



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

June 4, 2020

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

Dear Council President Lopes and Members of the City Council:

The events of the past several months have been unprecedented, as we continue our efforts to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic and the range of challenges that have come with it. Planning the City's financial path forward is particularly daunting, given the destabilization of the economy and the high level of uncertainty at the state and federal levels.

An austere approach toward budgeting will be necessary in order to address declines in local revenue, and the City's finance staff has been working diligently to prepare an FY 2021 budget that achieves the necessary cost reductions while maintaining core services. However, it is unclear at this point to what degree the current crisis will impact state aid, which typically accounts for more than 50% of the General Fund budget. As a result, it is not possible to submit a proposed budget on a timeline which would ensure that the City Council will be able to complete its consideration prior to the beginning of the upcoming fiscal year on July 1.

Massachusetts General Law (Ch. 44, Sec. 32) permits cities to adopt up to three one-month continuing budgets if the city is unable to adopt a budget "because of circumstances beyond its control." I am therefore submitting for approval a continuing budget which would maintain current services during the month of July.

There remains considerable uncertainty regarding the required timeline for submission of a proposed budget. As of the date of transmittal, a proposal is pending in the Legislature that would allow cities to submit a proposed budget as late as July 31, 2020. The timing of my proposed budget will be dependent on the provision of guidance from the state and federal governments, as well as the outcome of the pending legislation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jon Mitchell
Mayor



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CITY COUNCIL

June 11, 2020

ORDERED: That to provide for the payment of current expenses of the CITY for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, the sum set against several municipal accounts in the following schedule are hereby appropriated from Ordinary Revenue and Municipal Receipts of the fiscal year, to be expended and certified by the officers, departments, agencies and boards listed below to wit:

ASSESSORS

Salaries & Wages	\$56,598
Charges & Services	24,218
Supplies & Materials	8
Capital Outlay	0
Total	\$80,824

AUDITOR

Salaries & Wages	\$41,895
Charges & Services	631
Supplies & Materials	196
Capital Outlay	0
Total	\$42,722

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Salaries & Wages	\$26,957
Charges & Services	219
Supplies & Materials	50
Capital Outlay	0
Total	\$27,226

CITY CLERK

Salaries & Wages	\$31,159
Charges & Services	900
Supplies & Materials	25
Capital Outlay	0
Total	\$32,084

CITY COUNCIL

Salaries & Wages	\$44,744
Charges & Services	1,500
Supplies & Materials	25
Capital Outlay	0
Total	\$46,269

CLERK OF COMMITTEES

Salaries & Wages	\$11,840
Charges & Services	1,450
Supplies & Materials	25
Capital Outlay	0
Total	\$13,315

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Salaries & Wages	\$72,776
Charges & Services	7,802
Supplies & Materials	1,126
Capital Outlay	0
Total	\$81,704

DEBT

Other Charges	\$108,621
Total	\$108,621

ELECTIONS

Salaries & Wages	\$14,491
Charges & Services	638
Supplies & Materials	0
Capital Outlay	0
Total	\$15,129

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Salaries & Wages	\$215,422
Charges & Services	62,000
Supplies & Materials	27,000
Capital Outlay	156,182
Total	\$460,604

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Salaries & Wages	\$25,912
Charges & Services	302
Supplies & Materials	5
Capital Outlay	0
Total	\$26,219

FACILITIES & FLEET MANAGEMENT

Salaries & Wages	\$320,920
Charges & Services	209,522
Supplies & Materials	189,150
Capital Outlay	418,494
Total	\$1,138,086

FIRE

Salaries & Wages	\$1,380,937
Charges & Services	13,066
Supplies & Materials	730
Capital Outlay	0
Total	\$1,394,733

HEALTH

Salaries & Wages	\$87,637
Charges & Services	942
Supplies & Materials	66
Capital Outlay	0
Total	\$88,645

INSPECTIONAL SERVICES

Salaries & Wages	\$82,041
Charges & Services	1,368
Supplies & Materials	138
Capital Outlay	0
Total	\$83,547

LABOR RELATIONS

Salaries & Wages	\$32,800
Charges & Services	560
Supplies & Materials	90
Capital Outlay	0
Total	\$33,450

LIBRARY

Salaries & Wages	\$138,388
Charges & Services	80,061
Supplies & Materials	6,800
Capital Outlay	0
Total	\$225,249

LICENSING

Salaries & Wages	\$9,779
Charges & Services	1,039
Supplies & Materials	90
Capital Outlay	0
Total	\$10,908

MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Salaries & Wages	\$64,014
Charges & Services	515,509
Supplies & Materials	0
Capital Outlay	0
Total	\$579,523

MAYOR

Salaries & Wages	\$49,507
Charges & Services	19,844
Supplies & Materials	95
Capital Outlay	0
Total	\$69,446

PLANNING

Salaries & Wages	\$31,705
Charges & Services	3,420
Supplies & Materials	9
Capital Outlay	0
Total	\$35,134

PLANNING BOARD

Salaries & Wages	\$0
Charges & Services	2,175
Supplies & Materials	0
Capital Outlay	0
Total	\$2,175

POLICE

Salaries & Wages	\$1,947,994
Charges & Services	301,460
Supplies & Materials	300
Capital Outlay	31,560

Total	\$2,281,314
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PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

Salaries & Wages	\$273,166
Charges & Services	111,029
Supplies & Materials	67,328
Capital Outlay	42,985

