

Ways & Means Committee Hearing on Dockets #0822-0830 & #0835-0836 -FY26 Budget: Environment, Office of Food Justice, Environment Revolving Funds

- **0822** Message and order for Annual Appropriation and Tax Order for FY2026. Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on April 7, 2025.
- 0823 Message and order for Annual Appropriation for the School Department for FY2026.Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on April 7, 2025.
- 0824 Message and order approving an appropriation of Forty Million Dollars (\$40,000,000.00) to the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Liability Trust Fund authorized under Chapter 32B, §20, as added by Chapter 479 of the Acts of 2008. The latest available OPEB actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2023 estimated the City's unfunded liability at \$2.68 billion. Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on April 7, 2025.
- 0825 Message and order approving an appropriation of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) from the City's Capital Grant fund to address the impact of transportation network services on municipal roads, bridges, and other transportation infrastructure or any other public purpose substantially related to the operation of transportation network services in the city. Such funds will be transferred and credited to the Capital Grant Fund from revenue received from the Commonwealth Transportation Infrastructure Enhancement Trust Fund.

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- 0826 Message and order approving an appropriation order in the amount of Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000.00) from Surplus Property Disposition Fund, credited to the Capital Fund for planning, design, and construction, for Dorchester Field House, General Parks Improvements, Restroom Facility Improvements at the Boston Common, and the Municipal Animal Shelter. Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on April 7, 2025.
- 0827 Message and order approving an appropriation order in the amount of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) from the Parking Facility Fund, credited to the Capital Fund for planning, design, maintenance and construction, for the parking facilities.

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- **0828** Message and order approving an appropriation order in the amount of Two Hundred Sixty-Six Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$266,100,000.00) for various capital improvement purposes for city departments including the Boston Center for Youth and Families, Boston Housing Authority, Boston Planning and Development Agency, Boston Public Library, Innovation and Technology, Environment, Fire, Mayor's Office of Housing, Office of Arts and Culture, Parks and Recreation, Police, Property Management, Public Health Commission, Public Works, and the Transportation Department.
- <u>0829</u> Message and order approving an appropriation order in the amount of One Hundred Ninety-Six Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$196,900,000.00) for various capital improvements purposes for the Boston Public Schools.
- **0830** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to enter into one or more leases, lease-purchase or installment sales agreements in Fiscal Year 2026 in an amount not to exceed Forty Million Dollars (\$40,000,000.00). These funds are to be used by various City departments for the acquisition of equipment in furtherance of their respective governmental functions. The list of equipment includes: computer equipment (hardware and software), motor vehicles and trailers, ambulances, firefighting equipment, office equipment, telecommunications equipment, photocopying equipment, medical equipment, school and educational equipment, school buses, parking meters, street lighting installation, traffic signal equipment and equipment functionally related to, and components of the foregoing.

- **0835** Message and order authorizing a limit for the Environment/Conservation Commission revolving fund for the Fiscal Year 2026 for the purpose of securing outside consultants including engineers, wetlands scientist, wildlife biologists or other experts in order to aid in the review of proposed projects to the Commission, per the City's ordinance protecting local wetland and promoting climate change adaptation. The revolving fund shall be funded by receipts from fees imposed by the Commission for the purpose of securing outside consultants. The Environment Department will be the only department authorized to expend from the fund and such expenditures shall be capped at Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00).
- **0836** Message and order authorizing a limit for the Distributed Energy Resource Revolving Fund for Fiscal Year 2026 to facilitate the purchase of offsets of greenhouse gas emissions which shall be associated with a portion of the electricity consumed by the City annually; and to operate, maintain, monitor and expand the City's existing solar arrays and Boston Public Schools' combined heat and power facilities. This revolving fund shall be credited with any and all receipts from the sale of renewable and alternative energy certificates and demand response program revenues produced by combined heat and power units located at Boston Public Schools sites and solar renewable energy certificates produced by the City's photovoltaic arrays. Receipts and resulting expenditures from this fund shall not exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00).