

SPECIAL MEETING
Chambers of the City Council
Wednesday, May 13, 2026

CITY COUNCIL
Municipal Building
7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Council President Pereira, Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Burgo, Carney, Gomes, Lopes, Oliver, Pemberton and Roy.

LATE: Councillor Choquette (7:10)
ABSENT: No one.

Council President Pereira called the meeting to order and presided.

Councillor Baptiste led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

COMMUNICATION, Councillor Choquette, to City Council, notifying that he will be unable to attend the Mayor's FY27 Budget Submission Meeting on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, as his wife will be having emergency surgery in Boston.

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COMMUNICATION, Council President Pereira, to City Clerk Farias, requesting that a SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING IS CALLED FOR **WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2026, AT 7:00 P.M.**, for the submittal of the FY27 CITY OF NEW BEDFORD BUDGET.

Received and Placed on File. (#0771)

Council President Pereira designates Councillor Abreu and Councillor Pemberton to escort Mayor Jon F. Mitchell to the City Council Chambers.

Mayor Mitchell delivers his Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Address to the Members of the New Bedford City Council.

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
IN CITY COUNCIL
MAY 13, 2026

ORDERED: That to provide for the payment of current expenses of the CITY for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, the sum set against several municipal accounts in the following schedule are hereby appropriated from Ordinary Revenue and Municipal Receipts of the fiscal year, to be expended and certified by the officers, departments, agencies and boards listed below to wit:

ASSESSORS	
Personal Services	703,264
Purchase of Services	131,951
Supplies	3,000
Other Charges & Expenses	24,087
Total	862,302
AUDITOR	
Personal Services	609,945
Purchase of Services	227,824
Supplies	3,000
Other Charges & Expenses	3,600
Total	844,369

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	
Personal Services	389,791
Purchase of Services	12,996
Supplies	792
Other Charges & Expenses	1,150
Total	404,729
CITY CLERK	
Personal Services	540,465
Purchase of Services	32,633
Supplies	2,600
Other Charges & Expenses	788
Total	576,486
CITY COUNCIL	
Personal Services	812,880
Purchase of Services	43,516
Supplies	10,400
Other Charges & Expenses	19,330
Total	886,126
ELECTIONS	
Personal Services	542,589
Purchase of Services	136,742
Supplies	5,108
Other Charges & Expenses	75
Total	684,514
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES	
Personal Services	4,946,249
Purchase of Services	671,622
Supplies	345,725
Other Charges & Expenses	106,030
Capital Outlays	346,860
Total	6,416,486
FACILITIES & FLEET MANAGEMENT	
Personal Services	4,318,433
Purchase of Services	2,293,561
Supplies	2,459,883
Other Charges & Expenses	500
Capital Outlays	73,500
Total	9,145,877
FIRE	
Personal Services	20,483,927
Purchase of Services	480,817
Supplies	200,662
Other Charges & Expenses	100,067
Capital Outlays	469,664
Total	21,735,137

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	
Personal Services	2,415,944
Purchase of Services	320,279
Supplies	68,617
Other Charges & Expenses	1,409,618
Total	4,214,458
INSPECTIONAL SERVICES	
Personal Services	1,232,384
Purchase of Services	30,620
Supplies	9,375
Other Charges & Expenses	1,620
Total	1,273,999
LABOR RELATIONS	
Personal Services	482,246
Purchase of Services	157,474
Supplies	1,581
Other Charges & Expenses	2,041
Total	643,342
LIBRARY	
Personal Services	1,925,981
Purchase of Services	965,740
Supplies	141,740
Other Charges & Expenses	36,165
Total	3,069,626
MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM	
Personal Services	1,386,934
Purchase of Services	1,887,654
Supplies	9,390
Other Charges & Expenses	100,675
Capital Outlays	70,000
Total	3,454,653
MAYOR	
Personal Services	826,998
Purchase of Services	74,781
Supplies	4,428
Other Charges & Expenses	14,963
Total	921,170
PLANNING	
Personal Services	635,811
Purchase of Services	67,337
Supplies	250
Other Charges & Expenses	8,087
Total	711,485

POLICE	
Personal Services	27,222,239
Purchase of Services	1,695,881
Supplies	271,365
Other Charges & Expenses	411,134
Capital Outlays	76,888
Total	29,677,507
PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE	
Personal Services	3,247,184
Purchase of Services	453,280
Supplies	906,907
Other Charges & Expenses	7,085
Total	4,614,456
PURCHASING	
Personal Services	390,155
Purchase of Services	16,500
Supplies	3,093
Other Charges & Expenses	1,075
Total	410,823
RESILIENCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP	
Personal Services	540,973
Purchase of Services	36,996
Supplies	1,525
Other Charges & Expenses	10,541
Total	590,035
SOLICITOR	
Personal Services	1,281,706
Purchase of Services	520,779
Supplies	21,150
Other Charges & Expenses	34,926
Total	1,858,561
TOURISM / MARKETING	
Personal Services	177,226
Purchase of Services	58,828
Supplies	3,000
Other Charges & Expenses	16,034
Total	255,088
TRAFFIC COMMISSION	
Personal Services	326,857
Purchase of Services	46,503
Supplies	26,400
Other Charges & Expenses	996
Total	400,756