Total	\$494,508
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PURCHASING

Salaries & Wages	\$21,624
Charges & Services	16,100
Supplies & Materials	0
Capital Outlay	0

Total	\$37,724
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RECREATION AND PARKS

Salaries & Wages	\$58,736
Charges & Services	2,769
Supplies & Materials	450
Capital Outlay	0

Total	\$61,955
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SCHOOL

Salaries & Wages	\$1,537,745
General Expenses	6,589,299

Total	\$8,127,044*
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*Beginning in FY21, health care costs will be assigned directly to the School Department. Includes August bill (\$2,180,209)

SNOW REMOVAL

Charges & Services	\$0
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Total	\$0
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SOLICITOR

Salaries & Wages	\$77,006
Charges & Services	13,766
Supplies & Materials	306
Capital Outlay	0

Total	\$91,078
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TOURISM / MARKETING

Salaries & Wages	\$11,032
Charges & Services	17,888
Supplies & Materials	270
Capital Outlay	0

Total	\$29,190
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TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Salaries & Wages	\$24,490
Charges & Services	6,345
Supplies & Materials	0
Capital Outlay	0
Total	\$30,835

TREASURER

Salaries & Wages	\$60,517
Charges & Services	17,598
Supplies & Materials	0
Capital Outlay	0
Total	\$78,115

VETERANS

Salaries & Wages	\$20,296
Charges & Services	182,273
Supplies & Materials	0
Capital Outlay	0
Total	\$202,569

ZOO

Salaries & Wages	\$110,551
Charges & Services	4,880
Supplies & Materials	21,135
Capital Outlay	0
Total	\$136,566

GENERAL GOVERNMENT UNCLASSIFIED

Charges & Services	\$917,614
Total	\$917,614

GTR NB REFUSE MGMT DISTRICT

Charges & Services	\$186,170
Total	\$186,170

GTR NB REGIONAL VOC TECH HS

Charges & Services	\$2,057,290
Total	\$2,057,290

PENSION CONTRIBUTION

Charges & Services	\$8,050,389
Total	\$8,050,389

HEALTH INSURANCE

Charges & Services	\$3,837,000
Total	\$3,837,000*

*Includes August bill (\$1,918,500)

LIFE INSURANCE

Charges & Services	\$21,768
Total	\$21,768

**TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET FROM
ORDINARY REVENUE**

\$31,236,742



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AIRPORT

Salaries & Wages	\$32,315
Charges & Services	\$23,518
Supplies & Materials	\$1,892
Debt Service/Other Uses	\$16,205
Total	\$73,390
Estimated Income from Operations	\$73,390
Difference to be Raised by Taxation	\$0



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ORDERED: That in order to provide for the payment of current expenses of the City for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021, the following sums set against the Hotel and Lodging Tax are hereby appropriated in from municipal receipts of the fiscal year, to be expended in accordance with the appropriation

ARTS, CULTURE AND TOURISM FUND

Charges & Services	\$8,869
Difference to be Raised by Taxation	\$0



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ORDERED: That in order to provide for the payment of current expenses of the City for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, the following sums set against the Cable Access Enterprise Fund account are hereby appropriated from enterprise fund receipts of fiscal year, to be expended in accordance with the appropriation

CABLE ACCESS ENTERPRISE FUND

Salaries & Wages	\$47,512
Charges & Services	\$22,795
Supplies & Materials	\$1,476
Capital Outlay	\$0
Other Uses	\$25,362
Total	\$97,145
Estimated Income from Operations	\$97,145
Difference to be Raised by Taxation	\$0



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ORDERED: That in order to provide for the payment of current expenses of the City for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, the sum of TWO THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND NINETEEN DOLLARS (\$2,917) now standing to the credit of the account of CCDA-TRAFFIC HANDICAP PARKING be and the same is hereby transferred and appropriated as follows:

Commission for Citizens with Disabilities

SALARIES AND WAGES..... \$292

CHARGES AND SERVICES.....\$2,625

CAPITAL OUTLAY..... \$0



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ORDERED: That in order to provide for the payment of current expenses of the City for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, the following sums set against the Downtown Parking account are hereby appropriated from enterprise fund receipts of fiscal year, to be expended in accordance with the appropriation

DOWNTOWN PARKING

Salaries & Wages	\$21,134
Charges & Services	\$20,230
Supplies & Materials	\$1,500
Capital Outlay	\$0
Debt Service/Other Uses	\$13,101
Total	\$55,965
Estimated Income from Operations	\$55,965
Difference to be Raised by Taxation	\$0



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ORDERED: That in order to provide for the payment of current expenses of the City for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, the following sums set against the DPI/Wastewater account are hereby appropriated from wastewater receipts of the fiscal year, to be expended in accordance with the appropriation:

WASTEWATER

Salaries & Wages	\$161,915
Charges & Services	\$1,129,606
Supplies & Materials	\$36,425
Capital Outlay	\$250,634
Debt Service/Other Charges	\$2,412,187
Total	\$3,990,767
Estimated Income from Operations	\$3,990,767
Difference to be Raised by Taxation	\$0



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WATER

Salaries & Wages	\$389,861
Charges & Services	\$414,570
Supplies & Materials	\$97,583
Capital Outlay	\$131,705
Debt Service/Other Uses	\$2,225,469
Total	\$3,259,188
Estimated Income from Operations	\$3,259,188
Difference to be Raised by Taxation	\$0