



## **CITY OF NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS**

**MEETING:** COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
**DATE:** MARCH 25, 2025  
**TIME:** 7:02 P.M.  
**PLACE:** 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 EXTENSIONS SIGNED ON MARCH 29, 2022 AND MARCH 29, 2023 AND THE CITY COUNCIL'S VOTE TO WAIVE RULE 21A ON APRIL 13, 2023

**PRESENT:** COUNCILLORS LINDA MORAD, CHAIR (REMOTELY); IAN ABREU (REMOTELY); DEREK BAPTISTE (REMOTELY); SHANE BURGO (REMOTELY); NAOMI CARNEY (7:32) (REMOTELY); MARIA GIESTA (REMOTELY); BRIAN GOMES (7:52) (REMOTELY); JOSEPH LOPES (REMOTELY); SHAWN OLIVER (7:12) (REMOTELY); RYAN PERERIA (REMOTELY)

**ABSENT:** LEO CHOQUETTE

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Councillor Morad called the Finance Committee meeting to order, read the Remote Meeting Statement into the record and explained that the meeting was being recorded and live-streamed. She recognized the guests present and took attendance. The Clerk read a letter into the record from Councillor Choquette explaining his absence, and letters from Councillors Carney and Gomes explaining their tardiness. The letters were received and placed on file by Councillor Abreu and seconded by Councillor Pereira. This motion passed on a roll call vote of Yeas 7, Nays 0, with Councillors Abreu – yes; Baptiste – yes; Burgo – yes; Giesta – yes; Lopes – yes; Morad – yes; and Pereira – yes. (Councillors Carney, Gomes and Oliver not present for vote.)

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COMMUNICATION, Janine da Silva, Chairperson, Community Preservation Committee, submitting the Community Preservation Committee's FY25 Project Funding Recommendations. (Referred – March 13, 2025.)

On motion by Councillor Pereira and seconded by Councillor Giesta, the Committee VOTED: To receive and place on file the informational packet submitted by the Community Preservation Committee relative to their FY25 Project Funding Recommendations. This motion passed on a roll call vote of Yeas 7, Nays 0, with Councillors Abreu – yes; Baptiste – yes; Burgo – yes; Giesta – yes; Lopes – yes; Morad – yes; and Pereira – yes. (Councillors Carney, Gomes and Oliver not present for vote.)

The Chair recognized Jessica Bailey, Community Preservation Act Manager, Janine da Silva, Chairperson of the Community Preservation Committee and Jody Gonsalves Seivert, Vice-Chair of the Community Preservation Committee. The Chair explained that the Committee would review each project, ask questions and then at the completion of questioning, each project will be voted on separately.

**Project 1:** The request is for \$100,000 for the 105 Ashely Boulevard Redevelopment Project. It was noted by the Chair that the location of this project is Ward 2, not Ward 1 as listed in the informational packet. The funds being requested are to be used for the creation of nine mixed-income rental housing units for households between 60-100% Area Median Income (AMI).

Councillor Giesta asked if parking was being addressed. She was told that a discussion did take place, and that parking would be available in the back of the building. It was also noted that this building would have close access to the MBTA and SRTA.

Councillor Lopes asked if the AMI was 60-90% or 100%. He stated that it said 100% in the presentation book. Ms. da Silva stated that she would get the exact number and report back to the Committee.

Councillor Moard asked if the \$2 million in permanent debt had been secured yet by the developer. She was told that the developer had indicated that it had.

**Project 2:** The request is for \$250,000 for the 193-197 Union Street Project. The funds being requested are to be used for the creation of nine mixed-income rental housing units for households with an AMI of no greater than 100%.

Councillor Morad asked if the \$8 million dollar bank loan had been secured by the developer. She was told that it had, and that this was the last piece of funding necessary to move forward with the project. She asked if this project had also received HDIP approval. She was told that it had.

Councillor Lopes asked what the number of affordable units was. He was told nine.

**Project 3:** The request is for \$50,000 for the AHSC – Acushnet Commons Project. The funds being requested are to be used for the creation of five rental housing units for households with an AMI of 30-60%.

