, Dartmouth and New Bedford (Eversource) and 4.2 miles in Fall River (NEP). The new transmission line is proposed to be built on the south side of the ROW alongside an existing 115 kV transmission line. This project is anticipated to go to construction in early 2025.

Bell Rock Substation Rebuild Project

NEP upgraded the existing Bell Rock Substation, including reconfiguring and expanding the substation footprint, to accommodate new equipment such as switches and circuit breakers. The upgrade includes installation of a new 43-foot by 66-foot control building, and new perimeter fencing. Construction activities related to this project were completed in the summer of 2023.

NEP is committed to keeping residents, businesses, local officials, and community groups informed and engaged in the Project. We have an ongoing outreach program where we mail postcards and notices to abutters, introducing the Projects and the tentative timelines and providing periodic updates as well as contact information. Abutters and Town Officials will continue to receive Project information mailings throughout the Projects.

We have established a project-specific webpage at www.southcoastreliabilityprojects.com and community members can contact Project staff directly at our toll-free hotline number (833) 233-7277, or via email at info@southcoastreliabilityprojects.com.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these projects or would like to discuss them further, please contact Bethany Rocha via email at bethany.rocha@nationalgrid.com or call (508) 944-9699 or Todd Petrishki via email at todd.petrishki@powereng.com or call (774) 643-1871. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Bethany Rocha

Senior Specialist, Stakeholder Management

New England Power d/b/a National Grid

N12/M13 Transmission Line Upgrade Project

Updated Information on the Project

Hello Neighbor,

National Grid previously announced its N12/M13 Transmission Line Upgrade Project, also known as the N12/M13 Double Circuit Tower (DCT) Separation Project. This Project is a proposed reliability project to separate two transmission lines currently carried on one set of transmission structures from Somerset to Fall River.

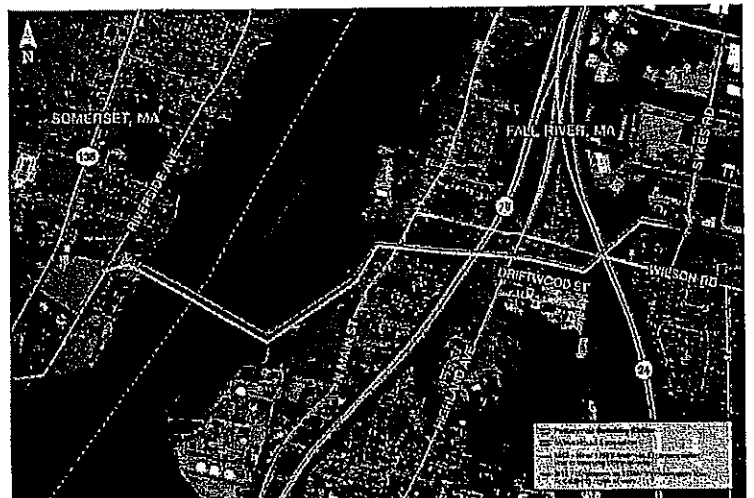
National Grid filed an application with the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) in August 2022 to seek approval for this upcoming project. National Grid has since been communicating with the DPU on questions they have related to the Project. In the meantime, we are continuing to work with other federal, state, and local agencies to ensure that the Project will be constructed and operated to comply with state and local standards.

Currently, construction is not anticipated to begin until mid to late Fall 2024. Our Project team is committed to ensuring that community members in Fall River and Somerset are kept up-to-date with the latest Project information.

We have established a Project-specific webpage at www.southcoastreliabilityprojects.com and community members can contact Project staff directly through our toll-free hotline number 1-833-233-7277 or via email at info@southcoastreliabilityprojects.com.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Bethany Rocha
Senior Specialist, Stakeholder Management
National Grid



Proyecto de Actualización de la Línea de Transmisión N12/M13

Información actualizada sobre el proyecto

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Hola vecino,

National Grid anunció previamente su Proyecto de Actualización de la Línea de Transmisión N12/M13, también conocido como Proyecto de Separación de la Torre de Doble Circuito (DCT) N12/M13. Este Proyecto es un proyecto de confiabilidad propuesto para separar dos líneas de transmisión actualmente realizadas en un conjunto de estructuras de transmisión desde Somerset hasta Fall River.

National Grid presentó una solicitud ante el Departamento de Servicios Públicos (DPU; Department of Public Utilities) en agosto de 2022 para buscar la aprobación de este próximo proyecto. Desde entonces, National Grid se ha comunicado con la DPU sobre sus preguntas relacionadas con el Proyecto. Mientras tanto, continuamos trabajando con otras agencias federales, estatales y locales para garantizar que el Proyecto se construirá y operará de conformidad con los estándares estatales y locales.

Actualmente, no se anticipa que la construcción comience hasta mediados o finales del otoño de 2024. Nuestro equipo del Proyecto está comprometido a garantizar que los miembros de la comunidad en Fall River y Somerset estén al día con la información más reciente del proyecto.

Hemos establecido una página web específica para el Proyecto en www.southcoastreliabilityprojects.com y los miembros de la comunidad pueden comunicarse con el personal del Proyecto directamente a través de nuestra línea directa gratuita 1-833-233-7277 o por correo electrónico a info@southcoastreliabilityprojects.com.

¡Gracias de antemano por su cooperación!

Bethany Rocha
Senior Specialist, Stakeholder Management
National Grid



ACUSHNET TO FALL RIVER RELIABILITY PROJECT

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Updated Information on the Project

Hello Neighbor,

National Grid and Eversource previously announced an electrical transmission line project, known as the Acushnet-to-Fall River Reliability Project. This Project is a proposed 115 kilovolt overhead transmission line to be constructed in an existing right-of-way, from the Industrial Park Tap in Acushnet to Bell Rock Substation in Fall River.

National Grid and Eversource filed an application with the Energy Facilities Siting Board (EFSB) and the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) in December 2021 to seek approval for this upcoming Project. The Companies are communicating with the EFSB and DPU on questions they have related to the Project. In the meantime, National Grid and Eversource are continuing to work with other federal, state, and local agencies to ensure that the Project will be constructed and operated to comply with state and local standards.

Currently, construction is not anticipated to begin until early to mid 2025. Our team is committed to ensuring that community members in Fall River, Dartmouth, New Bedford, and Acushnet are kept up to date with the latest Project information.

If you have any Project-related questions, please reach out to us at the emails or hotlines provided below.

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Email National Grid at Info@SouthCoastReliabilityProjects.com
or call 833-233-7277.

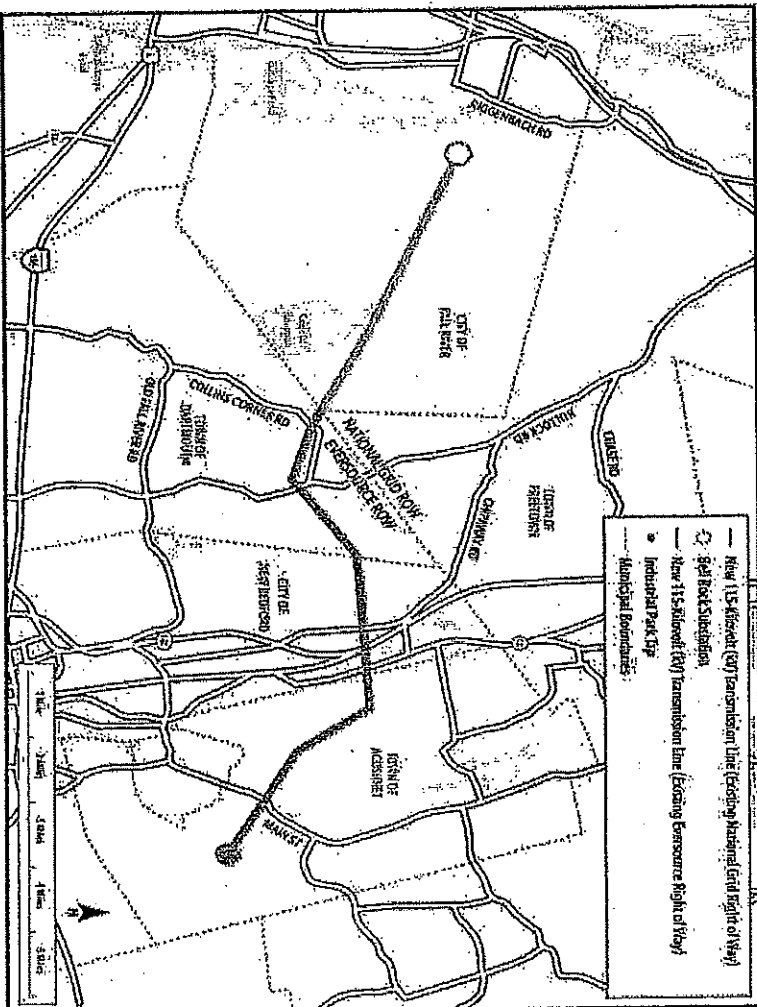
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CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARINGS

