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MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND ORGANIZATION OF GOVERNMENT

MEETING: January 5, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.
B.M.C. Durfee High School, Robert J. Nagle Auditorium
460 Elsbree Street

PRESENT: Councilors Shawn E. Cadime, Joseph D. Camara, Michael G. Canuel, Michelle M. Dionne, Christopher M. Peckham, Sr., Linda M. Pereira, Cliff A. Ponte and Andrew J. Raposo

ABSENT: Councilor Paul B. Hart

City Clerk Inês da Silva Paulino Leite called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. There was a presentation of the colors by the Fall River Police Department and Fall River Fire Department Honor Guards.

The purpose of the meeting was to elect a President and Vice-President of the City Council for the year 2026.

ORDERED, that we now proceed, by a vive-voce vote, to elect a President of the City Council for the year 2026.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order, with Councilor Hart absent and not voting. Councilor Cliff A. Ponte received 8 votes and was declared President of the City Council for the year 2026, with Councilor Hart absent and not voting. Councilor Ponte was then sworn into his duties by the City Clerk.

Council President Ponte delivered remarks, then permitted the City Clerk to proceed with the order of business.

ORDERED, that we now proceed, by a vive-voce vote, to elect a Vice-President of the City Council for the year 2026.

On a motion made by Councilor Raposo and seconded by Councilor Ponte, it was unanimously voted to adopt the order, with Councilor Hart absent and not voting. Councilor Michelle M. Dionne received 8 votes and was declared Vice President of the City Council for the year 2026, with Councilor Hart absent and not voting. Councilor Dionne was then sworn to her duties by the City Clerk and delivered remarks.

On a motion made by Vice President Dionne and seconded by Councilor Raposo, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 5:43 p.m., with Councilor Hart absent and not voting.

List of documents and other exhibits used during the meeting:
Agenda (attached)

A true copy. Attest:
Ânia da Silva Paulino Leite
City Clerk

In City Council, January 27, 2026
Approved.

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Meeting of the City Council
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The organization of government, in conjunction with the inauguration of municipal officers will be held on Monday, January 5, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. in the Robert J. Nagle Auditorium at Durfee High School, 460 Elsbree Street.

The purpose of the meeting will be to elect a City Council President and Vice President for the year 2026.

Inês da Silva Paulino Leite
City Clerk

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