Ms. Bailey explained that this developer is doing a total of three projects. Acushnet Commons and the Grinnell Mason are two of them, totaling a \$9 million investment, and the Ingraham School is a \$15 million investment. The Council will see three \$50,000 requests for each item. The developer asked that the \$150,000 request be broken down by the three projects, at \$50,000 each.

This location is the old Kenyon Campbell School which currently houses apartments. The applicant intends to build additional units as well as restore and refresh the current apartments.

Councillor Oliver asked if there would be new units. He was told yes, a total of five new units would be added, resulting in a total of 17 units. There will be two studio apartments, two one-bedroom units and one two-bedroom unit. The plan is to move current tenants to other units while their units are worked on. The Councillor hoped that the developer would cover the moving costs for their tenants. He was told they believe this to be the plan.

**Project 4:** The request is for \$50,000 for the AHSC – Grinnell Mansion Project. The funds being requested are to be used for the exterior preservation and rehabilitation of the property. This is a historic funding request, as the building already contains housing units.

**Project 5:** The request is for \$50,000 for the AHSC – Ingraham School Project. The funds being requested are to be used for the creation of eight rental housing units for households with an AMI of 30-60%.

The project would increase the current number of units in the building. It is understood that the businesses that are located in the building have moved out, allowing for this type of development to move forward. The eight new units will consist of two studio apartments, four one-bedroom units and two two-bedroom units. In total, there will be 27 units in the building.

Councillor Lopes asked if all the AHSC projects have provided a timeline for completion. He was told that all three parcels fall under a single grant. The developer is planning to begin construction in February of 2026, with completion in March of 2027.

**Project 6:** The request is for \$150,000 for the Acushnet River Rowing Center Dock Project. The funds being requested are to be used for the purchase and installation of a gangway and a 200' dock, including permitting, for the Acushnet River Rowing Center located at 720 Belleville Avenue. This project will allow access to the Acushnet River for canoes, kayaks and sculling vessels. The Committee was informed that this project received much support: 26 individuals in attendance spoke in favor and only one person in opposition.

Councillor Abreu asked if this project would allow community use. He was told that it would. He asked if the \$150,000 would pay for the entire project. He was told that it would.

Councillor Burgo asked why there was one person against the project. He was told the person objecting apparently had a history with the organization requesting the funding. The Councillor asked to be provided with the letter of opposition. The Councillor was told it would be sent to the Committee and that the person who spoke against the request was the same person who wrote against it.

Councillor Giesta asked if this would allow motorized units access to the dock. She was told it is designed primarily for non-motorized units, basically for kayaks, canoes and sculling boats. The Councillor asked who would oversee the use of the dock. She was told the organization would work in conjunction with the City and the Parks Department.

Councillor Pereira asked how long the funding conditions would last. Ms. Bailey stated it would last for the life of the equipment, and would be considered a public asset. The Councillor asked if the use of the money is violated, would the organization have to give the funds back. He was told yes.

Councillor Morad asked who would police the dock to make sure motorized units, for example a dinghy with a small engine, are not being used. Ms. Bailey explained that the dock was not a ramped area where you could back up a boat or similar vessel. She did acknowledge that an inflatable dinghy with an engine could possibly use the dock area to gain access to the waterway. She emphasized that it is designed primarily for rowing apparatus and stated she did not believe the use of motorized vessels was discussed during the application process. Councillor Morad asked Ms. Bailey to have the applicant provide written comments on how they plan to monitor the dock against the use of motorized watercrafts. The Councillor also asked for a copy of the dock schematic.

**Project 7:** The request is for \$112,000 for the Boys & Girls Club Shade Structure Project. The funds being requested are to be used to purchase and install an outdoor shade structure, concrete pad and amenities. Ms. da Silva explained this would create a three-season structure on the northside of the building, which can be used for food/meal service programs during the summer and other outdoor activities.

Councillor Baptiste asked how this structure would tie in with the other projects and enhancements the Club has been making. He was told it would not tie in with the other projects, that this is a project unto itself.

