

QUASI COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: BUDGET

THIS MEETING IS BEING HELD REMOTELY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GOVERNOR OF MASSACHUSETTS' MARCH 12, 2020, ORDER SUSPENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN MEETING LAW G. L. C. 30A, SECTION 20 WITH AN EXTENSION SIGNED ON JUNE 16, 2021 AND THE CITY COUNCIL'S VOTE TO WAIVE RULE 21A JANUARY 13, 2022

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Council President Morad, Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Burgo, Carney, Giesta, Lima, Markey, Oliver and Pereira.

LATE: No One.

ABSENT: Councillor Gomes.

15-minute overview of the City Budget from Interim CFO Michael Gagne

ASSESSORS

Judy Serdahl,
Interim Administrative Assistant

MIS

John Costa, Director of IT Information

PURCHASING

Molly Gilfeather-Rodriguez,
Director of Purchasing

SOLICITOR

Eric Jaikes, City Solicitor

MAYOR'S OFFICE

Neil Mello, Chief of Staff

LABOR RELATIONS

Judith Keating, Personnel Director

WRITTEN MOTION, Council President Morad, requesting that Director of Personnel Judith Keating provide to the City Council's Budget Quasi Committee of the Whole, a listing by City Department and Enterprise Fund of all vacant positions as of May 15, 2023; said listing shall include the date each position became vacant, the status of position, i.e. currently advertised, pending paperwork/approval for advertising etc., and if the position has been advertised the number of applications received and candidates currently being interviewed by the Department for hiring; and further, this listing is to be updated as of May 29, 2023 and June 12, 2023 and forwarded to the City Council Office for distribution to the members of the City Council's Budget Quasi Committee of the Whole. (To be Referred to the City Council's Budget Quasi Committee of the Whole, the Director of Personnel and the Acting Chief Financial Officer.)

AUDITORS	-----	Emily Arpke,
TREASURER	-----	Quillan Lowney, Interim City Treasurer
DEBT SERVICES	-----	Emily Arpke, Deputy CFO/City Auditor
CFO	-----	Michael Gagne, CFO
SNOW REMOVAL	-----	Michael Gagne, CFO Emily Arpke, Deputy CFO/City Auditor
ASSESSMENTS	-----	Michael Gagne, CFO Emily Arpke, Deputy CFO/City Auditor
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	-----	Michael Gagne, CFO Emily Arpke, Deputy CFO/City Auditor
GENERAL GOVERNMENT UNCLASSIFIED	-----	Michael Gagne, CFO Eric Jaikes, Assistant City Solicitor Emily Arpke, Deputy CFO/City Auditor

COMMUNICATION, City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council Farias, submitting a copy of a letter from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission regarding the required Fiscal Year 2024 appropriation for the City's Retirement System. (Copy all Councillors via email November 22, 2022.) (Referred to the Quasi Committee of the Whole- December 6, 2022.)

COMMUNICATION, Council President Morad submitting a copy of an email from the Director of Accounts of the Massachusetts Department of Revenue to Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services, regarding the Excess and Deficiency for Greater New Bedford as of July 1, 2022. (Referred to the Quasi Committee of the Whole – April 20, 2023.)

On a motion, the Council then adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

ATTEST:

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