

SPECIAL MEETING
Chambers of the City Council
Wednesday, May 14, 2025

CITY COUNCIL
Municipal Building
7:05 p.m.

PRESENT: Council President Burgo, Councillors Abreu, Carney, Choquette, Giesta, Gomes, Lopes, Morad, Oliver and Pereira.

LATE: Councillor Baptiste (7:16)
ABSENT: No one.

Council President Burgo called the meeting to order and presided.

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

COMMUNICATION, Council President Burgo, to City Clerk Farias, requesting that a SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING IS CALLED FOR **WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2025, AT 7:00 P.M.**, for the submittal of the FY26 CITY OF NEW BEDFORD BUDGET.

Received and Placed on File. (#0810)

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

Mayor Mitchell delivers his Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Address to the Members of the New Bedford City Council.

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
IN CITY COUNCIL
MAY 14, 2025

ORDERED: That to provide for the payment of current expenses of the CITY for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, 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	\$693,253
Purchase of Services	239,435
Supplies	3,500
Other Charges & Expenses	26,710
Capital Outlay	0
Total	\$962,898
<u>AUDITOR</u>	
Personal Services	\$720,500
Purchase of Services	171,546
Supplies	3,000
Other Charges & Expenses	3,600
Capital Outlay	0
Total	\$898,646
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	
Personal Services	\$377,632
Purchase of Services	12,935
Supplies	880
Other Charges & Expenses	999
Capital Outlay	0
Total	\$392,446

CITY CLERK	
Personal Services	\$515,787
Purchase of Services	32,266
Supplies	2,600
Other Charges & Services	788
Capital Outlay	0
Total	\$551,441
CITY COUNCIL	
Personal Services	\$821,842
Purchase of Services	44,295
Supplies	10,400
Other Charges & Expenses	19,000
Capital Outlay	0
Total	\$895,537
COMMUNITY SERVICES	
Personal Services	\$1,126,835
Purchase of Services	318,526
Supplies	19,140
Other Charges & Expenses	26,808
Capital Outlay	0
Total	\$1,491,309
ELECTIONS	
Personal Services	\$528,105
Purchase of Services	198,862
Supplies	5,108
Other Charges & Expenses	75
Capital Outlay	0
Total	\$732,150
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES	
Personal Services	\$4,829,657
Purchase of Services	620,423
Supplies	266,946
Other Charges & Expenses	52,938
Capital Outlay	371,859
Total	\$6,161,823
FACILITIES & FLEET MANAGEMENT	
Personal Wages	\$4,552,123
Purchase of Services	2,301,284
Supplies	2,421,605
Other Charges & Expenses	500
Capital Outlay	380,283
Total	\$9,655,795
FIRE	
Personal Services	\$21,574,844
Purchase of Services	516,663
Supplies	251,533
Other Charges & Expenses	106,304
Capital Outlay	469,664
Other Financing Uses	18,595
Total	\$22,937,603

HEALTH	
Personal Services	\$1,269,363
Purchase of Services	112,812
Supplies	32,217
Other Charges & Expenses	1800
Capital Outlay	0
Total	\$1,416,194
INSPECTIONAL SERVICES	
Personal Services	\$1,326,391
Purchase of Services	30,920
Supplies	10,375
Other Charges & Expenses	1,562
Capital Outlay	0
Total	\$1,369,248
LABOR RELATIONS	
Personal Services	\$474,430
Purchase of Services	256,136
Supplies	1,581
Other Charges & Expenses	1,975
Capital Outlay	0
Total	\$734,122
LIBRARY	
Personal Services	\$2,055,785
Purchase of Services	937,582
Supplies	141,740
Other Charges & Expenses	36,165
Capital Outlay	0
Total	\$3,171,272
LICENSING	
Personal Services	\$143,591
Purchase of Services	12,564
Supplies	2,990
Other Charges & Expenses	600
Capital Outlay	0
Total	\$159,745
MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS	
Personal Services	\$1,374,316
Purchase of Services	1,626,531
Supplies	9,390
Other Charges & Expenses	120,975
Capital Outlay	0
Total	\$3,131,212
MAYOR	
Personal Services	\$823,094
Purchase of Services	80,999
Supplies	6,680
Other Charges & Expenses	10,643
Capital Outlay	0
Total	\$921,416

PLANNING	
Personal Services	\$616,226
Purchase of Services	117,337
Supplies	250
Other Charges & Expenses	8,087
Capital Outlay	0
Total	\$741,900
POLICE	
Personal Services	\$26,462,800
Purchase of Services	1,774,432
Supplies	271,365
Other Charges & Expenses	374,906
Capital Outlay	76,888
Total	\$28,960,391
PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE	
Personal Services	\$3,476,836
Purchase of Services	676,665
Supplies	978,899
Other Charges & Expenses	7,085
Capital Outlay	0
Total	\$5,139,485
PURCHASING	
Personal Services	\$378,776
Purchase of Services	14,700
Supplies	3,375
Other Charges & Expenses	1,075
Capital Outlay	0
Total	\$397,926
RECREATION AND PARKS	
Personal Services	\$780,909
Purchase of Services	51,342
Supplies	3,120
Other Charges & Expenses	1,200
Capital Outlay	0
Total	\$836,571
RESILIENCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP	
Personal Services	\$536,255
Purchase of Services	57,291
Supplies	1,525
Other Charges & Expenses	13,270
Capital Outlay	0
Total	\$608,341
SOLICITOR	
Personal Services	\$1,245,176
Purchase of Services	840,779
Supplies	31,150
Other Charges & Expenses	35,639
Capital Outlay	0
Total	\$2,152,744