<u>TREASURER</u>	
Personal Services	930,166
Purchase of Services	273,689
Supplies	5,500
Other Charges & Expenses	11,700
Total	1,221,055
<u>ZOO</u>	
Personal Services	1,449,519
Purchase of Services	175,767
Supplies	316,607
Other Charges & Expenses	21,669
Total	1,963,562
<u>CITY UTILITIES</u>	
Purchase of Services	2,408,084
Total	2,408,084
<u>COURT JUDGMENTS</u>	
Other Charges & Expenses	300,000
Total	300,000
<u>DEBT SERVICES</u>	
Debt Service	12,755,657
Total	12,755,657
<u>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</u>	
Personal Services	72,003
Purchase of Services	953,215
Total	1,025,218
<u>HEALTH INSURANCE</u>	
Purchase of Services	24,505,602
Total	24,505,602
<u>INTERGOVERNMENTAL ASSESSMENTS</u>	
Purchase of Services	8,441,358
Total	8,441,358
<u>LIABILITY INSURANCE</u>	
Other Charges & Expenses	1,205,209
Total	1,205,209
<u>LIFE INSURANCE</u>	
Purchase of Services	229,648
Total	229,648
<u>OTHER MUNICIPAL CHARGES</u>	
Purchase of Services	82,000
Total	82,000

PENSION CONTRIBUTION	
Purchase of Services	47,346,814
Total	47,346,814
SCHOOL	
General Expense	264,463,935
Transportation & Other	18,209,114
Total	282,673,049
SNOW REMOVAL	
Personal Services	112,131
Purchase of Services	187,869
Total	300,000
SOLID WASTE COLLECTION & DISPOSAL	
Purchase of Services	13,005,140
Supplies	47,516
Total	13,052,656
SULLIVAN'S LEDGE	
Purchase of Services	114,899
Supplies	52,000
Total	166,899
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	
Purchase of Services	826,453
Total	826,453
WORKERS COMPENSATION	
Personal Services	274,237
Purchase of Services	315,000
Total	589,237
ZEITERION THEATRE	
Purchase of Services	395,000
Total	395,000
TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET	493,139,486

ORDER, appropriating **\$493,139,486.00** from ORDINARY REVENUE AND MUNICIPAL RECEIPTS of Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, for payment of current expenses of various municipal departments.

Referred to the Quasi Committee of the Whole. (#0772)

ORDER, appropriating **\$1,408,557.00** in 12 equal monthly increments, from Airport Receipts of FY27 in the Airport Budget.

Referred to the Quasi Committee of the Whole. (#0773)

ORDER, appropriating **\$133,747.00** from the Hotel and Lodging Tax in the Arts, Culture and Tourism Fund in 12 equal monthly increments from FY27 municipal receipts.

Referred to the Quasi Committee of the Whole. (#0774)

ORDER, appropriating **\$1,492,045.00** in 12 equal monthly increments from Enterprise Fund Receipts of FY27 in the Cable Access Enterprise Fund.

Referred to the Quasi Committee of the Whole. (#0775)

ORDER, appropriating **\$68,500.00** now standing to the credit of the account of CCDA - TRAFFIC HANDICAP PARKING as follows:

\$64,000.00 to Commission for Citizens with Disabilities, PURCHASE OF SERVICES.

\$4,500.00 to Commission for Citizens with Disabilities, SUPPLIES.

Referred to the Quasi Committee of the Whole. (#0776)

ORDER, appropriating **\$1,124,735.00** in 12 equal monthly increments from the Enterprise Fund Receipts of FY27 in the Downtown Parking Account.

Referred to the Quasi Committee of the Whole. (#0777)

ORDER, appropriating **\$33,789,652.00** in 12 equal monthly increments, from Wastewater Receipts of FY27 in the DPI/Wastewater Budget.

Referred to the Quasi Committee of the Whole. (#0778)

ORDER, appropriating **\$23,234,872.00** in 12 equal monthly increments, from Water Receipts of FY27 in the DPI/Water Budget.

Referred to the Quasi Committee of the Whole. (#0779)

On a motion, the Council then adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

ATTEST:

DENNIS W. FARIAS, CITY CLERK/
CLERK OF THE CITY COUNCIL