**Project 8:** The request is for \$40,000 for the City Clerk Record Preservation Phase IV Project. The funds being requested are to be used for the preservation and microfilming of City records. These records will have public accessibility. It was noted that this is the last phase of a four-phase project.

**Project 9:** The request is for \$250,000 for the Hillman Firehouse Restoration Project. The funds being requested are to be used for the historic rehabilitation of 109 Hillman Street and the creation of five mixed-income rental housing units for households between 50-60% AMI. It was explained that this project went through a few hiccups along the way and that the property has transferred from its original developer to its current one.

Councillor Pereira asked if this amount would finish up the project, considering it has come before the Committee before and received CPA funding. He was told that it would, and that the certificate of occupancy would be sought out next year. Ms. Bailey added that this is part of the Holy Family Development Group, which has restored the old Holy Family school. It creates five affordable units and three market-rate units.

Councillor Baptiste asked if there were any issues with the funding going from the former developer to the new one. Ms. Bailey explained that the original grant was issued in FY20 to the Waterfront Historic Area League (WHALE) for \$300,000 to replace the roof and repair dormers. Then Covid hit and the project was put on hold. There was a transition within the WHALE administration which resulted in their partnering with the development firm of CMK, and together they have created the Hillman Firehouse LLC. They are now co-applicants on this project, so there have not been any issues with transferring of funds, nor are the current funds being requested being used for the previously funded project. She is fairly confident that the developer will not be coming back for additional funding.

Councillor Morad expressed concern that out of a \$3 million dollar project, almost \$1.9 million is coming from the City, be it through ARPA funds, tax incentives or CPA grant money; this equates to more than 50% of the project being City funded.

**Project 10:** The request is for \$16,000 for the Historical Documents Ft. Taber Ft. Rodman Project. The funds being requested are to be used for the conservation, preservation and framing of eight historically significant documents. Once preserved, they will be made available for public viewing.

**Project 11:** The request is for \$95,000 for the Island Park Project. The funds being requested are to be used for the completion of Island Park, located at 1145 Acushnet Avenue. This will allow for the completion the park area that abuts the Cape Verdean Cultural Center. This development is separate from the funding given to the Cultural Center.

Councillor Abreu asked if this funding would complete the Park. He was told yes.

**Project 12:** The request is for \$10,050 for the John Emerson Portrait Restoration Project. The funds being requested are to be used for the restoration and framing of the 1875 oil portrait of John Emerson. It was explained that Mr. Emerson was the first principal of New Bedford High School. The goal is to have it restored by the School's bicentennial anniversary.

Councillor Oliver asked if the restoration would include the portrait and the frame. He was told that it would. The picture was found in the basement of the old high school, submerged in water.

**Project 13:** The request is for \$69,000 for the Liberty Hall Playbill Conservation Project. The funds being requested are to be used for the conservation of the items determined to be of high treatment difficulty. This will address the memorabilia from the 1800s that are in dire need of being protected.

**Project 14:** The request is for \$15,000 for the Milton Silvia Collection Digitization Phase III Project. The funds being requested are to be used for the digitization, conservation and archiving of the Milton Silvia collection. Phase one and two have already been completed under the direction of Spinner Publications. Mr. Silvia's partner had found a set of pictures taken by the photographer throughout the 1940s and beyond. This was an unexpected discovery. This process will completely archive all of Mr. Silvia's pictures taken during his time with the New Bedford Standard Times.

**Project 15:** The request is for \$35,000 for the New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center Archives Phase III Project. The funds being requested are to be used for funding an archivist to create a Collections Management Plan and accession, catalogue, digitize and make the archive publicly available. There are a multitude of records, photos and documents relating to the fishing industry in New Bedford being catalogued in perpetuity.

**Project 16:** The request is for \$100,000 for the New Bedford Superior Courthouse Window Restoration Project. The funds being requested are to be used for the restoration of the windows facing County Street and to purchase and install storm windows. The building is located at 441-443 County Street; it was noted that the location of this project is Ward 5, not Ward 4 as listed in the informational packet.

Ms. Bailey explained that the \$250,000 that was previously funded has not yet been expended. They anticipate that work would begin this spring. She added that they receive quarterly reports from the County Commissioners Office with a status on the project. Councillor Morad asked that the Committee be provided with a copy of the quarterly report as it relates to last year's project for the courthouse funding.

