

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

In City Council, June 16, 2025

A Special Meeting of the City Council was held on Monday June 26, 2025, in the Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall. President Thompson presiding. The meeting was called to order at 5:05pm with members present. Councilors absent.

1. Call of the meeting

President Thompson announced Accepted and Placed on File.

2. Officer's return of notice

President Thompson announced Accepted and Placed on File.

3. From the Treasurer/Collector requesting the following transfer of \$370,000.00 these transfers are necessary to cover the expected shortfall through the remainder of the fiscal year.

President Thompson announced Accepted and Placed on File.

4. From the Mayor recommending the same.

President Thompson announced Accepted and Placed on File.

5. From the CFO relative to the same.

President Thompson announced Accepted and Placed on File.

6. From the Police Chief requesting that \$170,000.00 be transferred from Police Full-time Salaries to Police Department Vehicles for the purchase of ten (10) Police Department vehicles.

President Thompson announced Accepted and Placed on File.

7. From the Mayor recommending the same.

President Thompson announced Accepted and Placed on File.

8. From the CFO relative to the same.

President Thompson announced Accepted and Placed on File.

9. From the Mayor in accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council authorize the transfer of \$305,000.00. This transfer will fully fund the Law Department for the remainder of the fiscal year.

President Thompson announced Accepted and Placed on File.

10. From the CFO relative to the same.

11. From the Mayor in accordance with the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, Section 32, recommending that the City Council adopt the FY26 budget for the City as recommended in the attached budget order. Recommended total appropriations in the amount of \$555,896,078.

President Thompson announced Accepted and Placed on File.

12. From the CFO relative to the same.

President Thompson announced Accepted and Placed on File.

13. Ordered: That the following named sum be and the same is hereby transferred as the same was submitted by the Mayor as follows:

Transfer of: \$370,000.00

FROM: TREASURER'S DEBT SERVICE	\$370,000.00
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TO: TREASURER'S MEDICARE TAX	\$370,000.00
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President Thompson announced Accepted and Placed on File.

14. Ordered: That the following named sum be and the same is hereby transferred as the same was submitted by the Mayor as follows:

Transfer of: \$170,000.00

FROM: POLICE – PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OT	\$170,000.00
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TO: POLICE – CAPITAL VEHICLES	\$170,000.00
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Motion by Councilor Farwell to suspend the rules and act on the item this evening. Motion received a 2nd by Councilor Lally. Motion carried by a hand vote. Griffin absent.

The motion carried by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays” 6 members present and all voting in the affirmative. Councilors Asack, Derenoncourt, Griffin, Minichiello, Tarvares absent.

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by “yes” and “nays”; 6 members present and all voting in the affirmative. Councilors Asack, Derenoncourt, Griffin, Minichiello, Tarvares absent.

Councilor Farwell motioned to file for reconsideration with the wish that it not prevail and was properly seconded by Councilor Nicastro. Reconsideration Failed by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”; six members present and none voting in the affirmative. Councilors Asack, Derenoncourt, Griffin, Minichiello, Tarvares absent.

Councilor Derenoncourt stepped in.

15. Ordered: That the following named sum be and the same is hereby transferred as the same was submitted by the Mayor as follows:

Transfer of: \$305,000.00

FROM: DPW HIGHWAY – PURCHASE OF SERVICE	\$305,000.00
TO: LAW – WORKERS’ COMPENSATION	\$255,000.00
LAW – COURT JUDGMENTS	\$50,000.00

President Thompson announced Accepted and Placed on File.

16.