MEETING: Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 5:55 p.m.
Council Chamber, One Government Center

PRESENT: President Joseph D. Camara, presiding;
Councilors Shawn E. Cadime, Michelle M. Dionne, Paul B. Hart,
Bradford L. Kilby, Linda M. Pereira, Cliff Ponte, Andrew J. Raposo and
Laura-Jean Sampson

ABSENT: None

IN ATTENDANCE: Aaron Roy, National Grid Engineer, 1250 Brayton Point Road,
Somerset, MA 02725

The President 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 and that the purpose of the hearing was to hear all persons interested and wishing to be heard on the following:

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

Joint Pole Locations

1. Massachusetts Electric Company and Verizon New England, Inc, for one new jointly owned pole location and one jointly owned pole relocation as follows:

<u>Fifth Street</u>	One (1) new jointly owned pole location
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<u>Spring Street</u>	One (1) jointly owned pole relocation
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National Grid is proposing to install one jointly owned pole (Pole 8-1/2) on Fifth Street inline between Pole 12 on Rodman Street and Pole 8-1 on Fifth Street. National Grid is also proposing to relocate Pole 9 on Spring Street ten feet northwest of the current location. Pole 9 will move up against the sidewalk curbing and away from the building located at 557 Spring Street.

In accordance with Plan.No. #30880143

The President asked if there were any proponents, and Aaron Roy, National Grid Engineer, came forward and explained that the new pole on Fifth Street will allow utilities to be relocated to an overhead system and conductor, decreasing the burden on the underground system. Mr. Roy also explained that the pole relocation on Spring Street will allow for clearance near homes that are very close to the sidewalk and will improve safety in the area. The President then asked if there were any opponents, and no one came forward.

2. Massachusetts Electric Company and Verizon New England, Inc, for one new jointly owned pole location as follows:

Pearce Street

One (1) new jointly owned pole location

Beginning at a point approximately 185 feet east of the centerline of the intersection of June Street and Rock Street, install new jointly owned Pole 5-50 and install feeder monitors.

In accordance with Plan No. 30838722

The President asked if there were any proponents, and Aaron Roy, National Grid Engineer, came forward and explained that this new pole will allow for the installation of feeder monitors, which will allow services to read faults and voltage loss instantaneously. The President then asked if there were any opponents, and no one came forward.

Curb Removal

3. St. John's Holy Ghost Association Inc., 1975 Pleasant Street, for the removal of curbing as follows:

	Existing Opening	Curbing to be Removed	Curbing to be Added	Combined Opening Proposed After Alteration
1975 Pleasant Street and Fielden Street	15' 6"	12' 6"	0'	28'

The parcel is currently serviced by a 15 foot, 6 inch curb opening/driveway on Fielden Street. The applicant proposes to extend that opening by an additional 12 feet, 6 inches. The total opening for the location will be 28 feet.

The President asked if there were any proponents, and no one came forward. The President then asked if there were any opponents, and no one came forward. Councilor Dionne inquired as to why the location required a curb removal as the existing opening is quite large. Vice President Pereira stated that she had spoken with the applicant who had explained that a larger opening was required to allow cars to enter and exit at the same time.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Vice President Pereira, it was unanimously voted to close the hearings at 6:09 p.m.

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:

Agenda (attached)
DVD of meeting

A true copy. Attest:

Alison M. Bouchard

City Clerk

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MEETING: Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, One Government Center

PRESENT: President Joseph D. Camara, presiding;
Councilors Shawn E. Cadime, Michelle M. Dionne, Paul B. Hart,
Bradford L. Kilby, Linda M. Pereira, Cliff Ponte,
Andrew J. Raposo and Laura-Jean Sampson

ABSENT: None

IN ATTENDANCE: Seth Thomas Aitken, City Administrator
Bridget Almon, Director of Financial Services
Daniel Lane, Administrative Assistant to Board of
Assessors/Administrator of Assessing

The chair called the meeting to order at 6:09 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. Resolution – The Committee on Finance convene to discuss funding an Affordable Housing Trust
Councilor Ponte stated that the Mayor and City Administrator were supportive of the creation of an Affordable Housing Trust but expressed concern regarding the funding sources. Councilor Ponte provided a detailed summary of how this program has been established in other municipalities within the Commonwealth and the different costs that must be considered, such as insurance, purchasing property and property taxes. Councilor Ponte stated that funding sources could include Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, appropriations, and private donations. Councilor Ponte also expressed interest in holding a joint meeting with the Redevelopment Authority (RDA), as they may have funding available as well. Councilor Ponte emphasized that Lynn, MA, is currently operating this type of trust and that the city provides an excellent model.

Seth Thomas Aitken, City Administrator, stated that the Administration did support the endeavor, funding was a concern and that they were currently doing research on alternative sources of capital. Mr. Aitken also agreed that a joint meeting with the RDA would be useful for additional information. The City Administrator emphasized that the City of Fall River provides a

much larger percentage of affordable housing than the surrounding communities, and working together with these other municipalities would be beneficial.

Councilor Kilby requested information regarding the amount of funding that would be needed to begin the process of creating the trust. The City Administrator stated that that would be dependent on the tasks the trust would exercise as building homes would utilize a different amount of funds than maintaining homes and therefore it is challenging to provide an exact number. Bridget Almon, Director of Financial Services, stated that she will reach out her colleagues in Lynn, MA, to obtain a better understanding of the funds required. Councilor Kilby also stated that obtaining lists of current vacant property from the Administrator of Assessing would be helpful in the future.

Councilor Sampson expressed concern as this project may benefit developers more than future homeowners. Councilor Dionne emphasized the importance of housing assistance for both ownership and renting. Vice President Pereira requested additional information regarding the project before it proceeds, such as whether the related Board would be compensated and emphasized that the City currently maintains a large amount of affordable housing unit properties.

Councilors Hart and Raposo both expressed support for the concept and Councilor Raposo stated that he'd like to be provided with more information regarding the logistics of funding when the topic is addressed in the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation.

Councilor Cadime stated that the trust fund would need to continue to grow to provide affordability within the City. Councilor Cadime emphasized that, while housing in Fall River is less costly than other cities and towns, it is still expensive when analyzing prices throughout the country. Councilor Cadime also stated that a certain amount of affordable housing near the train station is a requirement of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority. A brief discussion was held between Councilors Cadime and Sampson regarding the limitations of real estate ownership within the trust.

Councilor Ponte emphasized the need to research this project as it will benefit the City and its residents as well as reducing reliance on the Housing Authority. Councilor Cadime agreed and stated that many cities within the Commonwealth, such as Boston and Lynn, are working on this type of plan which indicates it is a feasible project.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by President Camara, it was unanimously voted to lift item 3 from the table.