Councillor Morad asked if the County Commissioners have reached out to other communities that are within Bristol County to help to fund repairs. Ms. Bailey explained that this question was asked during the last funding cycle. The representative handling this job did indicate that they had reached out for additional funding, but did not receive any. It is because of this that Ms. Bailey felt the representative did not reach out to the surrounding communities on this request.

Councillor Pereira asked if the reason why the project was awarded \$100,000 despite the fact that the request was for \$200,000 is because the thought was that the applicant could potentially secure funding elsewhere. He was told yes.

**Project 17:** The request is for \$14,000 for the Northern Scenic Greenway Project. The funds being requested are to be used to fund the design of a bike path which makes its way through Marion, Fairhaven and Dartmouth, and would match funds awarded by the Mass Transit Grant. These communities have already paid their portion of the design plan and will allow the pathway to connect with adjoining communities. It is a project that was designed by SouthCoast Bikers and is considered a recreational resource.

**Project 18:** The request is for \$145,000 for the Sgt. Carney Academy Community Playground Phase II Project. The funds being requested are to be used to purchase and install playground surfacing and equipment. This was a \$200,000 request, but the CPA has allowed \$145,000.

Councillor Baptiste asked why the CPA did not fund the entire project. He was told that in an attempt to spread funding around, decisions are made to allow a smaller amount for one project so that they may contribute to others. The applicant has a fundraiser planned that should cover the remaining amount.

**Project 19:** The request is for \$22,650 for the St. Teresa of Calcutta Park Renovation Project. The funds being requested are to be used for the restoration and rehabilitation of the Park located at Chestnut and North Street into a contemplative, passive recreation space. Ms. da Silva explained this would allow for the renovation of 2,600 square feet, including an open lawn area, benches and a picnic area.

Councillor Abreu asked if the property would have any playground equipment. He was told it would not. He asked if they would be able to name the Park after St. Teresa once the work is done. Ms. Bailey stated that this might not be possible because CPA funding is not able to be used for religious projects. The Councillor asked if the request to name the park was part of the submitted application. He was told it was not.

Councillor Gomes stated that he has received emails, like many of his colleagues have, requesting that the Park's original name remain the same. He hopes that once restored, it would be dedicated to the memory of St. Teresa of Calcutta.

Councillor Carney echoed the sentiments regarding the naming of the Park, and added that she would also like the project to reconsider not putting in some form of playground equipment, perhaps something small.

Councillor Baptiste also echoed the comments and further mentioned that something should be dedicated in honor of Ms. Felix, the longtime principal at Holy Family Holy Name School.

**Project 20:** The request is for \$33,300 for the Storm Protection at Rotch-Jones-Duff House Project. The funds being requested are to be used for the purchase and installation of 27 custom storm windows for the Rotch-Jones-Duff House and the Coach House. It was noted that this building is a national historic landmark.

Councillor Morad asked how many more times the applicant will be coming to the CPC for funding, and added that many requests have been made over the years. Ms. da Silva stated that she does not believe the applicant will be back too many more times, as a lot of CPA funding has already been awarded. The Councillor shared concern that the organization has been before the Council five times and has been paid a total of \$379,100, not including this \$33,000 request, and she feels that the CPC should ask that they not apply again for some time. She also pointed out that while the gardens are open to the public, the building is not, which is where the funding would be allocated. Ms. Bailey stated that the building is open to the public on AHA nights.

**Project 21:** The request is for \$150,000 for the Underground Railroad Café and Gallery Project. The funds being requested are to be used for the exterior preservation of the building, located at 213 Acushnet Avenue. The original request was greater than the amount awarded, and the CPC is responding to the historical preservation part of the building. The original request included paying for industrial kitchen equipment, which is business-related and would not be considered under CPC guidelines.

Councillor Baptiste asked if the funding request would be applied to the exterior restoration of the building. He was told yes.

