

**CITY OF WOBURN
JUNE 12, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBER, WOBURN CITY HALL**

Roll Call

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| Campbell | Ferullo |
| Demers | Gately |
| Dillon | Mercer-Bruen |
| DiMambro | Viola |
| Concannon | |

Reading of the previous meeting's Journal. City Clerk Higgins stated there were no journals to approve at this time.

Pursuant to Woburn Municipal Code Title 3, Article I, Section 3-3(C), and to Rule 31 of the Rules and Orders of the City Council, the President of the City Council has called a Special Meeting of the City Council for Monday, June 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, Woburn City Hall, 10 Common Street, Woburn and further, if necessary, the proceedings will continue at a Meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, for the purposes of reviewing, conducting a public hearing and taking action as determined by the City Council on the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget, taking action on financial matters presented and pending before the City Council, taking action on financial matters pending in Committee on Finance, providing a first reading for financial matters, and for any other matters that may legally come before the City Council.

Motion made and 2nd that the FY2024 Municipal Budget be taken from the Committee on Finance, all in favor, 9-0.

President Concannon stated he has family members who work for the city of Woburn. President Concannon stated he has sought guidance from the state Ethics Commission which indicated he can participate in discussion and deliberations on the budget in general as long as he makes a disclosure. President Concannon stated he has a family member who works in the School Department, Police Department, and Fire Department, and he is making a disclosure. Councilor Ferullo stated that he has a family member who works in the Planning Department, and that he is making disclosure.

MOTION MADE AND 2ND TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING, all in favor, 9-0. PUBLIC HEARING OPENED: A communication dated June 7, 2023 to President Concannon was received from Michael Mulrenan, 937 Main Street. Motion made and 2nd that the

communication be received and made part of the record, all in favor, 9-0. Tom Hess, 28 Lawrence Street, stated the definition of a leader. Mr. Hess stated before the teachers strike he may have disagreed with the Mayor, but he believed the Mayor did a good job, Mr. Hess stated that after the strike his mind changed. Mr. Hess stated he spoke with dozens of people and the Mayor is opposite of a true leader. Mr. Hess stated the Mayor uses fear and intimidation. Mr. Hess stated the Charter gives a lot of authority to the Mayor. President Concannon stated that comments should be directed to the City Council and related to the budget. Councilor Demers asked for a point of order and stated comments should be related to the budget. Mr. Hess stated his comments are indirectly related to the budget that it is not funded properly. Mr. Hess stated to look at negotiations with the two party system, and they kept taking more. Mr. Hess stated at the May 10th School Committee budget meeting Supt. Crowley is informed at 10:00 a.m. that \$1 million in cuts were asked for. Mr. Hess stated he keeps taking more and lacks leadership. President Concannon stated tonight's public hearing is for the budget. Mr. Hess stated he wants the schools level funded, and layoffs are happening because of the budget cuts. Mr. Hess stated you are cutting the livelihood of people and some agreement needs to be had to adjust the budget. Allison Van Deventer, 8 Sherman Place, stated she is a parent of a White School child and one that will be going into kindergarten in the fall. Ms. Van Deventer stated she attended the May 25th budget presentation meeting and the Committee on Finance meeting on June 5th. Ms. Van Deventer the school budget is not a level funded budget because it needs to meet all of the needs. Ms. Van Deventer stated a 12% increase would be a level funded budget, and they got a 6.5% increase. Ms. Van Deventer the School Committee had to make decisions to layoff employees. Ms. Van Deventer stated when the budget is underfunded, crucial staff is eliminated. Ms. Van Deventer stated there is no physical education twice a week. Ms. Van Deventer stated that valuable people are laid off, kids pay the price. Ms. Van Deventer stated the School Committee decided to cut the middle school computer labs. Ms. Van Deventer stated she would welcome higher taxes and it cheaper than paying for private schools. Rachel Kuberry, 6 Blake Street stated she has two children in the schools, and that she is an educator in another community. Ms. Kuberry stated the schools did not start off by saying they had a level funded budget; this would be 12%. Ms. Kuberry stated the school increase was 6.5%. Ms. Kuberry stated Middle School Computer Science is being cut. Ms. Kuberry stated data shows Massachusetts digital literacy computer science. Ms. Kuberry stated that DESI tracks and shows the data online. Ms. Kuberry stated most districts have this class as a special at the elementary school level, but Woburn does not. Ms. Kuberry stated only 28% take computer sciences, Woburn only 7% take computer sciences. Ms. Kuberry stated if you compare 12% do not offer it from kindergarten through eighth grade, that means 88% do. Ms. Kuberry stated for comparable schools to Woburn, all offer computer science kindergarten through eighth grade, and four out of eight offer it at all levels. Ms. Kuberry stated this needs to be fixed in the next budget, and next year the budget is going to be difficult. Ms. Kuberry stated you need to rethink the draft budget. Ms. Kuberry stated we need additional revenue including raising revenue. Marina Simons-Fulton, 19 Wade Avenue, stated she supported the last speakers. Ms. Simons-Fulton stated there should not be a threat of withholding special education funds. Ms. Simons-Fulton stated she is an educator in a neighboring community and her brother has a disability. Ms. Simons-Fulton stated she has a moral feeling against withholding those funds. Ms. Simons-Fulton stated she works in special education, pays taxes even though she has no students in the schools, and she is upset. Mary Paris, 80 Kilby