3. Resolution – Discuss real estate taxes and exemptions with the Chair of the Board of Assessors and the City Administrator

Bridget Almon, Director of Financial Services, provided information of the Municipal Empowerment Act, a bill that is currently being discussed at the Massachusetts State House. Ms. Almon stated that discussions are ongoing between the Administration and Attorney Matthew J. Thomas regarding this bill as it would give the City more freedom to change exemption requirements. Seth Thomas Aitken, City Administrator, agreed and stated that the passage of this bill would be beneficial to senior and veteran homeowners.

Councilor Dionne stated that the targeted goal of this resolution is to help senior homeowners and asked if a list of exemptions has been created since the last discussion that was held in 2023. Daniel Lane, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Assessors/Administrator of Assessing, stated that a list of exemptions is available on the City website. Ms. Almon stated

that since the meeting in 2023, the Administration has been working to change income limits, but the Municipal Empowerment Act would allow the City to do more once it is passed and would be more effective than individual changes within the City. The Director of Financial Services emphasized that the Governor of Massachusetts supports this legislation and anticipates that it will be approved. Councilor Dionne also expressed concern regarding the limits to reimbursement, which creates a liability for the City's funding. Ms. Almon reassured the Committee members that they are working to decrease liability and Mr. Lane stated when he began working as the Administrator of Assessing the City had 44 Appellate Tax Board (ATB) cases and that has now been reduced to 4 ATB cases, which will decrease the City's liability.

Vice President Pereira stated that the limitations on assets are the biggest challenge to senior homeowners as it immediately disqualifies most applicants and asked when they anticipate the Municipal Empowerment Act will be passed. The Director of Financial Services stated that an exact date cannot be estimated, but that the significant reduction in ATB cases has helped to increase available funds and that the Municipal Empowerment Act will provide more options to adjust these exemption programs, including their asset limits. Mr. Lane also emphasized that he has frequent meetings with the Director of Financial Services regarding the status of this bill. Mr. Aitken explained that Mayor Paul E. Coogan testified before the Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government at the Massachusetts State House supporting this bill.

Councilor Cadime asked if this act would change any level of income requirements. Ms. Almon stated it does not specify, so she will work to obtain clarification from the Massachusetts State House. Councilor Cadime expressed concern regarding the income requirements as any amount of capital disqualifies homeowners, including pensions and bank accounts. Councilor Cadime also inquired about the City's overlay amount for the taxes. Ms. Almon stated that the overlay is currently \$1,100,000.

4. Citizens' Input Time – After Discussion of Financial Matters
Nelson Vasquez, 210 Sunset Hill – Durfee Debt Exclusion

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Sampson, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:18 p.m.

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:

Agenda packet (attached)

DVD of meeting

Citizens' Input packet re Durfee Debt Exclusion


Clerk of Committees

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

MEETING: Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, One Government Center

PRESENT: President Joseph D. Camara, presiding;
Councilors Shawn E. Cadime, Michelle M. Dionne, Paul B. Hart,
Bradford L. Kilby, Linda M. Pereira, Cliff Ponte,
Andrew J. Raposo and Laura-Jean Sampson

ABSENT: None

IN ATTENDANCE: None

President Camara called the meeting to order at 7:19 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by a salute to the flag and announced that the meeting may be recorded with audio or video and transmitted through any medium.

PRIORITY MATTERS

1. Mayor and request to accept a Zoning Map Amendment for the Waterfront and Transit-Oriented Development District (WTOD)

Councilor Dionne requested clarification as to whether a Planning Board hearing had already been held. The City Clerk explained that a hearing was held, but per the zoning procedure outlined in M.G.L.Ch. 40A, §5, the amendment needs to first be presented to the City Council and then referred to the Planning Board for the scheduling of another hearing within 14 days of the City Council receiving the request. On a motion made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to refer the proposed zoning map amendment to the Planning Board.

PRIORITY COMMUNICATIONS – None

COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

ORDINANCES – None

RESOLUTIONS

2. The Committee on Finance convene with the Administration and the "For Youth Initiative" Coordinator to discuss current and future use of Bristol County American Rescue Plan Act funding as well as updates on the program overall
Councilor Sampson stated that when the "For Youth Initiative" program was first created it was planned to utilize Bristol County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. Councilor

Sampson explained that due to funding delays the original Bristol County ARPA application was rescinded by the City Council and the program moved forward with City ARPA funding instead. Councilor Sampson requested that the resolution be amended by striking out "Bristol County ARPA Funds" and inserting "City ARPA Funds," to reflect the correct source of funding. On a motion made by Councilor Kilby and seconded by President Camara, it was unanimously voted to amend the resolution by striking out "Bristol County ARPA Funds" and inserting in place thereof "City ARPA Funds." On a further motion made by Councilor Kilby and seconded by Vice President Pereira, it was unanimously voted that the resolution be adopted, as amended.

3. The City Council request that the Bristol County District Attorney work to have community service related to memorial repair and maintenance within the Greater Fall River area assigned to those who are found guilty of vandalizing war and/or veterans memorials

Vice President Pereira stated that Councilor Hart had spoken with the Bristol County District Attorney and a recommendation had been made to amend the resolution by striking out the phrase "compel the applicable court" and inserting in place thereof, "argue before the applicable court." Vice President Pereira also emphasized the pain that this vandalism caused to veterans within the community. Councilor Kilby stated that he supported the resolution but that the judge will make the final decision regarding community service assignments. Councilor Kilby asked if a letter could be sent to the Bristol County District Attorney regarding this resolution and the City Clerk confirmed that all resolutions such as this are sent with an attached cover letter. On a motion made by Vice President Pereira and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to amend the resolution by striking out "compel the applicable court" and inserting in place thereof "argue before the applicable court." On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Sampson, it was unanimously voted that the resolution be adopted, as amended.

CITATIONS – None

ORDERS – HEARINGS

Joint Pole Locations:

4. Massachusetts Electric Company and Verizon New England, Inc. – Installation of one (1) new jointly owned pole on Fifth Street and the relocation of one (1) jointly owned pole on Spring Street

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

Approved, February 28, 2024

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

5. Massachusetts Electric Company and Verizon New England, Inc. – Installation of one (1) new jointly owned pole on Pearce Street

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

Approved, February 28, 2024

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

Curb Removal:

6. St. John's Holy Ghost Association, Inc., 1975 Pleasant Street – Removal of 12 feet, 6 inches at 1975 Pleasant Street/Fielden Street

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

Approved, February 28, 2024

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

ORDERS – MISCELLANEOUS

7. Police Chief's report on licenses:

Taxicab Drivers

Nicholas Costa Judy Palani

Private Livery Drivers

Bruce Domingos Keith Tavares

Private Livery Vehicles

Keith Tavares – One (1) vehicle

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

8. Auto Body Shop License Renewals:

Joseph Silva d/b/a Joe's Collision Center, Inc. – 170 Jefferson Street

Paulo J. Medeiros, Sr., d/b/a Paul's Auto Body & Sales – 325 Oman Street

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

Approved, February 28, 2024

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

9. Auto Repair Shop License Renewals:

Joseph Silva d/b/a Joe's Collision Center, Inc. – 170 Jefferson Street

Antonio F. Pinto d/b/a Pinto's Auto Repair & Sales, Inc. – 2447 South Main Street

Naomi Soares d/b/a RS Performance and Repair – 1030 Dwelly Street

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

Approved, February 28, 2024

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

COMMUNICATIONS – INVITATIONS – PETITIONS

10. 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.

11. Open Meeting Law Complaint filed by Patrick Higgins re: alleged violation by the City Council Committee on Ordinances and Legislation – February 15, 2024

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

BULLETINS – NEWSLETTERS – NOTICES

12. Massachusetts Department of Utilities Notice of Filing and Request for Comments re Petition of Weaver's Cove Industrial Park, LLC for an exemption from Minimum Bridge Clearance Requirements with a deadline of March 1, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

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

OTHER POTENTIAL MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (if received):**COMMITTEE REPORTS****Committee on Ordinances and Legislation recommending:****All readings with Emergency Preamble:**

- 1a. Proposed Ordinance – Traffic, handicapped parking
 Earle Street Garfield Street Oliver Street
 Oregon Street Woodman Street

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

Approved, February 28, 2024

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

First Reading:

- 1b. Proposed Ordinance – Mattress disposal fee amendments

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

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Sampson, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:33 p.m.

