

**NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS**

**MEETING: COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**  
**DATE: FEBRUARY 11, 2019**  
**TIME: 7:30 P.M.**  
**PLACE: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROOM 214, MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**PRESENT: COUNCILLORS JOSEPH LOPES, CHAIRMAN; IAN ABREU, VICE CHAIRMAN; NAOMI CARNEY; DEBORA COELHO; BRIAN GOMES; SCOTT LIMA; WILLIAM BRAD MARKEY; LINDA MORAD; DANA REBEIRO**

**ABSENT: COUNCILLORS HUGH DUNN; MARIA GIESTA**

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Councillor Lopes called the Finance Committee Meeting to order and took attendance. The Clerk read Communications from Councillors Dunn and Giesta explaining their absences. These Communications were received and placed on file by Councillor Coelho and seconded by Councillor Abreu.

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Notice, City Clerk of reference of a COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting ORDERS transferring FREE CASH to STABILIZATION FUND in the amount of \$1,150,000; OPEB TRUST FUND in the amount of \$455,000; POLICE DEPARTMENT, CAPITAL OUTLAY in the amount of \$500,000; FACILITIES AND FLEET MANAGEMENT, CAPITAL OUTLAY in the amount of \$175,000; DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE, CAPITAL OUTLAY in the amount of \$300,000; FACILITIES & FLEET MANAGEMENT, CHARGES & SERVICES in the amount of \$235,000; FACILITIES & FLEET MANAGEMENT, CAPITAL OUTLAY in the amount of \$125,000; MIS DEPARTMENT, CAPITAL OUTLAY in the amount of \$150,000 and DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE, CAPITAL OUTLAY in the amount of \$50,000 (Ref'd 12/13/18) were received and placed on file by Councillor Lima and seconded by Councillor Rebeiro. (1, 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d, 1e, 1f, 1g, 1h)

Ari Sky, CFO gave an overview of the free cash received from the State; \$4.5 million was a good sized amount, not great but good. The City tried to be conservative on how the money received would be allocated. Twenty-five percent of the amount would go to the city's stabilization fund, thirty-four percent would be used for true needs throughout the city, thirty-five percent would be sent to the city OPED fund and the remainder would be saved for unforeseeable issues that may arise during the fiscal year.

Councillor Carney asked Mark Champaign, DFFM Director, about the \$175,000 earmarked for the Lucas House (stone house) at Hazelwood Park, what the amount would cover. She was told that the roof had been done previously and that this amount will allow the city to stabilize the structure. The entire amount needed after that to restore the facility would be anywhere from \$300 to \$600 thousand dollars.

On motion by Councillor Morad and seconded by Councillor Lima, the Committee VOTED to recommend to the City Council APPROVAL of the following

Orders, transferring FREE CASH to various accounts. This motion passed on a voice vote. They are as follows:

*Ia.* To STABILIZATION FUND in the amount of \$1,150,000, **PASSED** on a Roll Call Vote of Yeas 8, Nays 0, Councillor Gomes not present for the vote.

*Ib.* To OPED TRUST FUND in the amount of \$455,000, **PASSED** on a Roll Call Vote of Yeas 8, Nays 0, Councillor Gomes not present for the vote.

*Ic.* To FACILITIES AND FLEET MANAGEMENT, CAPITAL OUTLAY in the amount of \$175,000, **PASSED** on a Roll Call Vote of Yeas 7, Nays 1, with Councillor Morad opposed and Councillor Gomes not present for the vote.

*Id.* To PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE, CAPITAL OUTLAY in the amount of \$300,000, **PASSED** on a Roll Call Vote of Yeas 8, Nays 0, Councillor Gomes not present for the vote.

*Ie.* To FACILITIES & FLEET MANAGEMENT, CHARGES & SERVICES in the amount of \$235,000, **PASSED** on a Roll Call Vote of Yeas 8, Nays 0, Councillor Gomes not present for the vote.

*If.* To FACILITIES & FLEET MANAGEMENT, CAPITAL OUTLAY in the amount of \$125,000, **FAILED** on a Roll Call Vote of Yeas 5, Nays 3, with Councillors Carney, Morad and Rebeiro opposed and Councillor Gomes not present for the vote.

*Ig.* To MIS DEPARTMENT, CAPITAL OUTLAY in the amount of \$150,000, **PASSED** on a Roll Call Vote of Yeas 8, Nays 0, Councillor Gomes not present for the vote.

*Ih.* To PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE, CAPITAL OUTLAY in the amount of \$50,000, **PASSED** on a Roll Call Vote of Yeas 8, Nays 0. Councillor Gomes was not present for the votes.

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Notice, City Clerk of reference of a RELATED MOTION, Councillor Lopes, requesting that Police Chief Cordeiro provide the Committee on Finance with a full detail list of all vehicles that will be ordered as part of the \$500,000 Free Cash Transfer, said list should include make, model, outlay that each vehicle will be fitted with, and what station each vehicle will be assigned to (Ref'd 12/13/18) was received and placed on file by Councillor Morad and seconded by Councillor Rebeiro. (2)

Councillor Lopes informed the Committee that he received a Communication from Chief Cordeiro with the information he requested and copies were made for all Councillors. This Communication was received and placed on file by Councillor Morad and seconded by Councillor Rebeiro.

On motion by Councillor Morad and seconded by Councillor Abreu, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council to take "No Further Action" on the RELATED MOTION, Councillor Lopes, requesting that Police Chief Cordeiro provide the Committee on Finance with a full detail list of all vehicles that will be ordered as part of the \$500,000 Free Cash Transfer, said list should include make, model,

outlay that each vehicle will be fitted with, and what station each vehicle will be assigned to. This motion passed on a voice vote.

Councillor Morad made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Councillor Abreu.

This meeting adjourned @ 7:46 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Denis Lawrence, Jr.,  
Clerk of Committees