**Project 22:** The request is for \$28,000 for the Whaleman Statue Restoration Project. The funds being requested are to be used for the conservation of the Whaleman Statue. Ms. Bailey explained that this amount will allow for the restoration of the statue itself and the granite it sits upon. It will also create a program/information on how to conduct future maintenance on the monument moving forward.

**Project 23:** The request is for \$215,000 for the William H. Carney Lodge Project. The funds being requested are to be used for the purchase and installation of a fire alarm and suppression system for the building, located at 293 Cottage Street. It was explained that the Committee recently awarded the entity \$25,000, which was used for roof repairs. This request will allow the building to be able to open to the public. The Committee was told that in the past, the CPC has funded fire suppression systems on buildings for applicants that qualify.

Councillor Baptiste supported this request, commenting that while it is a large request, it allows the organization to reopen and added that a historic landmark would once again be accessible.

Councillor Morad asked if the \$25,000 originally given was for the design of the roof. She was told the money was used to repair a portion the roof and that they received ARPA funding to pay for the remainder.

Councillor Gomes spoke in support of the request, stating that this will allow what was once a beacon in the community to reopen, and added that this is a good use of available funding.

Councillor Carney echoed the sentiments and shared that she is glad to see the organization on its way to reopening, as it has a long history in the City.

On motion by Councillor Pereira and seconded by Councillor Lopes, the Committee VOTED: To approve \$100,000.00 for the 105 Ashley Boulevard Redevelopment Project. This motion passed on a roll call vote of Yeas 10, Nays 0 with Councillors Abreu – yes; Baptiste – yes; Burgo – yes; Carney – yes; Giesta – yes; Gomes – yes; Lopes – yes; Morad – yes; Oliver – yes; and Pereira – yes.

On motion by Councillor Lopes and seconded by Councillor Giesta, the Committee VOTED: To approve \$250,000.00 for the 193-197 Union Street Project. This motion passed on a roll call vote of Yeas 9, Nays 1 with Councillors Abreu – yes; Baptiste – yes; Burgo – yes; Carney – yes; Giesta – yes; Gomes – yes; Lopes – yes; Morad – no; Oliver – yes; and Pereira – yes.

On motion by Councillor Oliver and seconded by Councillor Abreu, the Committee VOTED: To approve \$50,000.00 for the AHSC – Acushnet Commons Project. This motion passed on a roll call vote of Yeas 10, Nays 0 with Councillors Abreu – yes; Baptiste – yes; Burgo – yes; Carney – yes; Giesta – yes; Gomes – yes; Lopes – yes; Morad – yes; Oliver – yes; and Pereira – yes.

On motion by Councillor Abreu and seconded by Councillor Gomes, the Committee VOTED: To approve \$50,000.00 for the AHSC – Grinnell Mansion Project. This motion passed on a roll call vote of Yeas 10, Nays 0 with Councillors Abreu – yes; Baptiste – yes; Burgo – yes; Carney – yes; Giesta – yes; Gomes – yes; Lopes – yes; Morad – yes; Oliver – yes; and Pereira – yes.

On motion by Councillor Burgo and seconded by Councillor Lopes, the Committee VOTED: To approve \$50,000.00 for the AHSC – Ingraham School Project. This motion passed on a roll call vote of Yeas 10, Nays 0 with Councillors Abreu – yes; Baptiste – yes; Burgo – yes; Carney – yes; Giesta – yes; Gomes – yes; Lopes – yes; Morad – yes; Oliver – yes; and Pereira – yes.

On motion by Councillor Giesta and seconded by Councillor Pereira, the Committee VOTED: To approve \$150,000.00 for the Acushnet River Rowing Center Dock Project. This motion passed on a roll call vote of Yeas 9, Nays 1 with Councillors Abreu – yes; Baptiste – yes; Burgo – no; Carney – yes; Giesta – yes; Gomes – yes; Lopes – yes; Morad – yes; Oliver – yes; and Pereira – yes.

On motion by Councillor Giesta and seconded by Councillor Lopes, the Committee VOTED: To approve \$112,000.00 for the Boys & Girls Club Shade Structure Project. This motion passed on a roll call vote of Yeas 10, Nays 0 with Councillors Abreu – yes; Baptiste – yes; Burgo – yes; Carney – yes; Giesta – yes; Gomes – yes; Lopes – yes; Morad – yes; Oliver – yes; and Pereira – yes.