ORDERED: 1. Move that \$555,896,078 be appropriated for the following general fund departmental expenditures of the City for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, which will be funded through the following sources:

State Aid	\$315,863,378
Tax Levy	186,166,635
Local Receipts	36,637,000
Available Funds	1,157,000
Stabilization Funds	1,500,000
Free Cash	6,465,839
Chapter 324 Supplemental Reserve	8,106,226
TOTAL	\$555,896,078

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Assessor	
Personal Services - Overtime	\$5,000
Personal Services – Other than Overtime	621,967
Ordinary Maintenance - Services	322,150
Ordinary Maintenance - Goods	7,250

Auditor	
Personal Services - Overtime	\$5,000

Personal Services – Other than Overtime	973,449
Ordinary Maintenance - Services	272,750
Ordinary Maintenance - Goods	18,500
 Auditor Mail	
Ordinary Maintenance - Services	\$275,500
Ordinary Maintenance - Goods	0
 Audit-Telephone	
Ordinary Maintenance - Services	\$77,000
 City Clerk	
Personal Services - Overtime	\$7,500
Personal Services – Other than Overtime	347,608
Ordinary Maintenance - Services	29,500
Ordinary Maintenance - Goods	12,300
 City Council	
Personal Services – Overtime	\$15,000
Personal Services – Other than Overtime	911,685
Ordinary Maintenance - Services	56,500
Ordinary Maintenance - Goods	47,750
 Conservation Commission	
Personal Services – Overtime	\$5,500
Personal Services – Other than Overtime	20,000
Ordinary Maintenance - Services	850
Ordinary Maintenance – Goods	3,200
 Election Commission	
Personal Services - Overtime	\$5,000
Personal Services – Other than Overtime	495,716
Ordinary Maintenance - Services	66,400
Ordinary Maintenance - Goods	4,585
 Finance	
Personal Services - Overtime	\$500
Personal Services – Other than Overtime	905,817
Ordinary Maintenance - Services	208,000
Ordinary Maintenance - Goods	32,720
Out of State Travel	0

Human Resources	
Personal Services – Overtime	\$2,000
Personal Services – Other than Overtime	498,791
Ordinary Maintenance - Services	181,000
Ordinary Maintenance - Goods	25,000
Human Resources- Employee Benefits	
Personal Services - Other Than Overtime	\$69,813,026
Information Technology Center	
Personal Services - Overtime	\$50,000
Personal Services – Other than Overtime	1,494,814
Ordinary Maintenance - Services	2,183,000
Ordinary Maintenance - Goods	511,100
Out of State Travel	0
Law	
Personal Services - Overtime	\$1,000
Personal Services – Other than Overtime	1,156,991
Ordinary Maintenance - Services	390,000
Ordinary Maintenance - Goods	414,864
Court Judgments	1,500,000
Workers Compensation	1,240,183
Property Insurance	2,300,000
License	
Personal Services – Overtime	\$10,950
Personal Services – Other than Overtime	111,934
Ordinary Maintenance - Services	1,600
Ordinary Maintenance - Goods	1,750
Mayor	
Personal Services - Overtime	\$3,000
Personal Services – Other than Overtime	1,018,228
Ordinary Maintenance - Services	299,000
Ordinary Maintenance - Goods	50,774
40R Activities	11,041
Cultural Affairs	15,000
Cable Access	675,000
Women's Commission	1,500
Diversity Commission	1,500
Historical Commission	1,500

Youth Task Force	100,000
Planning and Economic Development	
Personal Services - Overtime	\$3,000
Personal Services – Other than Overtime	600,490
Ordinary Maintenance - Services	236,600
Ordinary Maintenance - Goods	9,950
Planning Board	
Personal Services – Overtime	\$5,000
Personal Services – Other than Overtime	19,500
Ordinary Maintenance - Services	3,500
Ordinary Maintenance - Goods	1,300
Procurement Department	
Personal Services - Other Than Overtime	\$187,038
Ordinary Maintenance - Services	525
Ordinary Maintenance - Goods	9,450
Public Property	
Personal Services – Overtime	\$200,000
Personal Services – Other than Overtime	3,307,255
Ordinary Maintenance - Services	399,350
Ordinary Maintenance - Goods	173,600
P.P. Stadium Ordinary Maintenance - Services	102,500
P.P. Stadium Ordinary Maintenance – Goods	30,000
Treasurer/ Tax Collector	
Personal Services - Overtime	\$3,000
Personal Services – Other than Overtime	1,009,266
Ordinary Maintenance - Services	23,500
Ordinary Maintenance - Goods	25,470
Medicare Tax	4,260,041
PUBLIC SAFETY	
Emergency Management Agency	
Personal Services - Other Than Overtime	\$109,235
Ordinary Maintenance - Services	6,300
Ordinary Maintenance - Goods	5,850
Fire	
Personal Services – Overtime	\$408,000

