

SPECIAL MEETING
Chambers of the City Council
Wednesday, June 18, 2025

CITY COUNCIL
Municipal Building
6:30 p.m.

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

LATE: Councillor Pereira (6:35)

ABSENT: No one.

Council President Burgo called the meeting to order and presided.

A Moment of Silence was observed.

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

COMMUNICATION, Council President Burgo, to City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council Dennis W. Farias, calling a SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL for **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.**, for the purpose of acting on two transfers that were tabled at the City Council Meeting of May 22nd, and two Loan Orders and two Reappointments that were tabled at the June 12th City Council Meeting.

Received and Placed on File.

(#1114)

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

CITY COUNCIL

APRIL 24, 2025

A BOND ORDER TO AUTHORIZE A BORROWING TO PAY THE COSTS OF CAPITAL PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION OF WATER DISTRIBUTION AND TREATMENT SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING A LEAD SERVICE ABATEMENT PROGRAM, TRANSMISSION MAIN INSPECTION PROGRAM, AND GENERAL SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS.

BE IT ORDERED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BEDFORD AS FOLLOWS:

That \$38,100,000.00 is appropriated for the purpose of financing the capital planning and construction and all associated costs for implementation of water distribution and treatment systems improvements including but not limited to a Lead Service Line Abatement program to replace lead services and water mains in the City for public health purposes, Transmission Main Inspection Program of the City's critical water transmission mains, and general system improvements, including all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor and the Committee on Finance is authorized to borrow \$38,100,000 and issue bonds or notes therefore under Chapter 44 of the General Laws and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the City unless the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor and the Committee on Finance determines that they should be issued as limited obligations and may be secured by local system revenues as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C; that the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor and the Committee on Finance is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C of the General Laws; and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or a security agreement with the Trust and otherwise to contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the project or for the financing thereof; that the Mayor is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the project and to take any other action necessary to carry out the project.

FURTHER ORDERED: That the Treasurer is authorized to file an application with the appropriate officials of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (the "Commonwealth") to qualify under Chapter 44A of the General Laws any and all bonds of the City authorized by this Order, and to provide such information and execute such documents as such officials of the Commonwealth may require in connection therewith.

Referred to the Committee on Finance – April 24, 2025.

Passed to a Second Reading – May 22, 2025

Tabled – June 12, 2025.

Removed from the Table.

Adopted – Yeas 10, Nays 0. (Councillor Pereira not present for vote.)

Rule 40 Waived – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

Presented to the Mayor for approval June 20, 2025.

Approved June 25, 2025.

(#0612)

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

CITY COUNCIL

APRIL 24, 2025

A BOND ORDER TO AUTHORIZE A BORROWING TO PAY THE COSTS OF PROJECTS OUTLINED IN THE CITY'S LONG TERM CSO CONTROL AND INTEGRATED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN INCLUDING WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS, PUMPING STATION IMPROVEMENTS, FLOOD CONTROL STRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS, WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS, CSO ABATEMENT AND GENERAL SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS.

BE IT ORDERED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BEDFORD AS FOLLOWS:

That \$32,200,000.00 is appropriated for the purpose of financing of projects outlined in the City's Long Term CSO Control and Integrated Capital Improvements Plan including but not limited to Wastewater Collection System Improvements including infiltration and inflow remediation and repairs to lateral sewers, Pumping Station Improvements to the Wamsutta Street Pumping Station, Flood Control Structure Improvements including repairs to Turners Pond Dam, CSO Abatement activities including construction of Phase 2-River Road Sewer Replacement, Water Quality Improvements at Sassaquin Pond, and general publicly owned treatment works planning and improvements, including all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor and the Committee on Finance is authorized to borrow \$32,200,000 and issue bonds or notes therefore under Chapter 44 of the General Laws and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the City unless the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor and the Committee on Finance determines that they should be issued as limited obligations and may be secured by local system revenues as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C; that the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor and the Committee on Finance is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C of the General Laws; and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or a security agreement with the Trust and otherwise to contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the project or for the financing thereof; that the Mayor is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the project and to take any other action necessary to carry out the project.

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Presented to the Mayor for approval June 20, 2025.

Approved June 25, 2025.

(#0614)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$230,917.00 from CABLE ACCESS FREE CASH to the FISCAL YEAR 2026 CABLE ACCESS ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET.

Tabled – May 22, 2025.

Removed from the Table.

Received and Placed on File. (#0875)

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
CITY COUNCIL
MAY 22, 2025

ORDERED, that the sum of **TWO HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEEN DOLLARS (\$230,917)** now standing to the credit of the account from **CABLE ACCESS FREE CASH** be and the same is hereby assigned to the Fiscal Year 2026 Cable Access Enterprise Fund Budget.

Tabled – May 22, 2025.

Removed from the Table.

Adopted and Rule 40 Waived – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

Presented to the Mayor for approval June 20, 2025.

Approved June 25, 2025. (#0876)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$88,787.00 from DOWNTOWN PARKING FREE CASH to the FISCAL YEAR 2026 DOWNTOWN PARKING ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET.

Tabled – May 22, 2025

Removed from the Table.

Received and Placed on File. (#0877)

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
CITY COUNCIL
MAY 22, 2025

ORDERED, that the sum of **EIGHTY-EIGHT THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$88,787)** now standing to the credit of the account from **DOWNTOWN PARKING FREE CASH** be and the same is hereby assigned to the Fiscal Year 2026 Downtown Parking Enterprise Fund Budget.

Tabled – May 22, 2025.

Removed from the Table.

Adopted and Rule 40 Waived – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

Presented to the Mayor for approval June 20, 2025.

Approved June 25, 2025. (#0878)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting to REAPPOINTMENT of ESPERANZA ALEJANDRO-BERUBE, New Bedford, MA, to the COMMISSION FOR CITIZENS WITH DISABILITIES; this term will expire in May 2028.

Tabled – June 12, 2025.

Removed from the Table.

Rule 38 Waived, Reappointment Confirmed, Rule 40 Waived – Yeas 11, Nays 0. (#1018)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting to REAPPOINTMENT of CAROLINE CONZATTI, New Bedford, MA, to the GREATER NEW BEDFORD REGIONAL REFUSE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT; this term will expire in June 2028.

Tabled – June 12, 2025.

Removed from the Table.

Rule 38 Waived, Reappointment Confirmed, Rule 40 Waived – Yeas 11, Nays 0.(#1019)

On a motion, the Council then adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

ATTEST:

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