Street stated she echoed the previous commentators. Ms. Paris stated she had her daughter in attendance and wants to invest in her future. His Honor Mayor Scott D. Galvin stated he used fiscal sanity in preparing the budget. Mayor Galvin stated the school budget went up \$4.9 million, the schools received \$1.8 million in out of district funding, \$600,000 in capital expenditures, with a total of a 9.8% increase in the overall budget. Mayor Galvin stated he went in detail to the three (3) revenue sources at the School Committee and the City Council Budget hearings. Mayor Galvin stated those who previously spoke are very passionate, but the details are not true because the school budget did increase by 9.8%. Mayor Galvin stated that the schools also received other capital items that were significant expenses. Mayor Galvin stated the city just spent \$23 million on the new fire station and they are hiring eight (8) new firefighters to staff a second ambulance. Mayor Galvin stated this is a good budget, a solid budget. Councilor Mercer-Bruen stated she asked Supt. Crowley for a list of ESSER funds and she had received the list. Councilor Mercer-Bruen stated she plans to keep those in mind to talk about those in October and not in January. Councilor Mercer-Bruen stated these funds will have a big impact on the schools. Mayor Galvin stated that the \$1.7 million was not supposed to be used for ongoing expenses, rather one time expenses, that is why it is going to be difficult to replace the \$1.7 million. Councilor Mercer-Bruen stated it will be more difficult if we wait. Mayor Galvin stated that the fact is that the money goes away. Upon inquiry from Councilor Viola, Mayor Galvin stated the fire department calls are pretty much static and are being monitored. Mayor Galvin stated the third ambulance is outsourced and everyone on the fire department are trained EMTs. Councilor DiMambro stated regarding the ESSER funds going away, that the city needs to be proactive as to not get behind. President Concannon stated that he echoes Councilor DiMambro and Councilor Mercer-Bruen about the fiscal cliff and supports working with the school and mayor on a plan to prepare for fiscal cliff. President Concannon stated that the department heads have lean budgets and are expectations are to do more with less. President Concannon stated he is willing to participate but that the budget is leaner and the city is still growing. Mayor Galvin stated the question of the department heads is asked every year. Mayor Galvin stated if you ask them at the end of the year, they get what they need. Councilor Dillon stated the comment and idea of raising taxes is interesting, and that when he has campaigned in the past years, residents have stated they do not want taxes to go up. Mayor Galvin stated that it is a balancing act, taxes do go up and a small group want to go up. Mayor Galvin stated that there was a great job balancing act. Councilor Gately stated that the parks department has 30 fields and they need more help. Mayor Galvin stated their budget is fully funded and he can provide the amount of the capital budget with a \$134,000 lawnmower, and they have two cutters. Councilor Gately stated they need to put someone on them. Mayor Galvin stated that December through March there is no grass to cut, so he wants to give them part-time help when they need it. Councilor Gately stated the had those guys busy all the time and does not like what he sees. Councilor Mercer-Bruen stated this year seems different as there are open positions that cannot seemed to be filled within the city, including DPW. Councilor Mercer-Bruen stated the people are not available and that other communities must be having the same issue. Mayor Galvin stated it is hard to get qualified, certified people. Mayor Galvin stated that the DPW is trying to do training in-house to be able to have qualified candidates. Upon inquiry from Councilor DiMambro, Mayor Galvin stated there are funds sought through the year, like this year, electricity was an issue. Mayor Galvin stated when something comes up, which is rare, we would have to fund. Councilor DiMambro stated

when an issue like this comes up, we do approve it 90% of the time. President Concannon stated the City Council asks questions on what they are approving and cutting, and that the City Council cannot add to the budget, except in the rare case of the schools. Motion made and 2nd that the public hearing be closed, all in favor, 9-0. PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