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:

Agenda packet (attached)

DVD of meeting

A true copy. Attest:

Alison M Bouchard

City Clerk

JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

MEETING: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.
Council Chamber, One Government Center

PRESENT: President Joseph D. Camara, presiding;
Councilors Shawn E. Cadime, Michelle M. Dionne, Paul B. Hart,
Bradford L. Kilby, Linda M. Pereira, Cliff Ponte, Andrew J. Raposo,
and Laura-Jean Sampson

ABSENT: None

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Paul E. Coogan

President Joseph D. Camara called the meeting to order at 5:41 p.m. and announced that the meeting may be recorded with audio or video and transmitted through any medium.

The following School Committee Members were present at the meeting:

PRESENT: Mayor Paul E. Coogan, Bobby Bailey, Thomas Khoury,
Michelle "Mimi" Larrivee, Shelli Pereira

ABSENT: Kevin Aguiar and Sara Rodrigues

President Joseph D. Camara introduced Mayor Paul E. Coogan and stated that the purpose of the meeting was for the Mayor's State of the City address, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

On a motion made by School Committee Member Shelli Pereira and seconded by School Committee Member Thomas Khoury, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the School Committee meeting at 6:05 p.m., with School Committee Members Kevin Aguiar and Sara Rodrigues absent and not voting.

On a motion made by Councilor Andrew J. Raposo and seconded by President Joseph D. Camara, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the City Council meeting at 6:05 p.m.

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:

Agenda packet (attached)

DVD of meeting

Mayor's State of the City Address

A true copy. Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris Leite".

Assistant City Clerk

MAYOR PAUL COOGAN

CITY OF FALL RIVER- STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

Good evening, Council President, honorable members of the Council and school committee, State Auditor DiZoglio, members of our state legislative delegation, Sheriff Heroux, and Register of Deeds, BJ McDonald. It is my pleasure to be with you this evening as I deliver this year's State of the City.

Thank you to the members of our business community, city department heads, division managers, board & commission members and residents who are joining us tonight.

Thank you all for being a part of the extended Fall River team that works day in and day out on common goals and creative solutions to move our city forward.

I am also extremely grateful for my partners in government-

Our federal delegation - Senators Markey and Warren and Representative Jake Auchincloss

Our Governor Maura Healey and Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll

Our state delegation- Senator Michael Rodrigues and Representatives Carole Fiola, Alan Silvia and Paul Schmid

And our City Council, School Committee, and, of course, our city employees.

I also want to acknowledge our Public Safety team, Police Chief Paul Gauvin, Fire Chief Jeff Bacon, EMS Director Tim Oliveira, and EMA Director Rick Aguiar. Together, we continue to work to address public safety concerns within our community.

On a personal note, I want to thank all my supporters, my family and of course- my wife Judi- for all her love and support. She is my partner, and I could not do this without her.

As many in this room know, there is a new buzz surrounding Fall River. Over the last several years, we have experienced unprecedented growth and renewed interest in our community. The change is visible- with major residential, commercial and infrastructure projects going on across the city. Fall River is recognized for its potential, and it has been my honor to serve as Mayor during this important time in our history.

We have seen our “rainy day” funds grow from \$10 million when I took office in 2020, to \$26 million dollars today. That is an increase of over 15 million dollars.

Our Moody credit rating is at A3 (stable)- the word stable designates a positive change that reflects our improved financial health.

Working together with our Finance Team our goal is to continue to increase fund balances while paying down outstanding debt to continue to improve our future credit rating.

We know that the cost of living has been steadily climbing in Fall River, as it has across the country, and it is my promise to taxpayers that my administration will continue to do all we can to reduce the burden on them.

ARPA funding has been crucial to improve City services without increasing the financial burden on residents.

Of \$69M received in federal ARPA funding, all has been committed to

- public health initiatives,
- assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits,
- public sector initiatives,
- upgrades in water and sewer infrastructure, and municipal improvement projects.

I would also like to thank the City Council for working together with our administration to create a cohesive and strategic plan for the \$16 million Fall River received in ARPA funds from Bristol County.

Our new growth numbers have remained positive. There are well over 1,000 residential units under construction or in the permitting process. Revenue from building permits to date is over \$690 thousand which puts us on target to surpass last year's numbers.

For years the City has been faced with many abandoned mill buildings and other properties that were public safety concerns. These buildings-like the mills on Howe Street, Alden Street, Chase Street - are now being converted into beautiful new residential units.

In addition, the Community Development Agency has continued their efforts to add to the affordable housing stock with 54 new units that have recently come online. These projects will continue along with private investment to grow our workforce housing stock.

Our economic growth is due, in large part, to an increased interest and investment from developers, both locally and statewide. They see Fall River's potential and are investing in our future.

Investment is not just limited to housing. New and existing companies are seeking space in Fall River to build or expand their current operations.

This is thanks to our city's reputation as an affordable community with a top-notch, dedicated workforce.

For example:

InvaGen Pharmaceuticals - In addition to investing \$5.7 Million in their existing facility, they recently made plans to expand to a second location on Airport Road. This project is a \$20 million dollar investment that will create 30 to 50 jobs over the next 8 years.

Nantucket Sound Seafood officially opened its doors in the fall of 2023. They currently employ between 45 to 55 people at their processing plant.

Ice Cube currently occupies an 80,000 square foot facility on Current Road and recently purchased 24 acres of land to construct a new 200,000 square foot building. This new facility reflects a \$20M investment and will employ about 35 people.

Additionally, other projects in the works include:

SouthCoast Hospitals continued expansion and improvements

Taco, Inc's. expansion on Pleasant Street

As well as a new 100,000 sq ft business condominium complex on Ace Street

The renovation of a mix use building on Troy Street

In addition to, a number of small businesses springing up in all corners of the city.

To meet the needs of our growing community, we must continue to maintain and invest in infrastructure projects:

To that end we have received in the past 5 years almost 70 million in alternative funding from grants, principal reduction of loans or state and

federal earmarks resulting in funds our rate payers don't need to pay back.

We have moved into our new water maintenance building on Bedford Street and have completed the Wilson Rd Drinking Water and Wastewater station.

Plus- we have completed the replacement of 481 lead services last year, with an additional 600 planned for this year.

Approximately 18,000 ft of water mains have been replaced, that also includes at the same time we are reconstructing the street and sidewalks.

For 2024, my administration has committed \$3.9 million for road reconstruction projects and \$624k to complete sidewalk replacement.

We have also committed 2.5 million in ARPA funding to transform Oak Grove Ave and Jefferson Street, two streets in need of much repair.

Also, with ARPA funding we have added street sweepers, a graffiti removal machine, and infrared hot boxes to repair potholes and trenches in our roads.

And over 300 tree stumps have been removed from parks and neighborhoods throughout the city. The project will continue into this year.

Our parks have seen much needed improvements. The Coogan Administration and CDA will be adding new playground equipment to Columbus Park, and have already constructed new tennis, pickleball, and volleyball courts at Kennedy Park. Britland Park now has new basketball courts, pickleball courts and a brand-new fitness court.

Two of the biggest infrastructure projects in Fall River's recent history are the South Coast Rail Project, and the \$135 million Route 79 - Davol Street project, which will transform our waterfront and bring even more new investment into the community.

Except for the East Taunton Station, South Coast Rail construction will be substantially completed this month. The Fall River line construction has been done for some time but there remains testing to be done to ensure safe and reliable service. The summer of 2024 is the target for service to start. This project has been a catalyst for economic growth and renewed interest in our city.

