



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

June 4, 2020

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 **THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$3,800)** now standing to the credit of the account from **CITY COUNCIL SALARIES AND WAGES** be and the same is hereby transferred and appropriated to as follows:

CLERK OF COMMITTEES
SALARIES AND WAGES..... \$3,800

To be certified and approved by the Department Head

Sincerely,

Jon Mitchell
Mayor



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

CITY COUNCIL

June 11, 2020

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OFFICE OF THE CFO

ARI J. SKY
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

June 2, 2020

TO: Mayor Jonathan F. Mitchell
New Bedford City Council

FROM: Ari J. Sky

SUBJECT: FY 2020 General Fund Budget Reconciliation

As in past years, several departments will require transfers prior to the end of the fiscal year to eliminate deficits resulting from excess expenditures, grant match requirements and budget reductions. Over the course of FY 2020, we have taken several steps to restrain the overall rate of expense, including continuation of the hiring slowdown and enforcement of cost controls in the nonpersonnel accounts. The advent of the COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated the situation, resulting in excess expenditures in some areas and unanticipated savings in others.

Revenue losses due to the pandemic will leave the General Fund with a deficit against budget, currently estimated at about \$2-\$2.5 million. In addition, COVID-19 related expenditures will total approximately \$2 million, although we believe those expenses will be reimbursed by FEMA and CARES Act funding. There will be also be savings in a number of areas: most notably, health insurance expenditures dropped precipitously during the pandemic as medical providers ceased providing elective and routine services. Regardless, it will be necessary to effect several transfers in order to prevent individual deficits from being raised on next year's tax recap. Most of the requested transfers will be internal to the respective departments, although several will require funding from other departments to balance.

The largest drivers requiring interdepartmental support will be underbudgeting in the Fire and General Government Unclassified (GGU) budgets. Personnel expenditures in the Fire Department will exceed budget principally due to overtime expenses, which continue to exceed budget despite increases over the past several years. The GGU budget was reduced by the City Council during the budget process, with the direction that staff identify offsetting funding elsewhere. In addition, several interdepartmental transfers will be submitted to offset anticipated deficits resulting from insufficient vacancy savings and excess personnel and material expenses. In addition to Fire and GGU, the departments requiring interdepartmental transfers are City Clerk, Clerk of Committees, CFO, Mayor, Zoo, Emergency Medical Services, Traffic, Planning, Licensing, and Elections.

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



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May 21, 2020

Jonathan Mitchell, Mayor
City of New Bedford
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Mayor Mitchell:

NOTE: This letter is meant to replace my previously submitted letter of May 20, 2020.

I respectfully request your consideration of the following transfer requests:

From: City Council, Salaries and Wages
To: City Clerk, Salaries and Wages
Amount: \$8,600.00

From: City Council, Salaries and Wages
To: Clerk of Committees, Salaries and Wages
Amount: \$3,800.00

The deficits in the City Clerk and Clerk of Committees' 100 Accounts are due to the Union Contract increase and its corresponding retroactive payments to all qualifying staff.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important matter. Please feel free to contact me directly should you or your office require additional information.

Sincerely,

Dennis W. Farias
City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council

cc: City Council President Joseph P. Lopes
Ari Sky, Chief Financial Officer
Robert Eckstrom, City Auditor