



City of Fall River Massachusetts

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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

MEETING: June 3, 2026, at 6:05 p.m.
Council Chamber, One Government Center

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

ABSENT: None

IN ATTENDANCE: None

President Ponte called the meeting to order at 7:21 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.

1. Citizen Input Time – None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Finance recommending action:

2. Order – Proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Municipal Budget
President Ponte explained that he and the Mayor have discussed the possibility of including \$40,000 in the Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) budget to be used for outside counsel services for the City Council. President Ponte stated that the Mayor offered to appropriate these funds, but that they must be allocated to an account within the Law Department.

Vice President Dionne made remarks regarding her discussion with the Administration regarding this matter and emphasized that the funding needs to be placed in a City Council expense account to avoid conflict of interest with Corporation Counsel. Vice President Dionne also stated that, when these funds were provided to the City Council in the past, there was a specific policy for utilizing the account. President Ponte agreed and reiterated that the Mayor is willing to compromise on providing these funds with the stipulation that the Law Department will have jurisdiction on the use of the account.

Councilor Camara expressed concern, as no policy has been voted upon by the current City Councilors in relation to this matter. President Ponte and Councilor Camara discussed the historical document, which had never been rescinded. Councilor Pereira agreed that the previous policy required the permission of the Council President and Vice President to utilize the funds and stated that this is not a sound policy, as all City Councilors should have the right to use outside legal services. President Ponte clarified that he would be amendable to a new policy being presented to the current City Council for a formal vote regarding the use of these

funds. Councilor Pereira also suggested that each Councilor should be allocated roughly \$4,000 of the \$40,000 total, to ensure equal access to a third-party attorney, and stated that the Council would have access to the fund whether it is placed in the Law Department budget or City Council budget.

Vice President Dionne stated that she agrees that a new policy would be merited and suggested that the original policy be presented to the Council to address any necessary amendments, including additions or strikeouts of various portions. Councilor Camara clarified that there is no cost to the City Council to obtain legal opinions or advice from Corporation Counsel.

On a motion made by Councilor Dionne and seconded by Councilor Cadime, it was unanimously voted to vote on the appropriation order by line item.

On a further motion made by Councilor Cadime and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was voted 6 yeas, 3 nays to reject line item A1 for Mayor, Salaries, with Councilors Camara, Hart and Pereira voting in the negative.

On a further motion made by Councilor Cadime and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to take line items A2 through A10, Mayor, Expenses; City Council, Salaries; City Council, Expenses; City Clerk, Salaries; City Clerk, Expenses; Elections, Salaries; Elections, Expenses; Veterans' Benefits, Salaries; and Veterans' Benefits, Expenses, respectively, together.

On a further motion made by Vice President Dionne and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was voted 7 yeas, 2 nays to reject line items A2 through A10, Mayor, Expenses; City Council, Salaries; City Council, Expenses; City Clerk, Salaries; City Clerk, Expenses; Elections, Salaries; Elections, Expenses; Veterans' Benefits, Salaries; and Veterans' Benefits, Expenses, respectively, with Councilors Camara and Hart voting in the negative.

On a further motion made by Councilor Cadime and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to take line items B1 through B3, Administrative Services, Salaries; Administrative Services, Expenses; Judgements and Claims, respectively, together.

On a further motion made by Councilor Canuel and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was voted 8 yeas, 1 nay, to reject line items B1 through B3, Administrative Services, Salaries; Administrative Services, Expenses; and Judgements and Claims, respectively, with Councilor Hart voting in the negative.

On a further motion made by Councilor Cadime and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was voted 9 yeas to reject line item C1 for Financial Services, Salaries.

On a further motion made by Councilor Peckham and seconded by Councilor Canuel, it was voted 9 yeas to reject line item C2 For Financial Services, Expenses.

On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Vice President Dionne, it was unanimously voted to take line items D1 through D3, Facilities, Salaries; Facilities, Expenses; and Facilities, Capital, respectively, together.