The Fall River Redevelopment Authority received a planning grant from the state to help support the development of a master plan for 19 acres on the waterfront, created by the removal of Rt 79. The master plan will include proposals for housing, commercial and retail development, as well as parking.

We are already witnessing growth on our waterfront with two additional restaurants coming online this summer.

We are taking steps to improve the availability of transportation on our waterfront with the addition of trolley service and a water taxi. This will allow visitors to travel the waterfront and connect to downtown. The trolley service was made possible by funding from the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism and ARPA funding. The goal of the trolley service is to boost tourism in Fall River by highlighting the different historical, cultural, and recreational attractions that make our city so unique.

On the Waterfront, improvements continued at Norton City Pier; a dock system has been constructed that will accommodate up to 14 boats and that was funded in part by a grant from the Seaport Economic Council. The docks will be open for transient dockage in May.

The addition of three mooring fields at Northfield Point, also part of the City Pier property, will offer informal walking paths, places for recreational fishing and opportunities to sit and relax by the water.

The redevelopment authority is working on plans for expansion of the downtown historic district to include South Main Street. Documents have been submitted to the State Historical Commission to propose this expansion. A task force continues to work with our consultant to create this district.

A draft Urban Renewal Plan and Roadmap for Neighborhood Revitalization in the Flint has been in the works since 2022 and will be submitted to the City Council and state agencies for approval. Recommendations will be provided for addressing vacant properties, improving streets and sidewalks, new stores, restaurants, and improved housing opportunities on Pleasant Street.

The plans have begun with a major facelift for several storefronts on Pleasant Street through a storefront improvement program administered by Fall River's Community Development Agency. Rehabilitation of properties in the Flint are expected to yield over 200 additional housing units.

Of course, everything mentioned thus far matters little if our residents, business owners, and visitors do not feel safe within our community. Public safety must be a top priority and making certain that our public safety officials have the necessary state of the arts tools to perform their jobs is critically important.

I am pleased to say that the Fall River Police Department received the 5th Award for National Accreditation in November 2023.

In reviewing, the overall crime data for 2022 and 2023 crime has gone down 23.61%.

The FRPD have added 51 new officers to their ranks since 2021. In order to assist with the recruitment, the city in 2023 began to offer an incentive to cover the cost of training and equipment for recruits.

The FRPD has seen the full implementation of the "Body Worn Cameras". This initiative has resulted in the number of complaints being filed against members of the department reduced by 50% since 2022.

ARPA was used to purchase body worn cameras, tasers, camera systems and cell phone technology which has allowed the FRPD to keep our 10-year murder clearance rate at 100%.

Thanks to the federal (FR-CARA) grant the City has created the first ever co-response program (FAST) that provides a full-time mental health clinician and a recovery coach to work alongside the police when dealing with mental health or substance abuse calls. This has proven to be a very effective way of responding to mental health and substance abuse incidents. Having a professional to handle mental health and substance abuse issues has been essential in giving our officers more time to patrol.

The FAST Team has received 558 referrals for mental health or substance issues and provided services for 448 individuals.

With the commitment, compassion and dedication of these hardworking individuals involved in the battle against opioids, I am pleased to inform you that we have seen a decrease in overdoses. In 2018, there were over 1,000 overdoses- in 2023 we saw less than 500. We also have seen a substantial decrease in fatal overdoses, as well.

In July 2023, the city launched the first ever database that joins calls from police and EMS into one location to track the numbers of those suffering from mental health and substance abuse.

The City of Fall River received \$1m in Opioid Settlement funding, and we created a 10-person opioid advisory committee, made up of individuals from multiple sectors throughout the community. This committee will make recommendations to the mayor and city council about how to use the funds. My commitment is that the majority of this funding will stay with Fall River residents to allow them to receive the benefits.

Our Fire Department, like our police department, thanks to ARPA and CDA funding, has been able to purchase a new command vehicle, a new forestry firefighting truck, which will be utilized to fight brush and wildland fires in and around the city, while 2 new apparatus, a pump and ladder truck, are on order. Upgrades to firehouses have also been made to improve air quality.

The Emergency Medical Services has upgraded all ambulances with state-of-the-art cardiac monitors. They have also started an accredited EMT school to engage residents interested in public safety and medicine. EMS' community medicine team has also collaborated with our school department to create a vaccination program for students, the first of its kind in the state. This program has allowed enrolled students to be able to start school at a much quicker timeline than in the past.

Another partner in our efforts to better serve our community has been our school department. They have done a tremendous job adapting to the changing conditions of learning after covid, we are investing in better facilities and better resources to support our students.

First, I want to thank Superintendent Maria Pontes for her many years of dedicated service to the Fall River Public Schools and I want to wish her the very best as she retires at the end of this year.

Today our student enrollment is at 11,001 students, an increase of over 1,000 students since 2021. While other districts are losing students, Fall River continues to grow.

I am happy to report on the progress in our schools, which is all made possible by the hard work and commitment of the staff at the Fall River Public Schools every day. We are seeing:

12% decrease in chronic absenteeism rates

91% teacher retention rate this year.

609 Pre-K seats for the SY 23-24

64 positions added (over the last 4 years) to support the growing social and emotional needs of our students.

PACE Center is offering Parent ESL classes.

Family Academy Series is fostering relationships between families and schools.

Durfee's Early College program has successfully helped students earn over 2,000 college credits from our partners: Bridgewater State University, UMASS-Dartmouth, and Bristol CC.

Most of the students in the Early College program enter college 1-2 semesters ahead of typical students and are more likely to be pursuing higher education than the state average.

With ARPA funding, the Fall River Public Library now has a bookmobile. The goal of the bookmobile is to increase visibility for, and access to, library services. Reading is fundamental to our youth and having a mobile library is crucial to expand access to more of our residents.

Of course, we wouldn't be here today talking about these issues, without the brave sacrifice that generations of men and women have made to protect our freedoms.

The City's Veterans Service Office serves close to 200 veteran families and over 1,000 veterans receive VA benefits. The department has recently revamped the City's van service program, and has doubled the number of rides given, assisting over 1,000 people.

This year we added several events for our veteran community, making sure we memorialize our brave armed forces, and ensure that veterans have what they need around the holidays. We have also connected with veteran's transitional services to help with placement and employment opportunities for veterans.

Using Bristol County ARPA funding the City Council also allocated \$250,000 to create the Veteran's Assistant Program to help veterans in need with utilities, rent, transportation, and food.

The City of Fall River, like many other communities, still faces a whole host of serious challenges like identifying funding for the new Diman Regional, combatting homelessness, creating more affordable housing, and addressing the potential sale of our only for-profit hospital, Saint Anne's. These are a few of the administration's priority matters. But most of these challenges are not unique to our community. We will continue to look for best practices in other municipalities and will continue to collaborate with federal, state, county, and local elected officials to find solutions.

The State of our City is very strong. New businesses, industries and investors are choosing Fall River- bringing well-paying jobs that will sustain our residents for years to come. Our streets and recreational spaces are, one by one, being improved so that we may all live in a city we're proud of. Our recovery from decades of economic trouble is happening before our very eyes, and arts and culture is breathing new life into our community. Our schools are making great strides, and our waterfront along with our downtown and Pleasant St will soon be transformed.

I urge you all to trust in a brighter tomorrow for Fall River and to treat others with dignity and respect.

As we go forward, I once again promise that I will continue to work hard, act out of my deep love for this City and commit my administration to integrity and transparency. I will continue to turn to the tremendous leaders in this room for guidance and support.

I am truly honored to lead the City of Fall River and thank you for your relentless faith in my leadership.

I look forward to another year of growth and progress. Good night and God bless the great City of Fall River.