A discussion of the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget as submitted and recommended by the Mayor ensued. On motion made and 2nd each page of the Budget was approved with 9 in favor, 0 opposed, unless otherwise indicated herein.

Motion made and 2nd that the WATER & SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET including indirect costs in the sum of \$23,688,163.22 be ADOPTED, ROLL CALL: Campbell - Yes; Demers - Yes; Dillon - Yes; DiMambro - Yes; Ferullo - Yes; Gately - Yes; Mercer-Bruen - Yes; Viola - Yes; Concannon - Yes. MOTION PASSES.

Motion made and 2nd that the GENERAL FUND BUDGET in the sum of \$163,142,749.67 be ADOPTED, ROLL CALL: Campbell - Yes; Demers - Yes; Dillon - Yes; DiMambro - Yes; Ferullo - Yes; Gately - Yes; Mercer-Bruen - Yes; Viola - Yes; Concannon - Yes. MOTION PASSES.

Motion made and 2nd that the total FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET for the City of Woburn in the sum of \$184,895,462.03 be ADOPTED, ROLL CALL: Campbell - Yes; Demers - Yes; Dillon - Yes; DiMambro - Yes; Ferullo - Yes; Gately - Yes; Mercer-Bruen - Yes; Viola - Yes; Concannon - Yes. MOTION PASSES.

The final budget was as follows:

| CITY OF WOBURN | | | FISCAL 2024 BUDGET | | | |
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| ORDERED: that for the purpose of defraying expenses for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 / June 30, 2024 the following sums of money be and they are respectfully appropriated to the accounts and for objects and purpose herein after stated and explained: | | | | | | |
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| Page | Department | Dept Code # | Summary | FY24 Total | FY23 Total | |
| 1 | City Council | 0111 | Salary | \$123,211.92 | | |
| | | | Maintenance | \$11,150.00 | \$134,361.92 | \$133,723.15 |
| 2 | Mayor | 0121 | Salary | \$1,153,918.33 | | |
| | | | Maintenance | \$93,700.00 | \$1,247,618.33 | \$1,392,809.39 |
| 3 | Community Services | 0122 | Maintenance | \$61,000.00 | \$61,000.00 | \$63,211.28 |
| 4 | Auditor | 0134 | Salary | \$434,037.77 | | |
| | | | Maintenance | \$141,500.00 | \$575,537.77 | \$461,436.40 |
| 5 | Purchasing | 0136 | Salary | \$174,380.34 | | |
| | | | Maintenance | \$3,700.00 | \$178,080.34 | \$161,180.86 |