TOURISM / MARKETING	
Personal Services	\$172,973
Purchase of Services	79,536
Supplies	3,000
Other Charges & Expenses	12,876
Capital Outlay	0
Total	\$268,385
TRAFFIC COMMISSION	
Personal Services	\$352,762
Purchase of Services	73,756
Supplies	36,400
Other Charges & Expenses	1,000
Capital Outlay	0
Total	\$463,918
TREASURER	
Personal Services	\$879,128
Purchase of Services	256,668
Supplies	5,000
Other Charges & Expenses	7,000
Capital Outlay	0
Total	\$1,147,796
VETERANS	
Personal Services	\$307,014
Purchase of Services	25,400
Supplies	26,300
Other Charges & Expenses	1,503,118
Capital Outlay	0
Total	\$1,861,832
ZOO	
Personal Services	\$1,465,187
Purchase of Services	169,921
Supplies	353,800
Other Charges & Expenses	33,250
Capital Outlay	0
Total	\$2,022,158
CITY UTILITIES	
Purchase of Services	\$1,463,288
Total	\$1,463,288
COURT JUDGEMENTS	
Other Charges & Expenses	\$300,000
Total	\$300,000
DEBT SERVICE	
Debt Service	\$10,200,585
Total	\$10,200,585

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	
Personal Services	\$357,000
Purchase of Services	266,793
Other Financing Services	250,000
Total	\$873,793
HEALTH INSURANCE	
Purchase of Services	\$21,200,000
Total	\$21,200,000
INTERGOVERNMENTAL ASSESSMENTS	
Purchase of Services	\$7,875,098
Total	\$7,875,098
LIABILITY INSURANCE	
Other Charges & Expenses	\$1,177,601
Total	\$1,177,601
LIFE INSURANCE	
Purchase of Services	\$229,648
Total	\$229,648
OTHER MUNICIPAL	
Purchase of Services	\$82,000
Total	\$82,000
PENSION CONTRIBUTION	
Purchase of Services	\$43,607,204
Total	\$43,607,204
SCHOOL	
General Expenses	\$246,510,314
Transportation	\$16,048,065
Total	\$265,558,379
SNOW REMOVAL	
Personal Services	\$2,000
Purchase of Services	\$448,000
Total	\$450,000
SULLIVAN'S LEDGE	
Purchase of Services	\$199,345
Supplies	52,000
	\$251,345
WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL	
Purchase of Services	\$9,311,627
Supplies	47,516
Total	\$9,359,143
TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS	
Other Financing Uses	\$72,314
Total	\$72,314

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	
Purchase of Services	\$104,172
Total	\$104,172
WORKERS COMPENSATION	
Personal Services	\$270,530
Purchase of Services	15,000
Total	\$285,530
ZEITERION THEATRE	
Purchase of Services	\$579,731
Supplies	\$4,265
Total	\$583,996
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET FROM ORDINARY REVENUE	\$460,838,400

ORDER, appropriating **\$460,838,400.00** from ORDINARY REVENUE AND MUNICIPAL RECEIPTS of Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, for payment of current expenses of various municipal departments.

Referred to the Quasi Committee of the Whole. (#0811)

ORDER, appropriating **\$1,374,461.00** in 12 equal monthly increments, from Airport Receipts of FY26 in the Airport Budget.

Referred to the Quasi Committee of the Whole. (#0812)

ORDER, appropriating **\$129,600.00** from the Hotel and Lodging Tax in the Arts, Culture and Tourism Fund in 12 equal monthly increments from FY26 municipal receipts.

Referred to the Quasi Committee of the Whole. (#0813)

ORDER, appropriating **\$1,488,882** in 12 equal monthly increments from Enterprise Fund Receipts of FY26 in the Cable Access Enterprise Fund.

Referred to the Quasi Committee of the Whole. (#0814)

ORDER, appropriating **\$66,500.00** 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.

\$2,500.00 to Commission for Citizens with Disabilities, SUPPLIES.

Referred to the Quasi Committee of the Whole. (#0815)

ORDER, appropriating **\$1,113,112.00** in 12 equal monthly increments from the Enterprise Fund Receipts of FY26 in the Downtown Parking Account.

Referred to the Quasi Committee of the Whole. (#816)

ORDER, appropriating **\$35,596,711.00** in 12 equal monthly increments, from Wastewater Receipts of FY26 in the DPI/Wastewater Budget.

Referred to the Quasi Committee of the Whole. (#0817)

ORDER, appropriating **\$20,904,506.00** in 12 equal monthly increments, from Water Receipts of FY26 in the DPI/Water Budget.

Referred to the Quasi Committee of the Whole. (#0818)

On a motion, the Council then adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

ATTEST:

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