On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Vice President Dionne, it was unanimously voted to reject line items D1 through D3, Facilities, Salaries; Facilities, Expenses; and Facilities, Capital, respectively.

On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to take line items E1 through E3, Community Maintenance, Salaries; Community Maintenance, Expenses; and Community Maintenance, Capital, respectively, together.

On a further motion made by Councilor Peckham and seconded by Vice President Dionne, it was unanimously voted to reject line items E1 through E3, Community Maintenance, Salaries; Community Maintenance, Expenses; and Community Maintenance, Capital, respectively.

On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to take line items F1 through F3, Community Services, Salaries; Community Services, Expenses; and Community Services, Transfers, respectively, together.

On a further motion made by Councilor Peckham and seconded by Vice President Dionne, it was unanimously voted to reject line items F1 through F3, Community Services, Salaries; Community Services, Expenses; and Community Services, Transfers, respectively.

On a further motion made by Councilor Cadime and seconded by Vice President Dionne, it was unanimously voted to approve line item G1 for School Appropriation.

On a further motion made by Councilor Cadime and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to reject line item G2 for School Transportation.

On a further motion made by Councilor Cadime and seconded by Vice President Dionne, it was unanimously voted to approve line item G3 for Education Assessments.

On a further motion made by Councilor Cadime and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to take items H1 through H8, Police, Salaries; Police, Expenses; Police, Capital; Harbor Master, Salaries; Harbor Master, Expenses; Fire & Emergency Services, Salaries; Fire & Emergency Services, Expenses; and Fire & Emergency Services, Capital, respectively, together.

On a further motion made by Councilor Camara and seconded by Councilor Pereira, it was voted 3 yeas, 6 nays, to approve items H1 through H8, Police, Salaries; Police, Expenses; Police, Capital; Harbor Master, Salaries; Harbor Master, Expenses; Fire & Emergency Services, Salaries; Fire & Emergency Services, Expenses; and Fire & Emergency Services, Capital, respectively, with Councilors Camara, Hart and Pereira voting in the affirmative and the motion failed to carry.

On a further motion made by Vice President Dionne and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was voted 6 yeas, 3 nays to reject items H1 through H8, Police, Salaries; Police, Expenses; Police, Capital; Harbor Master, Salaries; Harbor Master, Expenses; Fire & Emergency Services, Salaries; Fire & Emergency Services, Expenses; and Fire & Emergency Services, Capital, respectively, with Councilors Camara, Hart and Pereira voting in the negative.

On a further motion made by Councilor Cadime and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was unanimously voted to reject I1, Debt – Service.

On a further motion made by Councilor Peckham and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to reject I2, Insurance.

On a further motion made by Councilor Peckham and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to reject I3, Pension Contributions.

On a further motion made by Councilor Peckham and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to reject I4, Reserve Fund.

Councilor Camara requested clarification regarding the vote related to the funds for the Police Department and Fire & Emergency Services. The City Clerk stated that line items H1-H8, Police, Salaries; Police, Expenses; Police, Capital; Harbor Master, Salaries; Harbor Master, Expenses; Fire & Emergency Services, Salaries; Fire & Emergency Services, Expenses; and Fire & Emergency Services, Capital, respectively, were rejected with a vote of 6 yeas, 3 nays.

Councilor Cadime stated that the City Council should formally recommend that the Administration amend the FY27 budget by eliminating the vacant paralegal position, as well as one of the Assistant Corporation Counsel positions, as a large amount of funding for various legal services is being utilized for outside legal services.

Councilor Raposo asked if the City Council needed to provide the Administration with formal recommendations for amendments within the rejected FY27 Municipal Budget. President Ponte stated that this would be beneficial to ensure clear communication between the City Council and the Mayor regarding concerns that were identified within the rejected budget.

Councilor Cadime stated that there is currently one vacant paralegal position in the Law Department that should be eliminated and stated that one part-time Assistant Corporation Counsel position should be removed, as a majority of legal work is now being done by outside counsel.