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARINGS

MEETING: Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 5:55 p.m.
Council Chamber, One Government Center

PRESENT: President Joseph D. Camara, presiding;
Councilors Shawn E. Cadime, Michelle M. Dionne, Paul B. Hart,
Bradford L. Kilby, Linda M. Pereira, Cliff Ponte, Andrew J. Raposo
and Laura-Jean Sampson

ABSENT: None

IN ATTENDANCE: Seth Thomas Aikten, City Administrator
Bridget Almon, Director of Financial Services
Al Oliveira, Director of City Operations
Timothy Oliveira, Chief of Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
Bethann Faunce, Deputy Chief of Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

The President called the meeting to order at 6:22 p.m. and announced that the meeting may be recorded with audio or video and transmitted through any medium and that the purpose of the hearing was to hear all persons interested and wishing to be heard on the following:

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

Curb Removal

1. Kilburn Place, LLC, 425 State Road, Dartmouth, MA, 02747, for the removal of curbing as follows:

	Existing Opening	Curbing to be Removed	Curbing to be Added	Combined Opening Proposed After Alteration
379 Kilburn Street and King Philip Street	200'	16'	0'	216'

The parcel is currently serviced by six curb openings totaling 200 feet on Kilburn, Charles and Tripp Streets. The applicant proposes to create a new 16-foot opening on King Philip Street. The total opening for this location will be 216 feet.

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

Capital Improvement Plan

2. Five Year Capital Improvement Plan

Bridget Almon, Director of Financial Services, provided a detailed presentation regarding the Capital Improvement Plan.

Councillor Dionne asked if the Center Fire Station upgrades would be funded by the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department budget or the Fire Department budget. Seth Thomas Aitken, City Administrator, clarified that both departments utilized the space, and the funding will be obtained from both sources. Ms. Almon provided details regarding American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and grant funding that EMS will be using to assist with this funding.

Councillor Ponte held a brief discussion with the Director of Financial Services regarding the benefits that may be achieved by reorganizing the EMS Enterprise Fund as long-term funding could become challenging in the future. Mr. Aitken stated that the EMS Department generates revenue and is only using their own funds at this time. Ms. Almon stated that EMS also currently contributes surplus revenue back to the municipal budget and the Administration is working to decrease borrowing and create a "rainy day fund" for future expenses. Councillor Ponte requested additional information regarding contributions to the funds that will be made by the public schools over the next few years and Ms. Almon confirmed that she will be meeting with the School Department soon for that discussion.

Councillor Sampson and Al Oliveira, Director of City Operations, held a brief discussion regarding the current state of the Lewiston Street Garage, the planned repair phases, and the limitations of current funding. Mr. Oliveira stated that the ARPA funds would only cover the first phase of renovation, which included a roof replacement, and that the Administration is currently working on developing a long-term funding plan.

Councillor Dionne requested clarification regarding the line item referencing training and crew quarters for EMS. Timothy Oliveira, Chief of EMS, explained that a city facility on Bay Street would be updated to include a classroom and dormitories for employees. Chief Oliveira also stated that, in addition to this location, the EMS Department would also be utilizing areas within Government Center for offices.

Councillor Dionne also requested information regarding proposed vehicle purchases within the Traffic Division, updates to the Jerry Lawton Plaza, renovations for the Old Nagle Auditorium and repairs to the Resiliency Preparatory Academy. Mr. Oliveira provided detailed information regarding the need for vehicles within multiple divisions of the Department of City Operations due to staffing shortages and increased tasks, such as parking meter monitoring and park maintenance, which require staff to travel throughout the city. Mr. Aitken explained that the Old Nagle Auditorium must be maintained as it will most likely be repurposed by the Administration. As a result, updating the fire prevention apparatus, and repairing the roof was imperative. Ms. Almon provided basic information regarding the repairs planned for the Resiliency Preparatory Academy (RPA) and Mr. Oliveira explained remediation for asbestos was necessary while replacing an old elevator. The City Administrator emphasized that the School Department was more apt to answer any detailed questions regarding the renovation of the RPA.

Councillor Cadime and Ms. Almon held a brief discussion regarding the Capital Improvement Plan and how it functions to collect all information regarding the capital needs of different departments, which are not necessarily funded in proposed operating budgets. The Director of Financial Services emphasized that the City is trying to limit all additional debts and will be

working to obtain added outside funding, such as Community Preservation Act and grant funding, and stated that the Administration is working to prioritize the needs of each department.

A brief discussion was held between Councilor Kilby and the City Administrator regarding the forecast for the next five years as there are fewer purchases listed in Fiscal Years 2027, 2028 and 2029 within the Capital Improvement Plan. Mr. Aitken emphasized that the Administration needed more clarity regarding long-term funding plans and stated that future department reorganizations may be necessary to assist with appropriate funding. Councilor Kilby and Ms. Almon discussed the risks within the economy going forward and that the debt payment for the new Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School will affect funding overall.

Vice President Pereira and the Director of Financial Services held a brief discussion regarding storage of City vehicles and the cost of renting versus purchasing them. Mr. Oliveira provided information regarding a plan to create a new garage in the future to store purchased vehicles. Vice President Pereira also stated that she does not support reorganization of departments as it has not solved funding issues in the past.

Councilor Hart and the Director of City Operations discussed inspections of parks and playgrounds. Councilor Hart asked if the City worked to remove any equipment that was noted as damaged or non-usable within the reports, and the Director of City Operations confirmed that there was no damaged equipment that remained within the parks. Mr. Oliveira clarified that the line items within the Capital Improvement Plan for park repairs, some of which were listed as being in "poor" condition, were not unsafe, but in need of remediation and upgrades to be Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant.

Councilor Raposo asked why Lafayette and North Parks were not listed within the plan for renovation funding. Ms. Almon and Mr. Oliveira stated that they listed everything that was provided by the Parks Division and will contact Nancy Smith, Director of Recreational Facilities, for further clarification. Mr. Oliveira also explained that he was working on earmarked state funding for North Park with State Representative Carole Fiola.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Sampson, it was unanimously voted to close the hearings at 7:21 p.m.

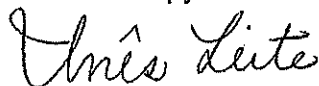
List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:

Agenda (attached)

DVD of meeting

PowerPoint Presentation re: Five Year Capital Improvement Plan

A true copy. Attest:



Assistant City Clerk

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MEETING: Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, One Government Center

PRESENT: President Joseph D. Camara, presiding;
Councilors Shawn E. Cadime, Michelle M. Dionne, Paul B. Hart,
Bradford L. Kilby, Linda M. Pereira, Cliff Ponte,
Andrew J. Raposo and Laura-Jean Sampson

ABSENT: None

IN ATTENDANCE: Seth Thomas Aitken, City Administrator
Bridget Almon, Director of Financial Services
Kara Humm, American Rescue Plan Act Director
Susan Cavaco, Coordinator of the "For Youth Initiative",
Boys & Girls Club of Fall River
William Kiley, Executive Director, Boys & Girls Club of Fall River
Mike O'Sullivan, Chief Executive Officer, One SouthCoast Chamber
Patti Rego, Executive Director, Viva Fall River

The chair called the meeting to order at 7:21 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
Cheri Antelo, 1276 President Avenue – President Avenue Construction

Councilor Kilby excused himself at 7:34 p.m.

2. Resolution – Convene with the Administration and the "For Youth Initiative" Coordinator to discuss current and future use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding as well as updates on the program overall

Kara Humm, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Director, provided a brief overview of the progress of the "For Youth Initiative," including a growth in student participants and vendors and stated that the program has used \$467,837.08 of the approved ARPA funding since its creation. Susan Cavaco, Coordinator of the "For Youth Initiative," provided information regarding different businesses and parents who have been enthusiastic about the program. William Kiley, Executive Director, Boys and Girls Club of Fall River, stated that this program has reinvigorated the small businesses who participate, that many of those vendors suffered during the pandemic

and this has been a tremendous help for them financially. Councilor Sampson stated that she has received a lot of positive feedback from parents regarding this program and emphasized that it provides experience in martial arts, dancing, and music, along with other activities. Ms. Cavaco explained that they developed a protocol for attendance as the applications for the program have grown to ensure applicants aren't missing their classes. A brief discussion was held between Councilor Sampson and Ms. Cavaco regarding finding new vendors, such as a girls' softball team.

