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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO AUDIT AND REVIEW CAPITAL BUDGET ALLOCATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

- WHEREAS,** The City of Boston allocates substantial funds each year through the capital budget for major construction, renovation, and infrastructure projects; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Once appropriated, capital funds are managed and expended over multiple fiscal years, and the pace of expenditures, changes in project scope, and adjustments in estimated costs can significantly alter the City's financial commitments; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Timely audits and reviews of capital appropriations at the project level are necessary to evaluate whether allocations remain consistent with projected costs, community priorities, and fiscal sustainability; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Public reporting of project-level allocations, expenditures to date, and projected future costs strengthens accountability and ensures residents have clarity on how long-term investments are managed; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Revising project plans in response to potential fiscal savings or emerging financial information is essential to ensure the City maximizes the impact of public resources and avoids unnecessary long-term obligations; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The Council's post-audit and oversight responsibilities require regular examination of capital projects that have significant

budgetary implications and long-term operating impacts; ***NOW
THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to audit and review capital budget allocations and expenditures, with particular attention to funds budgeted, encumbered, expended, and projected. That representatives including the City Auditor, the Chief Financial Officer, Boston Public Schools, and other relevant financial officers provide detailed reporting, and that additional stakeholders be invited to share information on project management practices, fiscal accountability, community impacts, and opportunities to revise plans based on updated financial conditions.

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