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| 6 | Assessor | 0137 | Salary | \$502,679.92 | | |
| | | | Maintenance | \$196,400.00 | \$699,079.92 | \$723,584.67 |
| 7 | Treasurer / Collector | 0138 | Salary | \$478,208.87 | | |
| | | | Maintenance | \$143,700.00 | \$621,908.87 | \$592,844.74 |
| 8 | Law | 0151 | Salary | \$192,064.64 | | |
| | | | Maintenance | \$67,500.00 | \$259,564.64 | \$276,126.02 |
| 9 | Data Processing | 0154 | Salary | \$281,475.20 | | |
| | | | Maintenance | \$692,500.00 | \$973,975.20 | \$889,739.34 |
| 10 | City Clerk | 0161 | Salary | \$357,493.60 | | |
| | | | Maintenance | \$9,510.00 | | |
| | | | Outlays | \$0.00 | \$367,003.60 | \$352,892.42 |
| 11 | Election & Reg | 0162 | Salary | \$78,711.92 | | |
| | | | Maintenance | \$39,075.00 | | |
| | | | Outlays | \$0.00 | \$117,786.92 | \$114,148.15 |
| 12 | License Commission | 0164 | Salary | \$13,500.00 | | |
| | | | Maintenance | \$0.00 | \$13,500.00 | \$13,500.00 |
| 13 | Human Resources | 0170 | Salary | \$182,940.04 | | |
| | | | Maintenance | \$13,350.00 | \$196,290.04 | \$190,810.45 |
| 14 | Conservation | 0171 | Salary | \$132,170.82 | | |
| | | | Maintenance | \$13,650.00 | | |
| | | | Outlays | | \$145,820.82 | \$138,738.70 |
| 15 | Planning Bd/ Comm Devel | 0172 | Salary | \$344,406.37 | | |
| | | | Maintenance | \$46,900.00 | \$391,306.37 | \$379,598.42 |
| 16 | Board of Appeals | 0173 | Salary | \$27,450.00 | | |
| | | | Maintenance | | \$27,450.00 | \$27,450.00 |
| 17 | Sundry Boards | 0174 | Maintenance | \$40,600.00 | \$40,600.00 | \$40,600.00 |
| 18-21 | Police | 0210 | Salary | \$9,987,598.54 | | |
| 22 | | | Maintenance | \$790,718.00 | | |
| 23 | | | Outlays | \$55,600.00 | \$10,833,916.54 | \$10,091,345.74 |
| 24-25 | Fire | 0220 | Salary | \$8,578,216.49 | | |
| 26 | | | Maintenance | \$765,500.00 | | |
| 27 | | | Outlays | \$0.00 | \$9,343,716.49 | \$9,065,108.87 |
| 28 | Inspection Services | 0251 | Salary | \$601,789.29 | | |
| | | | Maintenance | \$12,050.00 | | |
| | | | Outlays | \$0.00 | \$613,839.29 | \$599,694.86 |
| 29 | Sealer of Weights | 0254 | Salary | \$17,826.07 | | |
| | | | Maintenance | \$500.00 | \$18,326.07 | \$17,976.54 |
| 30 | Civil Defense | 0291 | Salary | \$68,654.25 | | |
| | | | Maintenance | \$0.00 | \$68,654.25 | \$66,142.26 |
| 31 | Woburn School | 0300 | Budget | \$78,650,393.00 | | |
| 31 | Northeast Regional | 0301 | Budget | \$2,416,552.00 | | |
| 31 | Essex North Shore Agricultural & Technical School District | 0302 | Budget | \$489,720.00 | | |
| | | | | | \$81,556,665.00 | \$76,730,209.00 |
| 32 | Engineering | 0410 | Salary | \$325,975.98 | | |
| | | | Maintenance | \$23,200.00 | | |
| | | | Outlays | \$9,300.00 | \$358,475.98 | \$344,095.86 |
| 33-36 | Public Works | 0411 | Salary | \$2,839,234.27 | | |
| 37 | Public Works | 0412 | Administration | \$9,500.00 | | |
| 37 | Public Works | 0414 | Tree Moth | \$21,500.00 | | |
| 38 | Public Works | 0417 | Street Maint | \$383,000.00 | | |
| 39 | Public Works | 0418 | Snow Remove | \$279,000.00 | | |
| 39 | Public Works | 0419 | Traffic Control | \$92,900.00 | | |
| 39 | Public Works | 0420 | Street Lighting | \$175,000.00 | | |
| 40 | Public Works | 0421 | Repair & resur | \$0.00 | | |
| 40 | Public Works | 0422 | Sidewalk Rep | \$0.00 | | |
| 40 | Public Works | 0424 | Comm. Events | \$14,000.00 | | |
| 40 | Public Works | 0425 | Bridge Repair | \$0.00 | | |
| 40 | Public Works | 0426 | Fence Repair | \$0.00 | | |
| 41 | Public Works | 0428 | City Garage | \$0.00 | | |
| 41 | Public Works | 0429 | Telephone | \$1,500.00 | | |
| 41 | Public Works | 0430 | Gas & Oil | \$270,000.00 | | |
| 42 | Public Works | 0432 | Trucks & equip | \$220,000.00 | | |
| 42 | Public Works | 0435 | Public building | \$380,000.00 | | |
| 44 | Total Public Works | | Budget | | \$4,685,634.27 | \$4,516,967.43 |