Councilor Raposo asked if the list of vendors available to the public is up-to-date and Ms. Cavaco confirmed that the list is updated frequently. Ms. Humm stated that they will be able to provide more specific data within the next few months to show the most successful vendors within the program. Councilor Raposo asked if a list of enrollment numbers per activity could be provided soon, and Ms. Humm stated that she would obtain that data.

A brief discussion was held between Vice President Pereira, the ARPA Director, and the Coordinator of the "For Youth Initiative," regarding the qualifications and eligibility for vendors within the program. Ms. Cavaco explained that eligible vendors had to be in existence prior to, or at the beginning of, the pandemic. Ms. Cavaco explained that this project was planned to be funded by ARPA funding for two years, so they are working to develop new forms of funding. Mr. Kiley explained that there is a lot of data available right now regarding the general income of the families that participate. Councilor Raposo clarified that the list he was looking to obtain was simply regarding enrollment numbers, not the income level of those who apply to the program.

3. Resolution – Convene with the City Administrator, representatives from One SouthCoast Chamber of Commerce and Viva Fall River to discuss how ARPA funding has been, and will be, utilized going forward and a presentation be made of all ARPA funded projects by the Administration

Kara Humm, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Director, provided a summary regarding the total of ARPA funding that was received and issued by the City, different forms of obligation for the funding and the fund utilization deadline of December 31, 2026. Ms. Humm stated that there is currently \$5,600,000 remaining to be used for ARPA funding. The ARPA Director also emphasized that not all cities and towns allowed outside organizations to utilize this funding, but the City of Fall River has, and local businesses have benefited from this as well. A brief discussion was held between Councilor Dionne, Ms. Humm and Seth Thomas Aitken, City Administrator, regarding the use of ARPA funding for the Fire Department's Premium Pay Agreement. The City Administrator clarified that the final agreement should be presented to the City Council within the next few weeks.

Patti Rego, Executive Director, Viva Fall River, provided a detailed PowerPoint presentation regarding marketing strategies, events and advertisements to promote travel and tourism within the City of Fall River. Ms. Rego also gave a brief description of data collection that is occurring to determine the best way to promote the region.

Councilor Raposo expressed support for Viva Fall River and the work they have been doing to market restaurants and events. Councilor Sampson requested more information regarding the collected data and Ms. Rego explained they will have the full report from the strategic tourism plan in late August. The Executive Director of Viva Fall River explained that the development of the waterfront area where Route 79 was demolished will allow for additional economic growth, such as a hotel. Ms. Rego provided information regarding her work with the Tourism Advisory Committee as well as the City's Administration. A brief discussion was held between Councilor

Sampson and Ms. Rego regarding providing future documentation of all ARPA funding utilization.

Vice President Pereira emphasized the need for independent advertising for Fall River. Mike O'Sullivan, Chief Executive Officer, One SouthCoast Chamber, explained that while similar events occur in nearby municipalities, such as New Bedford, they are not operated by the same companies or vendors. Vice President Pereira requested clarification regarding current billboard use on highways and Ms. Rego stated that they have used advertising boards on Interstate 95, Interstate 495, Interstate 195 and Route 24, and Mr. O'Sullivan stated that they work within a 30-to-60-mile radius of Fall River. Mr. O'Sullivan also provided a summary of the future use of the City Tourist Trolley, which will operate on the weekends from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Vice President Pereira emphasized the need for teamwork between different tourism and event planning organizations.

Councilor Raposo asked the City Administrator if there was a plan to sustain the economic development and tourism that these organizations have worked to achieve. Mr. Aitken stated that this topic is discussed frequently but there is not a current funding plan that he is able to discuss, but he is hopeful that the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget will include additional funding.

Councilor Ponte requested that Ms. Humm provide a list regarding all remaining and available ARPA funding and the ARPA Director confirmed she would provide that documentation.

4. Transfer and appropriation
No discussion was held.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Sampson, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:47 p.m.

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:

Agenda packet (attached)
DVD of meeting
PowerPoint presentation re: Viva Fall River
ARPA Funding Data Sheet


Clerk of Committees

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

MEETING: Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, One Government Center

PRESENT: President Joseph D. Camara, presiding;
Councilors Shawn E. Cadime, Michelle M. Dionne, Paul B. Hart,
Linda M. Pereira, Cliff Ponte, Andrew J. Raposo
and Laura-Jean Sampson

ABSENT: Councilor Bradford L. Kilby

IN ATTENDANCE: Seth Thomas Aitken, City Administrator

President Camara called the meeting to order at 8:49 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.

On a motion made by Councilor Dionne and seconded by Councilor Cadime, it was unanimously voted to take items 8 and 10 out of order, with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

PRIORITY MATTERS

8. Mayor and proposed Fiscal Year 2025 Enterprise Fund budgets for Water and Sewer Divisions and proposed ordinances for Fiscal Year 2025 Water and Sewer rates.

On a motion made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to refer the proposed budgets to the Committee on Finance and to refer the proposed ordinances to the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation, with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting. On a further motion made by Councilor Cadime and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted that the Mayor's communication be accepted and placed on file, with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

10. Mayor and order transferring the sum of \$149,000 from the EMS Stabilization Fund to EMS Expenses

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

1. Mayor and confirmation of the reappointment of Mario Lucciola to the Planning Board
On a motion made by Vice President Pereira and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to confirm the reappointment, with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

2. Mayor and confirmation of the reappointment of William J. Walker to the Council on Aging

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

3. Mayor and confirmation of the appointment of Paul M. Sousa to the Sewer Commission
On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to confirm the appointment, with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

4. Mayor and confirmation of the appointment of Nicholas L. Christ to the Fall River Contributory Retirement Board

Vice President Pereira stated she is a retiree and that at the advice of the State Ethics Commission she was recusing herself for the discussion of this item and exited the City Council Chamber. A motion was made by Councilor Sampson and seconded by Councilor Hart to confirm the appointment. Councilor Dionne stated that there have been differences of opinion regarding the legality of this appointment and made a further motion to table the item but received no second. Councilor Ponte stated that additional information was needed before he could vote in favor of this appointment due to different interpretations of the state statute regarding the timeline of the expiring member's appointment, the votes taken by the Fall River Contributory Retirement Board (Retirement Board), and this mayoral appointment.

The Assistant City Clerk explained that the fifth board member's term expired on January 30, 2024, and that the Retirement Board had 30 days from that date to choose a fifth member. At the January 31, 2024 meeting of the Retirement Board, there was a tie vote for the expiring member, Mr. Viana, and that at the February 28, 2024 meeting, a Mr. Spellman was nominated for the position, but resulted in a tie vote as well. On a motion made by Councilor Sampson and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to waive the rules to allow the City Administrator to answer questions. Seth Thomas Aitken, City Administrator, explained that M.G.L., Part 1, Title IV, Ch. 32, §20 (4b), states "If the fifth member is not chosen by the other four members within thirty days after the expiration of the term of the fifth member, said member shall be appointed in a city by the mayor." Mr. Aitken stated that the mayoral appointment was in accordance with this statute as the fifth member's term had expired on January 30, 2024, and a replacement had not been chosen by the board within the thirty-day period.

On a motion made by Councilor Ponte and seconded by Councilor Dionne, it was voted 3 yeas, 4 nays to table the item, with Councilors Dionne, Ponte and Raposo voting in the affirmative, Councilor Kilby absent and Vice President Pereira abstaining and not voting, and the motion failed to carry. On the earlier motion made by Councilor Sampson and seconded by Councilor Hart to confirm the appointment, President Camara requested a roll call vote. Councilor Cadime voted in the affirmative and Councilor Dionne objected to the motion, with Councilor Kilby absent and Vice President Pereira abstaining and not voting. As a result, the matter was laid on the table in accordance with the Charter.