On a motion made by Councilor Cadime and seconded by Vice President Dionne, it was voted 7 yeas, 1 nay, to recommend that the Administration reduce line item B1, Administrative, Services, Salaries, by \$100,000, with Councilor Hart voting in the negative and Councilor Camara voting present.

Councilor Cadime stated that an additional \$200,000 should be removed from the Law Department's expenses to reduce the use of outside legal counsel. Councilor Camara expressed concern that reducing these funds would result in negative outcomes for the City in ongoing court proceedings. Vice President Dionne explained that, while she would not support reducing the entire fund to zero, \$200,000 is a reasonable decrease for this account as the remaining \$500,000 would be sufficient for current expenses. Vice President Dionne also stated that, if additional funding was necessary, an appropriation could be presented to the City Council. Councilor Camara reiterated that he would not support this recommendation. Councilor Canuel agreed with Vice President Dionne and stated that the recommendation to reduce this account by \$200,000 is very reasonable compared to suggestions made in the past to eliminate all funds within this account.

On a motion made by Councilor Cadime and seconded by Vice President Dionne, it was voted 7 yeas, 2 nays, to recommend that the Administration reduce line item B2, Administrative, Expenses, by \$200,000, with Councilors Camara and Hart voting in the negative.

Councilor Raposo stated that the Financial Services, Salary, budget should be reduced by \$70,000 to account for the vacant Finance Analysis and Compliance Manager position, which may not be filled.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Pereira, it was voted 9 yeas to recommend that the Administration reduce line item C1, Financial Services, Salaries, by \$70,000.

Councilor Raposo also stated that there is a vacant Administrative Clerk position within the Planning Department, with a total salary amount of \$36,306.71, that should be eliminated, as the Director of Engineering and Planning stated that filling this vacancy was not pertinent to the department's operations.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was voted 9 yeas to recommend that the Administration reduce line item F1, Community Services, Salaries, by \$36,306.71.

President Ponte and Councilor Camara discussed the City Council's power to reduce these sections of the budget without the Administration needing to amend and submit a new budget. President Ponte stated that the City Council is taking a firm stance in relation to the \$40,000 allocation for outside counsel services and that only the Mayor has the power to increase funds within the budget. Councilor Camara stated that these suggested reductions within the rejected line items will not reduce taxpayer expenses and do not appear to be legitimate concerns, as no motion was made to reduce these line items prior to the motions to reject.

Councilor Raposo clarified that he created a list of reductions that he would suggest during the ongoing budget discussions and that his intention is to provide clear feedback to the Administration. Councilor Camara reiterated that the City Council is delaying the approval of a large portion of the budget until funding is provided for City Council access to outside legal services. President Ponte, Councilor Camara and Councilor Hart discussed the intention of the City Council's rejection of a majority of the FY27 budget instead of reducing various line items. Councilor Cadime stated that he supports providing the Administration with recommended amendments.

President Ponte stated that rejecting the budget with no recommendations would not be beneficial to the City. Vice President Dionne explained that the recommended amendments are not related to the request for funds for outside counsel, and that the reductions being discussed were requested during the budgetary discussions, but no changes were made prior to the formal vote. Councilor Camara stated that the City Council has the power to reduce any line item within the budget and that this action could take place during the meeting.

Councilor Peckham exited the Chamber at 8:02 p.m.

Councilor Raposo stated that, following the budgetary discussions with the Director of Building Inspections, he would support the funding for abandoned campers being decreased by \$15,000.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Cadime, it was voted 5 yeas, 3 nays, to recommend that the Administration reduce line item F2, Community Services, Expenses (identified during the meeting as E2, Community Maintenance, Expenses), by \$15,000, with Councilors Camara, Hart and Pereira voting in the negative and Councilor Peckham absent and not voting.

Councilor Peckham returned to the Chamber at 8:04 p.m.