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| 45 | Cemetery | 0490 | Salary | \$355,884.89 | | |
| 46 | | | Maintenance | \$55,000.00 | | |
| 46 | | | Outlays | \$0.00 | \$410,884.89 | \$392,292.64 |
| 47 | Board of Health | 0512 | Salary | \$481,574.18 | | |
| 48 | | | Maintenance | \$52,050.00 | | |
| 49 | Rubbish Removal | 0495 | Maintenance | \$4,669,432.00 | \$5,203,056.18 | \$4,882,190.25 |
| 50 | Council on Aging | 0541 | Salary | \$270,328.68 | | |
| | | | Maintenance | \$75,421.00 | \$345,749.68 | \$321,089.03 |
| 51 | Veterans Benefits | 0543 | Salary | \$103,460.55 | | |
| | | | Maintenance | \$2,500.00 | | |
| | | | Benefits | \$259,000.00 | \$364,960.55 | \$359,722.75 |
| 52 | United Veterans | 0544 | Maintenance | \$17,000.00 | \$17,000.00 | \$13,200.00 |
| 53 | Public Library | 0610 | Salary | \$1,330,609.97 | | |
| 54 | | | Maintenance | \$455,655.00 | | |
| | | | | | \$1,786,264.97 | \$1,641,073.92 |
| 55 | Recreation | 0620 | Salary | \$193,357.03 | | |
| 55 | | | Programs | \$89,320.00 | | |
| 56-57 | | | Maintenance | \$90,490.00 | \$373,167.03 | \$345,768.34 |
| 58 | Parks | 0630 | Salary | \$438,346.62 | | |
| 59 | | | Maintenance | \$133,450.00 | | |
| 59 | | | Outlays | | \$571,796.62 | \$541,424.30 |
| 60 | Historical Comm. | 0650 | Maintenance | \$500.00 | \$500.00 | \$500.00 |
| 61 | Handicap Commission | 0660 | Maintenance | \$500.00 | \$500.00 | \$500.00 |
| 62 | Biotech Commission | 0670 | Maintenance | \$500.00 | \$500.00 | \$500.00 |
| 63 | Agricultural Commission | 0675 | Maintenance | \$1.00 | \$1.00 | \$1.00 |
| 64 | Traffic Commission | 0640 | Maintenance | \$800.00 | \$800.00 | \$800.00 |
| 65 | Human Rights Commission | 0685 | Maintenance | \$1.00 | \$1.00 | \$1.00 |
| 66 | Historical District Commission | 0690 | Maintenance | \$1.00 | \$1.00 | \$1.00 |
| 67 | Maturing Debt | 0710 | Principal Interest | \$6,107,062.52 | \$6,107,062.52 | \$6,202,506.27 |
| 68 | Interest Temp Loans | 0715 | Interest | \$50,000.00 | \$50,000.00 | \$75,000.00 |
| 69 | Woburn Retirement | 0970 | Salary&Maint | \$11,055,817.00 | \$11,055,817.00 | \$11,047,784.00 |
| 70 | Non Contributory Pensions | 0970 | Salary | \$1.00 | \$1.00 | \$1.00 |
| 71 | Unemployment | 0980 | Maintenance | \$65,000.00 | \$65,000.00 | \$100,000.00 |
| 72 | Insurance | 0980 | Maintenance | \$22,059,573.60 | \$22,059,573.60 | \$21,529,960.17 |
| 73 | Medicare Tax | 0980 | Maintenance | \$1,200,000.00 | \$1,200,000.00 | \$1,180,000.00 |
| TOTAL GENERAL FUND BUDGET | | | | | \$163,142,749.67 | \$156,018,250.22 |
| 74-75 | Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget | | | | | |
| 76-78 | | Water = 0450 | | \$10,392,939.25 | | |
| 79-82 | | Sewer = 0440 | | \$11,359,773.11 | | |
| | | | Direct Charges to Enterprise Fund | | \$21,752,712.36 | \$20,240,564.25 |
| | | | Indirect Charges Reflected in General fund | \$1,935,450.86 | | |
| | Total Enterprise Fund Budget | | | \$23,688,163.22 | \$21,752,712.36 | \$20,240,564.25 |
| Grand Total Fiscal 2024 Budget | | | | | \$184,895,462.03 | \$174,861,385.22 |

Presented to the Mayor: June 14, 2023

s/Scott D. Galvin June 14, 2023

Transfers, Appropriations and Orders.