On motion by Councillor Giesta and seconded by Councillor Carney, the Committee VOTED: To approve \$40,000.00 for the City Clerk Record Preservation Phase IV Project. This motion passed on a roll call vote of Yeas 10, Nays 0 with Councillors Abreu – yes; Baptiste – yes; Burgo – yes; Carney – yes; Giesta – yes; Gomes – yes; Lopes – yes; Morad – yes; Oliver – yes; and Pereira – yes.

On motion by Councillor Burgo and seconded by Councillor Pereira, the Committee VOTED: To approve \$250,000.00 for the Hillman Firehouse Restoration Project. This motion passed on a roll call vote of Yeas 7, Nays 3 with Councillors Abreu – yes; Baptiste – yes; Burgo – yes; Carney – no; Giesta – no; Gomes – yes; Lopes – yes; Morad – no; Oliver – yes; and Pereira – yes.

On motion by Councillor Abreu and seconded by Councillor Baptiste, the Committee VOTED: To approve \$16,000.00 for the Historical Documents Ft. Taber Ft. Rodman Project. This motion passed on a roll call vote of Yeas 10, Nays 0 with Councillors Abreu – yes; Baptiste – yes; Burgo – yes; Carney – yes; Giesta – yes; Gomes – yes; Lopes – yes; Morad – yes; Oliver – yes; and Pereira – yes.

On motion by Councillor Giesta and seconded by Councillor Baptiste, the Committee VOTED: To approve \$95,000.00 for the Island Park Project. This motion passed on a roll call vote of Yeas 10, Nays 0 with Councillors Abreu – yes; Baptiste – yes; Burgo – yes; Carney – yes; Giesta – yes; Gomes – yes; Lopes – yes; Morad – yes; Oliver – yes; and Pereira – yes.

On motion by Councillor Oliver and seconded by Councillor Lopes, the Committee VOTED: To approve \$10,050.00 for the John Emerson Portrait Restoration Project. This motion passed on a roll call vote of Yeas 10, Nays 0 with Councillors Abreu – yes; Baptiste – yes; Burgo – yes; Carney – yes; Giesta – yes; Gomes – yes; Lopes – yes; Morad – yes; Oliver – yes; and Pereira – yes.

On motion by Councillor Giesta and seconded by Councillor Burgo, the Committee VOTED: To approve \$69,000.00 for the Liberty Hall Playbill Conservation Project. This motion passed on a roll call vote of Yeas 10, Nays 0 with Councillors Abreu – yes; Baptiste – yes; Burgo – yes; Carney – yes; Giesta – yes; Gomes – yes; Lopes – yes; Morad – yes; Oliver – yes; and Pereira – yes.

On motion by Councillor Pereira and seconded by Councillor Giesta, the Committee VOTED: To approve \$15,000.00 for the Milton Silvia Collection Digitization Phase III Project. This motion passed on a roll call vote of Yeas 10, Nays 0 with Councillors Abreu – yes; Baptiste – yes; Burgo – yes; Carney – yes; Giesta – yes; Gomes – yes; Lopes – yes; Morad – yes; Oliver – yes; and Pereira – yes.

On motion by Councillor Abreu and seconded by Councillor Giesta, the Committee VOTED: To approve \$35,000.00 for the New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center Archives Phase III Project. This motion passed on a roll call vote of Yeas 10, Nays 0 with Councillors Abreu – yes; Baptiste – yes; Burgo – yes; Carney – yes; Giesta – yes; Gomes – yes; Lopes – yes; Morad – yes; Oliver – yes; and Pereira – yes.

On motion by Councillor Burgo and seconded by Councillor Baptiste, the Committee VOTED: To approve \$100,000.00 for the New Bedford Superior Courthouse Window Restoration Project. This motion passed on a roll call vote of Yeas 10, Nays 0 with Councillors Abreu – yes; Baptiste – yes; Burgo – yes; Carney – yes; Giesta – yes; Gomes – yes; Lopes – yes; Morad – yes; Oliver – yes; and Pereira – yes.

