



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

CITY COUNCIL

November 9, 2017

A BOND ORDER TO AUTHORIZE THE BORROWING OF FUNDS TO PAY COSTS OF THE PLANNING AND DESIGN OF AND THE LAND ACQUISITION FOR A NEW SOUTH PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER, INCLUDING ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES, AND ALL OTHER COSTS INCIDENTAL OR RELATED THERETO

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

ORDERED that \$2,000,000 is appropriated to pay the costs of the planning and design of and the land acquisition for a new South Public Safety Center, including architectural and engineering services and all other costs incidental or related thereto; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor and the Committee on Finance is authorized to borrow \$2,000,000 under Chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other enabling authority; that the premium received by the City upon the sale of any bonds or notes hereunder, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to pay project costs and the amount authorized to be borrowed hereunder shall be reduced by the amount of any such premium so applied; and that the Mayor is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this 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.



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JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

November 2, 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:

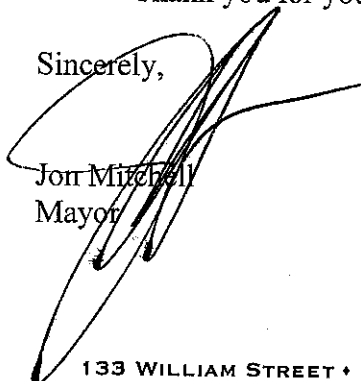
As you know, the City's Capital Improvement Program includes a plan to construct a combined public safety center to serve the area currently covered by Fire Stations 6 & 11, and Police Station 2. The FY 2016 capital bond included \$500,000 to conduct a feasibility study to conceptualize a design and identify potential sites. A building committee was convened, consisting of relevant department heads, Councilor Lopes, and neighborhood representatives to provide input and guidance.

Over the past year, the committee has been working with the architect, Ted Galante Studio (TGAS), and the owner's project manager (OPM), Daedalus, to develop concepts and to vet potential sites, and on June 28, 2017, the City issued a Request for Proposals for land acquisition. While the information submitted provided a good indication of potential interest, any concrete decisions regarding land acquisition must, of course, be made by the Property Committee.

The activity to date has brought us to the point where we are ready to initiate land acquisition and full design of the site and facility. Our OPM estimates that acquiring a site and completing design to the point where we can request construction bids will cost about \$2.3 million. There is \$290,000 remaining in the initial feasibility study appropriation, meaning that a \$2 million appropriation will be sufficient to bring the project through land acquisition and final design. The building committee anticipates that, if all goes according to schedule, a final loan order for construction will be submitted during FY 2019. I am therefore respectfully requesting that the City Council approve a loan order for \$2 million to provide funding to advance this important project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Jon Mitchell
Mayor