5. Mayor and notification of the Planning Board's appointment of Michael Farias as the Planning Board designee to the Community Preservation Committee

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

6. Mayor and order to accept a donation of lumber and materials from the Appalachian Mountain Club, Southeastern Massachusetts Chapter, for four (4) picnic tables at the Watuppa Reservation Headquarters and the Bioreserve Loop Trail trailhead at the Blossom Brook Parking Area

Vice President Pereira requested that a letter of thanks be sent to the Appalachian Mountain Club for their donation, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. On a motion made by Councilor Raposo 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 Kilby absent and not voting.

Approved, March 13, 2024

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

7. Mayor and order to accept a donation of a 40" x 30" painting of the Fall River Carousel Horses from Lincoln Park by Sheila Oliveira to the Fall River Public Library

Vice President Pereira made brief remarks commending Sheila Oliveira, her artwork, and her contributions to the community and requested that a letter of thanks be sent to the artist for her donation, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. On a motion made by Councilor Raposo 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 Kilby absent and not voting.

Approved, March 13, 2024

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

9. Mayor and proposal for Bristol County ARPA funding in the amount of \$10,000 to support veterans and their families by providing behavioral health outreach through forums, presentations, and resources

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

PRIORITY COMMUNICATIONS

11. Traffic Commission recommending amendments to the traffic ordinances
A brief discussion was held between Vice President Pereira and Councilor Dionne regarding the process of removing handicapped parking spaces from the Traffic ordinances and that these spaces are not reserved for specific individuals, but for any resident with the required permit. On a motion made by Vice President Pereira and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to refer the recommendations to the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation, with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Health and Environmental Affairs recommending:

Referral to Corporation Counsel:

12. Resolution – Discussion of public health concerns regarding homeless encampments
On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to refer the resolution to Corporation Counsel, with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

Committee on Public Works and Transportation recommending:

Grant Leave to Withdraw:

13. Communication – Water bill and request for review re: 57 Duke Street

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Dionne, it was unanimously voted that the communication be granted leave to withdraw, with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

14. Resolution – Convene with Administrator of Community Utilities to discuss solutions to flooding issues on Anderson Street

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Dionne, it was unanimously voted that the communication be granted leave to withdraw, with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

15. Resolution – Discuss flooding issues re: 50 Anderson Street

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Dionne, it was unanimously voted that the communication be granted leave to withdraw, with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

ORDINANCES

Second Reading and Enrollment:

16. Proposed Ordinance – Mattress disposal fee amendment

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

Approved, March 13, 2024

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

RESOLUTIONS

17. Capital Improvement Plan be approved by the City Council

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

Approved, March 13, 2024

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

18. Committee on Public Works and Transportation and the Administrator of Community Utilities convene quarterly to discuss updates regarding the progress of the South Watuppa Pond Quality Restoration Program

Councilor Raposo stated this resolution will be replacing those that were granted leave to withdraw regarding flooding in the Anderson Street area. He stated that the Administrator of Community Utilities had provided a detailed summary of the South Watuppa Pond Quality Restoration Program and going forward, the Committee on Public Works and Transportation would like quarterly updates regarding its progress as it will benefit the Anderson Street neighborhood. On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted to adopt the resolution, with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

CITATIONS – None

ORDERS – HEARINGS

Curb Removal:

19. Kilburn Place, LLC, 425 State Road, Dartmouth, MA, 02747 – Removal of 16 feet at 379 Kilburn Street/King Philip Street

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

Approved, March 13, 2024

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

ORDERS – MISCELLANEOUS

20. **Police Chief's report on licenses:**

Taxicab Drivers

Anthony J. Camara, Jr. David Eastman Lyndsey Pacheco

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

21. Fall River Taxi Service, Inc. – New Taxicab Vehicle Applications for License Nos. 1, 18 and 19

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

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Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

22. **Auto Repair Shop License Renewals:**

Antonio DeCouto d/b/a Tony's Towing and Auto Repair – 69 Napoleon Street

Joseph Silva d/b/a Supreme Auto – 421 Third Street

Vice President Pereira made brief remarks regarding overdue bills that are currently being addressed by the property owner of 69 Napoleon Street, who is the landlord but not the auto repair shop business owner. On a motion made by Vice President Pereira and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order for the business located at 421 Third Street and to adopt the order for the business located at 69 Napoleon Street, pending payment of the outstanding taxes, with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

Approved, March 13, 2024

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

COMMUNICATIONS – INVITATIONS – PETITIONS

23. Claims

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

24. Assistant Corporation Counsel Response to Open Meeting Law complaint filed by Patrick Higgins re: February 15, 2024, alleged violation by the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation

The Council President asked whether the City Council was found in violation of the alleged violation. The Assistant City Clerk stated that the response from Assistant Corporation Counsel provided a legal opinion that the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation had not violated the Open Meeting Law. On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Hart, it was unanimously voted that the communication be accepted and placed on file, with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

25. Drainlayer License – LAL Construction, Co. Inc.

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

Approved, March 13, 2024

Paul E. Coogan, Mayor

On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Vice President Pereira, it was unanimously voted to take items 26 through 28 together, with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

City Council Minutes

26. Joint Meeting of the Committee on Finance
and Board of Park Commissioners – February 15, 2024

27. Committee on Finance – February 15, 2024

28. Regular Meeting of the City Council – February 15, 2024

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

BULLETINS – NEWSLETTERS – NOTICES

29. Dept. of Public Utilities Notices of Public Hearings and Requests for Comments re:

- a. Petition of Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp. d/b/a Liberty for authorization and approval: (1) to issue long-term debt in an amount not to exceed \$165 million pursuant to G.L. c. 164 § 14; and (2) for an exemption from the competitive solicitation and advertising requirements of G.L. c. 164 § 15
- b. Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid, for Approval of a Mid-Term Modification to its 2022-2024 Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plan
- c. Petition of Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid for Approval of a Mid-Term Modification to its 2022-2024 Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plan

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

A brief recess was held from 9:17 p.m. to 9:19 p.m. for purposes of signing the proposed ordinance for ordination.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Cadime, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:19 p.m., with Councilor Kilby absent and not voting.

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:

Agenda packet (attached)

DVD of meeting

A true copy. Attest:

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Assistant City Clerk



City of Fall River Massachusetts
Office of the City Clerk

ALISON M. BOUCHARD
CITY CLERK

INÊS LEITE
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

March 19, 2024

Sheila Oliveira
20 Hickory Lane
Westport, MA 02790

Dear Ms. Oliveira,

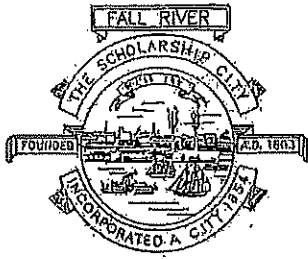
At a Regular Meeting of the City Council held on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, a request was made to forward a letter of thanks to you. Your generous donation of the painting of the Fall River Carousel Horses from Lincoln Park to the Fall River Public Library is greatly appreciated.

The donation of your artwork provides a colorful and eye-catching reminder that the Lincoln Park Carousel, now located at Battleship Cove, continues to delight all visitors - both young and old. On behalf of the Fall River City Council, please accept our sincerest gratitude.

Sincerely,

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Assistant City Clerk

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March 19, 2024

Paul Brookes
AMC-SEM Chapter Chair
188 W. Canton St.
Boston, MA, 02116

Mr. Brookes,

At a Regular Meeting of the City Council held on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, a request was made to forward a letter of thanks to you. Your donation of lumber and materials to the City of Fall River to build picnic tables is greatly appreciated.

This donation provides an excellent representation of your generosity to the residents and visitors of Fall River who enjoy the beautiful nature trails that Fall River has to offer. On behalf of the Fall River City Council, please accept our sincerest gratitude.

Sincerely,

Inês Leite
Assistant City Clerk

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