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Ward 5 – Marisa R. Fleming
Ward 6 – Derrick J. Cruz**

Finance Committee

A meeting of the Finance Committee was called to order by Councilor DiNatale on Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 6:01 PM in the Legislative Building, 700 Main Street, Fitchburg, MA.

Committee Members present: Councilors Paul Beauchemin, Derrick Cruz, and Marcus DiNatale.
Committee Members absent: Councilors Andrew Van Hazinga and Anthony Zarrella.

The chairman read an announcement regarding the recording of public meetings, noting that FATV was recording and broadcasting the meeting. No other person stated that they were recording the meeting.

The chairman opened the meeting for public comment. No one spoke.

250-22 ORDER: that there be and hereby is transferred from within the sum of ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE THOUSAND, THIRTY-FIVE AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$173,035.00) same to be transferred from RESERVE FOR OTHER MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, CAPITAL EXPENSES and credited to FIRE, CAPITAL EXPENDITURES, VEHICLE REPLACEMENT for the purpose of replacing three fire vehicles.

Discussion: The chairman read a letter from Fire Chief Dante Suarez dated September 19, 2022.
Action: On a motion by Councilor Beauchemin, second by Councilor Cruz, the committee voted unanimously to hold Order #250-22.

251-22 ORDER: that there be and hereby is transferred from within the sum of EIGHTY-SEVEN THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$87,000.00) same to be transferred from RESERVE FOR OTHER MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, CAPITAL EXPENSES and credited to POLICE, CAPITAL EXPENDITURES, VEHICLE REPLACEMENT for the purpose of replacing two police vehicles.

Discussion: Police Chief Ernest Martineau was present. He stated that this request is an annual one to upgrade the fleet. Currently the fleet is in exceptional condition due to regular spending in prior years. As such he does not have to replace front line vehicles this year. He wants to upgrade the Traffic Unit vehicle and add a UTV for use in off road areas, such as the Rail Trail and in-city reservoir areas.

Councilors asked how long police vehicles last. The chief replied that he generally replaces front line vehicles at 100,000 miles, moving them to the second line. At about 140,000 to 150,000 miles the vehicles move to the third line, where they are run until they break down. At that point the vehicles are scavenged for parts. There are seven vehicles in each line.

Action: On a motion by Councilor Cruz, second by Councilor Beauchemin, the committee voted unanimously to approve Order #251-22.

On a motion made by Councilor Beauchemin, second by Councilor Cruz, the committee voted unanimously to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 6:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Calvin D. Brooks". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Calvin D. Brooks, Clerk