



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

July 13, 2017

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

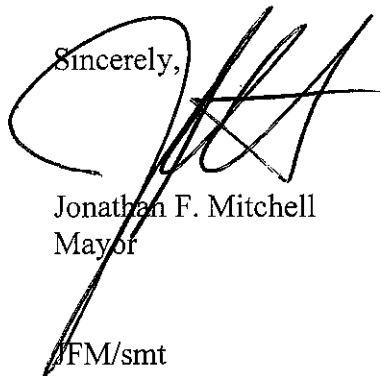
Dear Council President Lopes and Honorable Members of the City Council:

I am submitting for your approval an ORDER that the sum of **ONE HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$140,000)** now standing to the credit of the account from Ordinary Revenue and Municipal Receipts be and the same is hereby transferred and appropriated to as follows:

**ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP
OTHER FINANCING USES.....\$140,000**

To be certified and approved by the Department Head

Sincerely,



Jonathan F. Mitchell
Mayor

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CITY COUNCIL

July 20, 2017

ORDERED: That the sum of **ONE HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$140,000)** now standing to the credit of the account from Ordinary Revenue and Municipal Receipts be and the same is hereby transferred and appropriated to as follows:

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This order appropriates proceeds from the AVX settlement which are currently being held in escrow.



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MEMORANDUM

To: Ari Sky
From: Michele Paul
Date: 7/1/17
Subject: Site Reuse Planning Request

I am requesting an appropriation of \$140,000 into my 900 Other Financing Uses account.

As you know, we had previously put \$250,000 of the AVX litigation proceeds into an escrow account for River Walk in the area of the former Aerovox Facility. I am requesting that \$140,000 be appropriated to plan for the ultimate reuse of the former Aerovox Facility at 740 Belleville Avenue and the EPA's temporary operation at the eastern terminus of Sawyer Street, leaving \$110,000 to be used for other River Walk costs.

AVX is currently planning for the remediation of the 10-acre former Aerovox Facility. We have conveyed our intention to construct River Walk along the eastern edge of the site along the Acushnet River. The ultimate site-wide remedial alternative will undoubtedly (and by previous agreement) include an Activity and Use Limitation. This is an opportune time to plan for the future use of the site with these constraints in mind. The community will most certainly have questions and concerns regarding site reuse, and a tangible future plan with illustrative graphics may be helpful during these discussions. We have obtained a scope of work from BSC Group, the firm who completed the initial River Walk Concept Plan which was funded by the EPA. The scope provides for the evaluation of commercial, retail, recreation, and other uses and the development of a master re-use plan. BSC will meet with the City and will provide three concept build-out options. Based on feedback, BSC will elaborate on a selected alternative and will provide illustrative graphics for the City's use. The BSC fee for this scope of work, including high-level presentation graphics is \$62,000.

If the administration and the City Council agree that this is an appropriate use of these funds, it may also be beneficial to consider the future use of the Sawyer Street Facility at the same time. This will provide EPA with a future use framework to consider while they prepare for the ultimate vacation of the property following the completion of the New Bedford Superfund cleanup. This site covers nearly 8 acres which does not include the 2+ acres of land created by the pilot Confined Disposal Facility. Planning for these sites together will provide for uses that will complement each other. For example, there is a desire for marina amenities and in particular, a regulation crew course. This will require that a connection be established between the two available areas, and that they be considered in parallel. Based on BCS's proposal for the AVX site, I believe that \$78,000 would be appropriate to complete a similar scope for the Sawyer Street facility and to include connectivity elements between the two sites. The total amount requested for appropriation is therefore \$140,000.