Councilor Raposo explained that, currently, the Director of Minimum Housing was receiving \$1,675 over the "not to exceed" limit within the City code for this position, and the total should be decreased to match the existing ordinance.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Canuel, it was voted 7 yeas, 2 nays, to recommend that the Administration reduce line item F1, Community Services, Salaries, by \$1,675, with Councilors Hart and Pereira voting in the negative.

Councilor Raposo also suggested that the City Council recommend the elimination of salaries for the vacant plumber and electrician positions, which are currently listed with salaries of \$50,452.64 and \$54,356.70, respectfully. Councilor Raposo stated that, as they have not been filled for over six years and this funding could be utilized elsewhere, a total of \$104,809.34, which includes their uniform allowances, should be removed from the Facilities, Salaries, line item.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Canuel, it was unanimously voted to recommend that the Administration reduce line item D1, Facilities, Salaries, by \$104,809.34.

Councilor Peckham stated that the current salary for the Director of City Operations should be reduced by 70%, as a reorganization of this department is currently being discussed in the Committee on Ordinances and Legislation. Councilor Peckham explained that this proposed ordinance would eliminate the position of Director of City Operations, and the current individual serving in this role would become the Director of Facilities, and the process should take no longer than a few months. Councilor Peckham emphasized that this salary should be reduced to reflect the months that compensation for this position will be necessary and stated that 70% of the current total of \$144,200 would equal \$100,940.

On a motion made by Councilor Peckham and seconded by Councilor Cadime, it was voted 5 yeas, 4 nays, to recommend that the Administration reduce line item D1, Facilities, Salaries, by \$100,940, with Councilors Camara, Hart, Pereira and Raposo voting in the negative.

Councilor Peckham also stated that the City Council should suggest the administration reduce the Solid Waste expenses by \$742,133.

Councilor Canuel requested that members of the Administration be allowed to answer questions. A motion was made by Councilor Pereira and seconded by Councilor Canuel, to waive the rules to allow representatives from the Administration to answer questions.

Councilor Canuel expressed concern, as the City Council voted to authorize a new contract for solid waste and recycling collection services, and that this reduction would affect this matter. Councilor Camara stated that this type of recommended reduction would affect the City's negotiating power with the anticipated contract.

Councilor Canuel rescinded his request to ask questions.

On a motion made by Councilor Peckham and seconded by President Ponte, it was voted 2 yeas, 6 nays, to recommend that the Administration reduce line item D2, Facilities, Expenses, by \$742,133, with President Ponte and Councilor Peckham voting in the affirmative, and Councilor Canuel voting present, and the motion failed to carry.

Councilor Pereira exited the Chamber at 8:16 p.m.

Councilor Cadime reiterated that these motions are providing open communication with the Administration regarding how the City Council will vote upon these matters in the future and President Ponte clarified that a letter with these motions will be sent to the Mayor as soon as possible.

Councilor Peckham stated that the City Council should recommend a reduction within the Community Maintenance, Expenses, line item of \$257,867, in relation to Solid Waste Disposal costs.

On a motion made by Councilor Peckham and seconded by Councilor Cadime, it was voted 2 yeas, 6 nays, to recommend that the Administration reduce line item E2, Community Maintenance, Expenses, by \$257,867, with President Ponte and Councilor Peckham voting in the affirmative, and Councilor Pereira absent and not voting, and the motion failed to carry.

Councilor Pereira returned to the Chamber at 8:17 p.m.

Councilor Peckham also stated that the City Council should recommend that the Administration eliminate the current "service out of rank" additional pay within the Facilities budget, which totals \$13,000.

On a motion made by Councilor Peckham and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was voted 6 yeas, 3 nays, to recommend that the Administration reduce D1, Facilities, Salaries, by \$13,000, with Councilors Camara, Hart and Pereira voting in the negative.