On motion by Councillor Lopes and seconded by Councillor Carney, the Committee VOTED: To approve \$14,000.00 for the Northern Scenic Greenway Project. This motion passed on a roll call vote of Yeas 10, Nays 0 with Councillors Abreu – yes; Baptiste – yes; Burgo – yes; Carney – yes; Giesta – yes; Gomes – yes; Lopes – yes; Morad – yes; Oliver – yes; and Pereira – yes.

On motion by Councillor Baptiste and seconded by Councillor Giesta, the Committee VOTED: To approve \$145,000.00 for the Sgt. Carney Academy Community Playground Phase II Project. This motion passed on a roll call vote of Yeas 10, Nays 0 with Councillors Abreu – yes; Baptiste – yes; Burgo – yes; Carney – yes; Giesta – yes; Gomes – yes; Lopes – yes; Morad – yes; Oliver – yes; and Pereira – yes.

On motion by Councillor Baptiste and seconded by Councillor Carney, the Committee VOTED: To approve \$22,650.00 for the St. Teresa of Calcutta Park Renovation Project. This motion passed on a roll call vote of Yeas 10, Nays 0 with Councillors Abreu – yes; Baptiste – yes; Burgo – yes; Carney – yes; Giesta – yes; Gomes – yes; Lopes – yes; Morad – yes; Oliver – yes; and Pereira – yes.

On motion by Councillor Abreu and seconded by Councillor Carney, the Committee VOTED: To approve \$33,300.00 for the Storm Protection at Rotch-Jones-Duff House Project. This motion passed on a roll call vote of Yeas 10, Nays 0 with Councillors Abreu – yes; Baptiste – yes; Burgo – yes; Carney – yes; Giesta – yes; Gomes – yes; Lopes – yes; Morad – yes; Oliver – yes; and Pereira – yes.

On motion by Councillor Baptiste and seconded by Councillor Carney, the Committee VOTED: To approve \$150,000.00 for the Underground Railroad Café & Gallery Project. This motion passed on a roll call vote of Yeas 10, Nays 0 with Councillors Abreu – yes; Baptiste – yes; Burgo – yes; Carney – yes; Giesta – yes; Gomes – yes; Lopes – yes; Morad – yes; Oliver – yes; and Pereira – yes.

On motion by Councillor Giesta and seconded by Councillor Gomes, the Committee VOTED: To approve \$28,000.00 for the Whaleman Statue Restoration Project. This motion passed on a roll call vote of Yeas 10, Nays 0 with Councillors Abreu – yes; Baptiste – yes; Burgo – yes; Carney – yes; Giesta – yes; Gomes – yes; Lopes – yes; Morad – yes; Oliver – yes; and Pereira – yes.

On motion by Councillor Gomes and seconded by Councillor Baptiste, the Committee VOTED: To approve \$215,000.00 for the William H. Carney Lodge Project. This motion passed on a roll call vote of Yeas 10, Nays 0 with Councillors Abreu – yes; Baptiste – yes; Burgo – yes; Carney – yes; Giesta – yes; Gomes – yes; Lopes – yes; Morad – yes; Oliver – yes; and Pereira – yes.

On motion by Councillor Lopes and seconded by Councillor Giesta, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council ADOPTION of AN ORDER, for the Community Preservation Act FY25 Funding Recommendations for 23 projects totaling \$2,000,000.00. This motion passed on a roll call vote of Yeas 10, Nays 0 with Councillors Abreu – yes; Baptiste – yes; Burgo – yes; Carney – yes; Giesta – yes; Gomes – yes; Lopes – yes; Morad – yes; Oliver – yes; and Pereira – yes.

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Councillor Burgo made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Councillor Gomes. This motion passed on a roll call vote of Yeas 10, Nays 0, with Councillors Abreu – yes; Baptiste – yes; Burgo – yes; Carney – yes; Giesta – yes; Gomes – yes; Lopes – yes; Morad – yes; Oliver – yes; and Pereira – yes.

This meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Denis Lawrence, Jr.  
Clerk of Committees