Personal Services – Other than Overtime	34,201,462
Ordinary Maintenance - Services	1,068,571
Ordinary Maintenance - Goods	513,080
Personal Services -Fire Staffing Overtime	1,000,000
Principal & Interest on Long-Term Debt	299,750

Police	
Personal Services – Overtime	\$1,800,841
Personal Services – Other than Overtime	32,108,264
Ordinary Maintenance - Services	880,138
Ordinary Maintenance - Goods	617,818
Out of State Travel	0

Police - Animal Control Division	
Personal Services - Overtime	\$25,000
Personal Services – Other than Overtime	783,973
Ordinary Maintenance - Services	42,595
Ordinary Maintenance - Goods	19,095

Police – Public Safety Division	
Ordinary Maintenance - Services	\$291,241
Ordinary Maintenance - Goods	4,000

Traffic Commission	
Personal Services - Overtime	\$50,000
Personal Services – Other than Overtime	8,000
Ordinary Maintenance - Services	129,822
Ordinary Maintenance - Goods	268,000

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

DPW-Commissioner	
Personal Services - Overtime	\$2,057
Personal Services – Other than Overtime	514,322
Ordinary Maintenance - Services	1,550
Ordinary Maintenance - Goods	5,244

DPW-Engineering	
Personal Services – Overtime	\$10,000
Personal Services – Other than Overtime	232,727

Ordinary Maintenance - Services	12,600
Ordinary Maintenance - Goods	13,487
DPW-Highway	
Personal Services - Overtime	\$338,092
Personal Services – Other than Overtime	2,331,686
Ordinary Maintenance - Services	2,972,100
Ordinary Maintenance - Goods	1,003,200
DPW-Maintenance	
Personal Services - Overtime	\$22,000
Personal Services – Other than Overtime	263,311
Ordinary Maintenance - Services	20,000
Ordinary Maintenance - Goods	509,260
HUMAN SERVICES	
Board of Health	
Personal Services - Overtime	\$3,000
Personal Services – Other than Overtime	749,716
Ordinary Maintenance - Services	27,250
Ordinary Maintenance - Goods	32,500
Cemetery	
Personal Services - Overtime	\$110,000
Personal Services – Other than Overtime	415,965
Ordinary Maintenance - Services	116,500
Ordinary Maintenance - Goods	72,000
Council on Aging	
Personal Services - Overtime	\$1,000
Personal Services – Other than Overtime	351,426
Ordinary Maintenance - Services	27,000
Ordinary Maintenance - Goods	17,950
Veterans' Council	
Vet Council Goods & Supplies	\$16,000
Veterans' Services	
Personal Services – Overtime	\$2,000
Personal Services - Other Than Overtime	320,023
Ordinary Maintenance - Services	13,000
Ordinary Maintenance - Goods	619,500

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Library

Personal Services - Overtime	\$26,000
Personal Services – Other than Overtime	2,322,784
Ordinary Maintenance - Services	427,450
Ordinary Maintenance - Goods	358,575

Treasurer's Debt Service

Treasurer's Debt Service	\$21,103,757
Pension Obligation Debt Service	20,833,280

Pension/ Retirement

Contributory	\$8,634,133
Non-Contributory	17,562

Net & Non-Net School Spending

Net School Spending	\$251,570,700
Non-Net School Spending	17,000,000

EDUCATION

Collaborative Programs Southeastern Regional School	\$5,386,307
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General Fund Subsidies

Parks and Recreation General Fund Subsidy	\$775,000
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Total General Fund

Amount to be Raised - Overlay	\$1,106,660
Government Assessments	40,116,791
GRAND TOTAL GENERAL FUND BUDGET	555,896,078

President Thompson announced Accepted and Placed on File.