Councilor Pereira made remarks regarding the discussions about obtaining \$40,000 within the City Council expenses account to cover the costs of hiring outside counsel and stated that her votes in relation to the budget were not related to this stipulation. Councilor Pereira also stated that the City Council should not be reducing employee salaries based on inconsistency with the City code, as the employees are not responsible for amending those salary limits and will be negatively affected by a decrease in their compensation.

Councilor Raposo clarified that he has been discussing this matter with the Administration for a long period of time, and no amendments have been presented to reflect updates regarding salary limitations. Councilor Raposo emphasized the need to follow current City ordinances or properly amend them to reflect necessary salary changes.

A brief discussion was held between Councilors Camara and Pereira regarding the rejection of all matters related to the Police and Fire Departments within the FY27 budget.

Councilor Cadime requested that, along with these recommended amendments, the need for further review and information about the school transportation costs, as well as the indirect cost totals, be included in the letter to the Administration. President Ponte requested that the City Clerk include these matters in the formal correspondence regarding all suggested budgetary amendments.

Councilor Raposo recommended that the City Council suggest the elimination of the vacant Council on Aging Aide position, which totals \$14,877, as the funding for this role could be supplied through grant or Community Development Agency programs. Councilor Pereira stated that this position became vacant very recently and that additional assistance is needed in the City's senior centers. Councilor Cadime and Camara stated that additional information should

be obtained from the Director of Health and Human Services prior to this position being eliminated, as the services provided by these aides are very important and a different form of funding should be secured prior to eliminating the position.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Cadime, it was voted 4 yeas, 5 nays, to recommend that the Administration reduce F1, Community Services, Salaries, by \$14,877, with President Ponte and Councilors Cadime, Peckham and Raposo voting in the affirmative, and the motion failed to carry.

A brief recess was held at 8:28 p.m. to obtain additional information regarding the Council's need to vote on the Cherry Sheet Assessments line item within the appropriation order. The City Clerk and the Council President then stated that a vote is not required for this line item.

A brief discussion was held by the City Councilors regarding the anticipated timeline for a new, revised FY27 budget to be presented. President Ponte explained that the City Clerk will send the letter to the Mayor's office, as well as the Director of Financial Services, as soon as possible, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes, but that he cannot provide a definite time of the Administration presenting an amended budget.

3. Proposed Fiscal Year 2027 EMS Enterprise Fund Appropriation Order
Councilor Canuel stated that adjustments to the indirect costs of the EMS Enterprise Fund may change various line item totals within the appropriation order, and that the entirety of the order should be rejected to allow an amended Fiscal Year 2027 budget to be presented to the City Council.

On a motion made by Councilor Canuel and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was voted 6 yeas, 3 nays, to reject line item A1, EMS, Salaries, with Councilors Camara, Hart and Pereira voting in the negative.

On a further motion made by Councilor Cadime and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to take line items A2 through A5, EMS, Expenses; EMS, Capital; EMS, Transfers (Indirect Costs); and EMS, Debt, respectively, together.

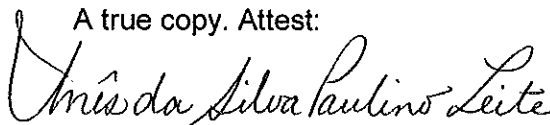
On a further motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Peckham, it was voted 7 yeas, 2 nays, to reject line items A2 through A5, EMS, Expenses; EMS, Capital; EMS, Transfers (Indirect Costs); and EMS, Debt, respectively, with Councilors Camara and Hart voting in the negative.

On a motion made by Councilor Peckham and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:33 p.m.

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:

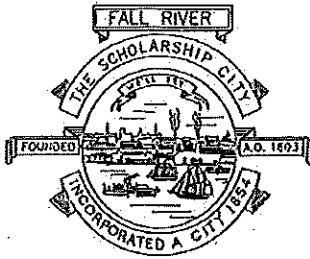
Agenda packet (attached)

A true copy. Attest:



City Clerk

In City Council, June 23, 2026
Approved.