ORDERED That \$22,000,000 is appropriated to pay costs of designing, constructing and equipping water treatment plant improvements for the removal of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto; that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to G.L. c. 44, §§7(1), 8(14) or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefor; that all or any portion of this amount may be borrowed through the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust (the "Trust"), in accordance with G.L. c. 29C; that any bonds or notes issued to the Trust shall be general obligations of the City unless the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor determines that they should be issued as limited obligations and may be secured by local system revenues as defined in Section 1 of G.L. c. 29C; that in connection with any borrowing through the Trust, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise to contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the project or for the financing thereof, and that any appropriate official of the City is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the project through the Trust and to take any other action necessary to carry out the project.

s/Scott D. Galvin, Mayor
s/Charles E. Doherty, City Auditor
s/President Michael P. Concannon

Motion made and 2nd to suspend the rules to allow His Honor Mayor Galvin or designee to speak, all in favor, 9-0. Mayor Galvin stated the request is for bond authorization for the PFAS improvements and this is the first reading. Mayor Galvin stated Carol Rego, from CDM Smith, was here to present. Ms. Rego stated she had Michaela Bogosh, the project manager, with her. Ms. Rego stated she had the standard agenda which would include water results, new change in the EPA regulations, what the City is doing, cost, and next steps. Regarding PFAS Results for Horn Pond, Ms. Rego stated that last October there were quite a few results and have increased a tiny bit averaging all the samplings is 17 parts per trillion ("ppt"). Ms. Rego stated the status with the drinking water, Massachusetts regulates PFAS6 which has six types and they are regulated at 20 ppt. Ms. Rego stated Q3 2022 was 22 ppt, Q1 2023 was 18 ppt, and Q2 2023 was 13 ppt. Ms. Rego stated that in March 2023 the US EPA released proposed regulations on PFAS standard across the county, and they are proposing to regulate only two out of the six included in the PFAS grouping, which are PFOA and PFOS the individual components. Ms. Rego stated that the EPA is proposing four (4) ppt for each individual component and MassDEP is 20 ppt for the grouping. Ms. Rego stated in Horn Pond the PFOA is 6.7 ppt and the PFOS is 8 ppt. Ms. Rego stated that a couple times PFOA has almost been 4 ppt. Ms. Rego stated the EPA is finalizing the

regulations by the end of the year and communities will have three years to comply. Ms. Rego stated in some ways the EPA is stricter, and in some ways it is less. Ms. Rego stated the new project will be in compliance with the DEP and future EPA standards. Regarding the Project Update, Ms. Rego stated they are more than halfway done with the design, and there is a big effort to securing funding. Ms. Rego stated the funding consists of ARPA funds, SRF Funding which final application was due in April and the City did qualify, as well as a federal grant they applied for in March. Ms. Rego stated they do not know the amount yet, but it is up to \$2.8 million grant. Ms. Rego stated they are also working on the technical work design. Ms. Bogosh stated the proposed PFAS facility from an aerial view is between the existing manganese building and water treatment plant. Ms. Bogosh stated the plan does not differ much and they are advancing the designs. Ms. Bogosh stated there will be a below grade tank for backwash waste when the media has been exhausted. Ms. Bogosh stated there will be a new well building A3 as it has to move. Ms. Bogosh stated the mechanicals consist of an electrical room, connection between the buildings without having to go outside. Ms. Bogosh stated there will be 26 feet high and 12 feet in diameter vessels. Ms. Bogosh stated in the architectural plan shows that the new building is higher than the treatment support building with elevated views of the bike path with windows in the top left. Ms. Rego stated the PFAS Treatment Project Construction Cost is \$16 million, the Construction and Project Contingency is \$3 million, the Allowance for Engineering, Owner's Project Manager (OPM) and Implementation is \$3 million for a total of \$22 million. Ms. Rego stated the Horn Pond Cost Savings Over 20 Years at 4% Inflation equals \$52,100,000 when doing the PFAS updates, as opposed to paying for the MWRA water without PFAS upgrades. Ms. Rego stated this is a conservative number and they did not factor into the principal forgiveness since it is not official and will not know that until September 2023. Ms. Rego stated the timeline of the project is as follows: Complete Design (60/90/100% milestones), with Cost estimates at 60 and 100%; the SRF Loan Appropriation (June 30, 2023); Submit SRF Loan Application (by October 13); Obtain MassDEP Approval of Design (Fall 2023); Bidding/contract award; (Nov '23 – Jan '24); Construction (Jan '24 – Jul '25); and Startup (Jul – Aug '25). Upon inquiry from President Concannon, Mayor Galvin stated they needed to get this order approved to show it is timely and has support of the City Council. Ms. Rego stated the city needs to prove they are making efforts to move forward with the project. Mayor Galvin stated the presentation was going to be available online. Upon inquiry from Councilor Dillon, Ms. Rego stated the two compounds the EPA is regulating are PFOA and PFOS, and the carbon GAC is great at removing such components. Ms. Rego stated the other components in the hazardous index are not triggered. Ms. Rego stated, since the EPA is only a draft, they have anticipated what could happen and there are only two technologies that could address these, which are the GAC and the ion exchange. Ms. Rego stated the ion exchange will do better, and the project has incorporated changes now in case need to be changed in the futures. Ms. Rego stated GAC requires bigger vessels and the ion exchange volume is less so can reuse them and can make modifications that are not super difficult. Councilor Mercer-Bruen thanked everyone for the work. Councilor Mercer-Bruen stated most people had not heard of PFAS, and that she felt like a light switch had come on. Councilor Mercer-Bruen stated the city has come a long way, and she is completely blown away and amazed at the work. Upon inquiry from Councilor Gately, Ms. Rego stated the carbon manufacturers can get a virgin, a brand new one, or can also have the older ones reactivated. Ms. Rego stated the reactivated material performs as well if not better, but data is

