

May 17, 2018

City Council President Linda M. Morad Honorable Members of the City Council 133 William Street New Bedford, MA 02740

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

I am submitting for your approval an ORDER that the sum of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500) now standing to the credit of the account from CFO SALARIES AND WAGES be and the same is hereby transferred and appropriated to as follows:

CFO CHARGES AND SERVICES......\$500

To be certified and approved by the Department Head

Sincerely,

Jonathan F. Mitchell Mayor

JFM/smt



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

CITY COUNCIL

May 24, 2018

ORDERED: That the sum of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500) now standing to the credit of the account from CFO SALARIES AND WAGES be and the same is hereby transferred and appropriated to as follows:

CFO CHARGES AND SERVICES......\$500

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JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

ARI J. SKY CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

May 10, 2018

TO:

Mayor Jonathan F. Mitchell

New Bedford City Council

FROM:

Ari J. Sky

SUBJECT:

FY 2018 Budget Reconciliation

The execution of the FY 2018 budget has involved a number of challenges. Vacancies did not materialize in a uniform manner across departments, and the cost of certain materials and contractual services increased faster than expected, principally due to the improving economy. In addition, reductions imposed on departments during the budget process required additional measures to ensure sufficient General Fund balance to reconcile.

Over the course of the past year, we have taken a number of steps to mitigate the fiscal impact, including continuation of the hiring slowdown, overtime control citywide, and strict oversight of contracts and encumbrances. However, we are still looking at net deficits in the personnel and operating budgets of several departments.

We have identified a number of accounts with projected balances that will enable us to eliminate anticipated deficits. My office will be recommending a series of transfers totaling approximately \$350,000-\$400,000 to balance between 10 and 12 departments, which will be submitted to the City Council before the end of the fiscal year. These transfers will balance the General Fund and ensure that there will not be a negative levy impact during the annual tax recapitulation process.

Thank you for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I believe it is also worthwhile to note that the FY 2019 budget will be constructed to address these deficiencies, as they are currently understood, and to ensure that resources are directed as needed.