ORDERED 2. Moved that \$622,415 be appropriated for the Stormwater enterprise fund that \$75,000 be included in appropriations to the general fund for indirect costs and be allocated to the Stormwater enterprise fund for funding and that \$697,415 be raised as follows:

User Charges	\$700,000
TOTAL	700,000

Stormwater	
Personal Services – Other Than Overtime	\$220,415
Purchase of Services	370,000
Goods and Supplies	32,000
Direct Costs	622,415
Indirect Costs	75,000
TOTAL	697,415

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ORDERED 3. Moved that \$22,665,313 be appropriated for the Water enterprise fund that \$2,000,000 be included in appropriations to the general fund for indirect costs and be allocated to the Water enterprise fund for funding and that \$24,665,313 be raised as follows:

User Charges	\$21,200,000
Retained Earnings	3,465,314
TOTAL	24,665,314

Water	
Personal Services - Overtime	\$705,254
Personal Services - Other Than Overtime	2,700,530
Purchase of Services	5,954,850
Goods and Supplies	961,000
Debt Service	3,121,679
Other Contracted Services	9,222,000
Direct Costs	22,665,313
Indirect Costs	2,000,000
TOTAL	24,665,313

President Thompson announced Accepted and Placed on File.

ORDERED 4. Moved that \$21,585,410 be appropriated for the Sewer enterprise fund that \$1,500,000 be included in appropriations from the general fund for indirect costs and be allocated to the Sewer enterprise fund for funding and that \$23,085,410 be raised as follows:

User Charges	\$24,000,000
Retained Earnings	0

TOTAL	24,000,000
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Sewer	
Personal Services – Overtime	\$352,550
Personal Services – Other Than Overtime	1,721,560
Purchase of Services	12,761,500
Goods and Supplies	587,500
Debt Service	6,162,300
Other Contracted Services	
Direct Costs	21,585,410
Indirect Costs	1,500,000
TOTAL	23,085,410

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ORDERED 5. Moved that \$9,200,000 be appropriated for the Refuse enterprise fund that \$1,000,000 be included in appropriations to the general fund for indirect costs and be allocated to the Refuse enterprise fund for funding and that \$10,200,000 be raised as follows:

User Charges	\$10,200,000
Retained Earnings	
TOTAL	10,200,000

Personal Services - Overtime	\$172,236
Personal Services - Other Than Overtime	1,054,604
Purchase of Services	7,870,660
Goods and Supplies	102,500
Direct Costs	9,200,000
Indirect Costs	1,000,000
TOTAL	10,200,000

President Thompson announced Accepted and Placed on File.

ORDERED 6. Moved that \$2,629,250 be appropriated for the Parks and Recreation enterprise fund and that \$2,629,250 be raised as follows:

Other Departmental Revenue	\$1,700,000
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User Charges	0
Retained Earnings	162,398
General Fund Subsidy	775,000
TOTAL	2,637,398

Parks and Recreation	
Personal Services - Overtime	\$250,000
Personal Services - Other Than Overtime	1,256,602
Purchase of Services	889,840
Goods and Supplies	165,040
Other Contracted Services	67,768
Direct Costs	2,629,250
President Thompson announced Accepted and Placed on File.	

ORDERED 7. Moved that \$1,191,204 be appropriated for the Parking Authority enterprise fund that \$400,000 be included in appropriations from the general fund for indirect costs and be allocated to the Parking Authority enterprise fund for funding and that \$1,591,204 be raised as follows:

Departmental Revenue	1,621,000
Parking Authority	
Personal Services - Overtime	\$24,000
Personal Services – Other Than Overtime	781,354
Purchase of Services	335,400
Goods and Supplies	50,450
Direct Costs	1,191,204
Indirect Costs	400,000
Total	1,591,204

President Thompson announced Accepted and Placed on File.

All other related matters

Councilor's Recognition

None.

Meeting adjourned at 5:27pm.