City of Fall River Massachusetts
Office of the City Clerk

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CITY CLERK

CHELSEA PACHECO
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

June 4, 2026

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

Dear Mr. Mayor:

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held on June 4, 2026, a discussion was held relative to the proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Municipal Budget and the Fiscal Year 2027 Emergency Services Management Enterprise Fund Budget.

Following that discussion, and under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 32 and Section 6-4 (b) of the City Charter, on a motion made and seconded, it was voted to reject the attached appropriation order for the proposed FY 2027 Annual Budget, except for G1. SCHOOL APPROPRIATION in the amount of \$212,582,416 and G3. EDUCATION ASSESSMENT in the amount of \$10,225,442, which were approved on a voice vote. The attached appropriation order for the FY 2027 Emergency Medical Services Enterprise Fund Budget was also rejected.

Regarding the School Transportation line-item, Councilor Shawn E. Cadime requested that the Administration clarify the appropriation that is needed. During deliberations with the School Department, the figures provided did not coincide with the line-item amount listed in the municipal budget appropriation order. He also requested that if adjustments need to be made to the School Department's indirect costs, that those be provided as well with the revised budget.

On further motions made and seconded, the City Council also voted to make the following suggested reductions from the General Fund:

- B1. For ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, Salaries, \$100,000
Paralegal/Public Records Officer vacancy and an Assistant Corporation Counsel
Part-Time position, Law Division, 7 years, 1 day, with Councilor Joseph D. Camara,
voting present.
- B2. For ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, Expenses, \$200,000
Other Professional Services, Outside Legal Counsel, Law Department, 7 years, 2 days.
- C1. For FINANCIAL SERVICES, Salaries, \$70,000
Finance Analyst & Compliance Manager vacancy, City Auditor's Division, 9 years.

- D1. For FACILITIES MAINTENANCE, Salaries:
- \$100,940 – Director of City Operations position, Department of City Operations, 5 yeas, 4 nays.
 - \$13,000 – Administrative Assistant's Additional Pay, Facilities Division, 6 yeas, 3 nays.
 - \$104,809.34 – Electrician and Plumber I vacancies, Facilities Division, on a unanimous voice vote.
- E2. For COMMUNITY MAINTENANCE, Expenses, \$15,000
Other Purchased Services, 5 yeas, 3 nays, with Councilor Peckham absent and not voting.
- F1. For COMMUNITY SERVICES, Salaries:
- \$36,306.71 – Administrative Clerk vacancy, Planning Division, 9 yeas.
 - \$1,675 – Director of Minimum Housing, Health and Human Services Division, 7 yeas, 2 nays.

A motion made and seconded to suggest a reduction to the Community Services, Salaries line-item by \$14,877 for the Council on Aging Part-Time Senior Aide failed to carry, 4 yeas, 5 nays, and Councilors requested that further information be provided on the need for this position when the revised budget is submitted as well.

Sincerely,



Inês da Silva Paulino Leite
City Clerk

Enc.

Cc: Cliff Ponte, City Council President
Ann O'Neil-Souza, Interim City Administrator/Chief of Staff
Emily Arpke, Director of Financial Services

City of Fall River, In City Council

BE IT ORDERED, that the Annual Budget for fiscal year 2027 from various funds, is \$484,458,787 of which the amount of \$471,318,384 be raised from ordinary revenue and municipal receipts for appropriation as

A. for the purpose of GENERAL GOVERNMENT

1. from the General Fund, for MAYOR, Salaries	\$	314,803	
2. from the General Fund, for MAYOR, Expenses	\$	20,250	
3. from the General Fund, for CITY COUNCIL, Salaries	\$	258,664	
4. from the General Fund, for CITY COUNCIL, Expenses	\$	170,700	
5. from the General Fund, for CITY CLERK, Salaries	\$	381,990	
6. from the General Fund, for CITY CLERK, Expenses	\$	35,875	
7. from the General Fund, for ELECTIONS, Salaries	\$	367,638	
8. from the General Fund, for ELECTIONS, Expenses	\$	104,300	
9. from the General Fund, for VETERANS' BENEFITS, Salaries	\$	301,077	
10. from the General Fund, for VETERANS' BENEFITS, Expenses	\$	1,756,055	
			\$3,711,352