still coming in on this. Ms. Rego stated the media is all under pressure and no water is exposed. Ms. Rego stated the city will not need new personnel to operate. Upon inquiry from Councilor Viola, Ms. Rego stated the old filtration system media will be changed because it is from 2011. Ms. Rego stated the plant will be operational most of the time, and periodically for a week to weeks they will need to connect the new system, updating controls, so there will be some shutdowns. Ms. Rego stated if shutting down they will do other things as well. Ms. Rego stated there will be no interruption of service because it is redundant with the MWRA water. Upon inquiry from Councilor DiMambro, Ms. Rego stated the cause of the PFAS is a \$1 million question. Ms. Rego stated the city has been monitoring PFAS since 2019 and there is a good history, and a good portion of that number has not changed much. Ms. Rego stated the levels are very common, unlike some types of contamination not found here. Ms. Rego stated PFAS is in the rainwater and it is in everything. Ms. Rego stated PFOA and PFOS are older and are original types that are not used anymore. Ms. Rego stated the PFAS does not increase in the rainy season even though it is in it. Upon inquiry from Councilor Campbell, Ms. Rego stated PFOA and PFOS was picked because of the prevalence as the EPA is looking at risk reduction. Ms. Rego stated they were also picked because of the health endpoints. Ms. Rego stated studies exist and that there are no known issues with the compounds. Ms. Rego stated some components are higher in other parts of the country. Ms. Rego stated there is a bigger impact with PFOA and PFOS. Ms. Rego stated it is also the highest total in the Woburn water which makes up at least half or more of the 20 ppt, which is also not uncommon to Woburn. Councilor Campbell stated she had a new resident calling her about PFAS. Councilor Campbell stated Woburn is so careful with its water, as it is tested all the time. Councilor Campbell stated it is coming from the rain which is reality. Ms. Rego stated most PFAS is not from a specific point unless airport fire foam, and it is just in the environment. Councilor DiMambro stated he wanted to thank you to Tony Blazejowski of the Water Department for his work. Upon inquiry from President Concannon, Ms. Rego stated MWRA water has trace amounts of PFAS. Ms. Rego stated the watershed is in the middle of nowhere in the Quabbin Reservoir where there is a huge watershed and huge volume. Ms. Rego stated there is a dilution issue. Ms. Rego stated the water source is near nothing. President Concannon stated the cost comparison is helpful and shows that Woburn is taking the right approach. Motion made and 2nd to return to the regular order of business, all in favor, 9-0. Motion made and 2nd that the ORDER BE LAID ON THE TABLE, all in favor, 9-0.

