



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

May 16, 2017

City Council President Joseph P. Lopes, and
Honorable Members of the City Council
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

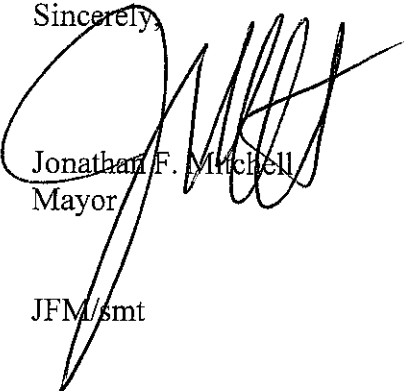
Dear Council President Lopes and Honorable Members of the City Council:

I am submitting for your approval an ORDER that the sum of **SIX HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$620,000)** now standing to the credit of the account from **POLICE SALARIES AND WAGES (\$550,000)** and **FACILITIES AND FLEET SALARIES AND WAGES (\$70,000)** be and the same is hereby transferred and appropriated to as follows:

FIRE SALARIES AND WAGES..... \$620,000

To be certified and approved by the Department Head

Sincerely,


Jonathan F. Mitchell
Mayor

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CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

CITY COUNCIL

May 23, 2017

ORDERED: that the sum of **SIX HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$620,000)** now standing to the credit of the account from **POLICE SALARIES AND WAGES (\$550,000)** and **FACILITIES AND FLEET SALARIES AND WAGES (\$70,000)** be and the same is hereby transferred and appropriated to as follows:

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OFFICE OF THE CFO

ARI J. SKY
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

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May, 2017

TO: Mayor Jonathan F. Mitchell
New Bedford City Council

FROM: Ari J. Sky *AS*

SUBJECT: FY 2017 Budget Reconciliations

As in past years, there are several departments which will require transfers prior to the end of the year to eliminate deficits resulting from excess expenditures, grant match requirements and budget reductions. Over the course of the year, we have taken a number of steps to restrain the overall rate of expense, including continuation of the hiring slowdown and continuing enforcement of cost controls in the nonpersonnel accounts. As a whole, the General Fund looks to finish the year in a relatively solid position, with a moderate surplus projected in the overall personnel budget. However, it will be necessary to effect several transfers in order to prevent individual department deficits from being raised on next year's tax recap.

Four transfers will be submitted for inclusion in the Mayor's Papers for the May 23, 2017, City Council meeting, utilizing identified balances in various accounts. These items are:

1. Fire Personnel: We have identified a \$620,000 projected deficit in the Fire Department personnel budget, due principally to excess overtime resulting from ongoing attrition and extended vacancies. The department is now nearing full staff and the FY 2018 budget includes a proposed increase to the overtime budget. This deficit will be addressed using projected balances in the Police Department and in Facilities and Fleet Management.
2. Snow Removal – The Snow Removal budget ended the winter season with an \$87,868 deficit. However, expenditures will be reduced by the receipt of a \$17,500 payment from the City's winter weather policy, leaving a net deficit of \$70,368. This deficit will be addressed using a projected personnel balance in the Department of Public Infrastructure.
3. EMS Operating – EMS will end the year with a \$30,000 deficit resulting from workers' compensation costs and another \$30,000 from excess medical supplies costs. This deficit will be addressed utilizing a projected personnel balance in the Health Department.
4. General Government Unclassified – The City Solicitor submitted a memorandum to the City Council in January identifying a need for \$380,000 to balance the Claims & Judgments budget. Savings in other lines of the General Government Unclassified budget will partially offset those costs, reducing the net requirement to \$360,000. This deficit will be addressed through transfers utilizing projected surpluses in several

departments' personnel budgets and modest savings in the Debt Service budget resulting from last month's debt sale.

I should also note that the City Council is considering a \$180,000 Free Cash appropriation to General Government Unclassified to fund the FY 2017 costs of the new AFSCME contract. Additional transfers to support departments' costs will be submitted prior to the end of the fiscal year if the City Council approves the contract.

Thank you for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

City of New Bedford

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Michael Gomes
Fire Chief

May 9, 2017

City Councillors
City of New Bedford
133 William St.
New Bedford, MA 02740

RE: Request to Cover Deficit FY17

Dear Members of the City Council:

I am respectfully requesting \$625,000 to cover our salary expenses from now until June 30, 2017. We are experiencing this shortfall for several reasons:

1. The Overtime account was underfunded to begin with this fiscal year.
2. The department had multiple vacancies and medical leaves (due to injuries) that resulted in additional overtime expenses in order to keep our department operational.
3. Several sizeable pay-offs due to retirements.

I look forward to speaking with you on this matter and thank you in advance for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Gomes
Fire Chief

cc: CFO