B. for the purpose of ADMINISTRATION

1. from the General Fund, for ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, Salaries	\$	1,544,380	
2. from the General Fund, for ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, Expenses	\$	3,792,805	
3. from the General Fund, for JUDGEMENTS AND CLAIMS	\$	350,000	
			\$5,687,185

C. for the purpose of FINANCIAL SERVICES

1. from the General Fund, for FINANCIAL SERVICES, Salaries	\$	1,893,476	
2. from the General Fund, for FINANCIAL SERVICES, Expense	\$	344,990	
			\$2,238,466

D. for the purpose of FACILITIES MAINTENANCE

1. from the General Fund, for FACILITIES, Salaries	\$	1,115,023	
2. from the General Fund, for FACILITIES, Expense	\$	2,181,465	
3. from the General Fund, for FACILITIES, Capital	\$	-	
			\$3,296,488

E. for the purpose of COMMUNITY MAINTENANCE

1. from the General Fund, for COMMUNITY MAINTENANCE, Salaries	\$	5,655,974	
2. from the General Fund, for COMMUNITY MAINTENANCE, Expense	\$	17,891,632	
3. from the General Fund, for COMMUNITY MAINTENANCE, Capital	\$	-	
			\$23,547,606

F. for the purpose of COMMUNITY SERVICE

1. from the General Fund, for COMMUNITY SERVICES, Salaries	\$	2,918,265	
2. from the General Fund, for COMMUNITY SERVICES, Expense	\$	680,631	
3. from the General Fund, for COMMUNITY SERVICES, Transfers	\$	30,000	
			\$3,628,896

G. for the purpose of EDUCATION

1. from the General Fund, for SCHOOL APPROPRIATION	\$	212,582,416	
2. from the General Fund, for SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION	\$	12,350,048	
3. from the General Fund, for EDUCATION ASSESSMENTS	\$	10,225,442	
			\$235,157,906

H. for the purpose of COMMUNITY PROTECTION

1. from the General Fund, for POLICE, Salaries	\$	24,780,499	
2. from the General Fund, for POLICE, Expenses	\$	2,130,082	
3. from the General Fund, for POLICE, Capital	\$	-	
4. from the General Fund, for HARBOR MASTER, Salaries	\$	-	
5. from the General Fund, for HARBOR MASTER, Expenses	\$	35,500	
6. from the General Fund, for FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES, Salaries	\$	20,021,736	
7. from the General Fund, for FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES, Expenses	\$	1,187,798	
8. from the General Fund, for FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES, Capital	\$	-	
			\$48,155,595

I. for the purpose of OTHER GOVERNMENTAL EXPENSES

1. from the General Fund, for DEBT - SERVICE	\$	13,719,946	
2. from the General Fund, for INSURANCE	\$	52,402,162	
3. from the General Fund, for PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS	\$	45,191,673	
4. from the General Fund, for RESERVE FUND	\$	400,173	
			\$111,713,954

TOTAL GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET \$ 437,137,348

CHERRY SHEET ASSESSMENTS \$ 47,318,439

GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET \$ 484,455,787

FUNDING SOURCES:

from Stabilization Fund	\$ 4,000,000
from Surplus Revenue (Free Cash)	\$ 350,000
from the EMS Rate Revenues for INSURANCE	\$ 1,844,989
from the EMS Rate Revenues for PENSION	\$ 2,202,321
from the EMS Rate Revenues for OTHER INDIRECT	\$ 1,165,884
from the Water Rate Revenues for INSURANCE	\$ 618,839
from the Water Rate Revenues for PENSION	\$ 1,195,932
from the Water Rate Revenues for OTHER INDIRECT	\$ 813,438
from the Sewer Rate Revenues for INSURANCE	\$ 164,615
from the Sewer Rate Revenues for PENSION	\$ 292,624
from the Sewer Rate Revenues for OTHER INDIRECT	\$ 500,761
from Ordinary Revenue and Municipal Receipts	\$ 471,316,384
GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 484,455,787