ORDERED Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Woburn, that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized pursuant to M.G.L. c.44, §§53A to accept Woburn's eligible grant share of funds awarded and received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the amount of \$58,650.00, for the Washington Street Flood Mitigation Project, and that the same be expended without further appropriation.

s/President Michael P. Concannon
By Request of the Mayor

A communication dated June 8, 2023 was received from His Honor the Mayor Scott D. Galvin as follows:

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c.44 §53A, I am requesting that the City Council vote to accept Woburn's eligible grant share of funds provided by The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the Washington Street Flood Mitigation project in the amount of \$58,650.00 the city is required to provide a match in the amount of \$18,750.00.

The City of Woburn is proposing to study options to upgrade the drainage system from just upgradient of Washing Street to Snyder's Creek. The proposed scoping project would evaluate the installation of an additional drainage structure and two new 18-inch CMP pipes under Washington Street, and additional 24-inch RCP to convey flows from Washington Street to Snyder's Creek, and the upgrade of undersized catch basins.

I will be available to discuss this matter at the Council's Monday meeting.

Sincerely, s/Mayor Scott D. Galvin

Motion made and 2nd that the communication be received and made part of the permanent record, all in favor, 9-0. Motion made and 2nd that the ORDER BE ADOPTED, all in favor, 9-0.

Presented to the Mayor: June 14, 2023

s/Scott D. Galvin June 14, 2023

ORDERED Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Woburn, that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized pursuant to M.G.L. c.44, §§53A to accept Woburn's eligible grant share of funds awarded and received from the Department of Conservation and Recreation under the Mass Trails Grant Program in the amount of \$390,280.00 for the Woburn Rail Trail Project, and that the same be expended without further appropriation.

s/President Michael P. Concannon
By Request of the Mayor

A communication dated June 8, 2023 was received from His Honor the Mayor Scott D. Galvin as follows:

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c.44 §53A, I am requesting that the City Council vote to accept Woburn's eligible grant share of funds provided by The Department of Conservation and Recreation for The Woburn Rail Trail project as awarded under the Mass Trails Grant Program in the amount of \$390,280.00 the city is required to provide a match in the amount of \$97,570.00 (included in capital plan).

The City of Woburn is proposing to construct the Woburn Rail Trail as a shared use path of approximately 2.4 miles. The proposed path will be constructed along the former Middlesex Canal and the existing Mass Bay Transportation Authority Lowell line. The project will be constructed by converting three sections of old rail beds and canal tow path to create a shared use path system. The grant funding is for the design of Segment 2 and Segment 3.

I will be available to discuss this matter at the Council's Monday meeting.

Sincerely, s/Mayor Scott D. Galvin

Motion made and 2nd that the communication be received and made part of the permanent record, all in favor, 9-0. Motion made and 2nd that the ORDER BE ADOPTED, all in favor, 9-0.

Presented to the Mayor: June 14, 2023

s/Scott D. Galvin June 14, 2023

ORDERED Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Woburn, that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized pursuant to M.G.L. c.44, §§53A to accept Woburn's eligible grant share of funds awarded and received from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Complete Streets Construction Program in the amount of \$363,522.25, and that the same be expended without further appropriation.

s/President Michael P. Concannon
By Request of the Mayor

A communication dated June 8, 2023 was received from His Honor the Mayor Scott D. Galvin as follows:

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c.44 §53A, I am requesting that the City Council vote to accept Woburn's eligible grant share of funds provided by The Massachusetts Department of Transportation Complete Streets Construction Program in the amount of \$363,522.25.

The City of Woburn is proposing Horn Pond area pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements. Under the terms of the grant agreement, Mass DOT will reimburse the City \$362,522.25. Any costs exceeding this amount will be provided by the City.

I will be available to discuss this matter at the Council's Monday meeting.

Sincerely, s/Mayor Scott D. Galvin

Motion made and 2nd that the communication be received and made part of the permanent record, all in favor, 9-0. Motion made and 2nd that the ORDER BE ADOPTED, all in favor, 9-0.

Presented to the Mayor: June 14, 2023

s/Scott D. Galvin June 14, 2023

Any other matter that may legally come before the City Council.

President Concannon stated that even though the notice of tonight's meeting stated it would continue on June 13, 2023, if necessary, tomorrow night is not necessary.

Motion made and 2nd to ADJOURN, all in favor, 9-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:

Lindsay E. Higgins
City Clerk and Clerk of the City Council