**CITY OF FALL RIVER
IN CITY COUNCIL**June 3, 2026

A motion made and seconded to vote on the appropriation order line-item by line-item carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Further motions made and seconded to:

Reject A1 carried 6 yeas, 3 nays.

Take A2-A10 together carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Reject A2-A10 carried 7 yeas, 2 nays.

Take B1-B3 together carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Reject B1-B3 carried 8 yeas, 1 nay.

Reject C1 carried 9 yeas.

Reject C2 carried 9 yeas.

Take D1-D3 together carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Reject D1-D3 carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Take E1-E3 together carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Reject E1-E3 carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Take F1-F3 together carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Reject F1-F3 carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Approve G1 carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Reject G2 carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Approve G3 carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Take H1-H8 together carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Approve H1-H8 failed to carry 3 yeas, 6 nays.

Reject H1-H8 carried 6 yeas, 3 nays.

Reject I1 carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Reject I2 carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Reject I3 carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Reject I4 carried unanimously on a voice vote.

City of Fall River, In City Council

BE IT ORDERED, that the following Fiscal Year 2027 appropriations be provided through the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) rates under Chapter 53F 1/2 in the aggregate, amounting to \$18,038,739 be appropriated as follows:

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

from EMS Rate Revenues, for EMS, Salaries	\$ 9,925,027
from EMS Rate Revenues, for EMS, Expenses	\$ 2,599,485
from EMS Rate Revenues, for EMS, Capital	\$ 241,200
from EMS Rate Revenues, for EMS, Transfers (Indirect Costs)	\$ 5,213,194
from EMS Rate Revenues, for EMS, Debt	\$ 59,833

TOTAL:	\$ 18,038,739
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and that \$18,038,739 be raised as follows:

Departmental Receipts	\$ 18,038,739
EMS Stabilization Fund	\$ -
	\$ 18,038,739

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

Direct

Salaries	\$ 9,925,027
Expenses	\$ 2,599,485
Capital	\$ 241,200
Debt	\$ 59,833
Subtotal	\$ 12,825,545

Indirect

Health Insurance	\$ 1,844,989
Pensions	\$ 2,202,321
Other	\$ 1,165,884
Subtotal	\$ 5,213,194

TOTAL:	\$ 18,038,739
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IN CITY COUNCIL

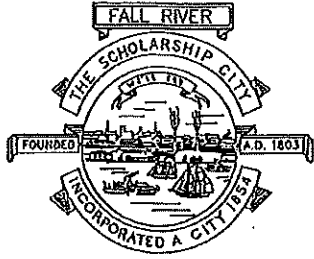
June 3, 2026

A motion made and seconded to reject EMS Salaries carried 5 yeas, 4 nays.

Further motions made and seconded to:

Take the remaining line-items together carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Reject EMS Expenses, Capital, Transfers (Indirect Costs), Debt carried 7 yeas, 2 nays.



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6:00 P.M. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

REVISED AGENDA

1. Citizen Input
2. Continue discussion of the proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Municipal Budget as follows:
 - Departments carried over from the June 2, 2026, Committee on Finance agenda, if needed
 - Insurance and Other Governmental Expenditures

6:05 P.M. SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
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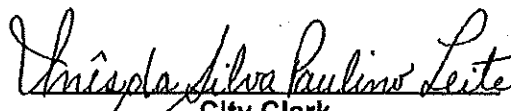
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3. Proposed Fiscal Year 2027 EMS Enterprise Fund Appropriation Order


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AGENDA

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 - Education
School Department; School Transportation; Vocational School Assessments

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