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**OFFICE OF THE
CITY COUNCIL**

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Date: Monday, June 8, 2026
Time: 7:30 P.M.
Location: City Council Chambers, Room 219, City Hall

ANNOUNCEMENT – Any person may make a video or audio recording of an open session of a meeting, or may transmit the meeting through any medium, subject to reasonable requirements of the chair as to the number, placement and operation of equipment used so as not to interfere with the conduct of the meeting. Any person intending to make such recording shall notify the Chair forthwith. All documents referenced or used during the meeting must be submitted in duplicate to the City Clerk, pursuant to the Open Meeting and Public Records Law. All documents shall become part of the official record of the meeting.

AGENDA

The City Council, acting as a Committee of the Whole, will review the Mayor’s FY2027 Budget

11830 – An Order to Raise and Appropriate the sum of \$15,059,349.01 for the Various Departments of the City for the Salary and Labor Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027.

11831 – An Order to Raise and Appropriate the sum of \$31,275,107.42 for the Various Departments of the City for the Expense Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027.

11832 – An Order to Raise and Appropriate the sum of \$38,143,689.00 for the School Department Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027.

11833 – An Order Appropriating the sum of \$218,549.46 from the Available Funds – Cable Commission Fees Reserved to the Cable Commission Budget.

11834 – An Order to Appropriate the sum of \$11,680,138.35 from Available Enterprise Funds – Various Receipts Reserved to Various Accounts for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027.

11835 – A Measure Authorizing FY2027 Revolving Funds, Revolving Funds, pursuant to MG. Chapter 44, §53E ½, for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027.

CITY COUNCIL OF GARDNER

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Council President

NOTICE: The listing of Agenda items are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

AN ORDER TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE A SUM OF MONEY FOR THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS FOR THE SALARY AND LABOR BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026 TO JUNE 30, 2027.

ORDERED:

To raise and appropriate for the expense of the City of Gardner for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 sums as designated for the expenditures of the various departments, Salary and Labor budgets, according to the detailed schedule hereto annexed and made a part of this money order in the amount of FIFTEEN MILLION, NINTEY FIVE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED AND FOURTY NINE DOLLARS 01/100 CENTS (\$15,095,349.01).

AN ORDER TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE A SUM OF MONEY FOR THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS FOR THE EXPENSE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026 TO JUNE 30, 2027.

ORDERED:

To raise and appropriate for the expense of the City of Gardner for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 sums as designated for the expenditures of the various departments, other than what was presented to City Council in the Salary and Labor budget, according to the detailed schedule hereto annexed and made a part of this money order in the amount of THIRTY-ONE MILLION, TWO HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED SEVEN DOLLARS 42/100 CENTS (\$31,275,107.42).

AN ORDER TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE A SUM OF MONEY FOR THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026 TO JUNE 30, 2027.

ORDERED:

To raise and appropriate for the expense of the City of Gardner for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 sums as designated for the expenditures of the School Department according to the detailed schedule hereto annexed and made a part of this money order in the amount of THIRTY-EIGHT MILLION, ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTY THREE THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY NINE DOLLARS 00/100 CENTS (\$38,143,689.00).

AN ORDER APPROPRIATING A SUM OF MONEY FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS-
CABLE COMMISSION FEES RESERVED TO CABLE COMMISSION BUDGET
FOR THE FICAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026 TO JUNE 30, 2027

ORDERED:

That there be and is hereby appropriated for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 the sum of TWO HUNDRED EIGHTTEEN THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED FOURTY NINE DOLLARS 46/100 CENTS (\$218,549.46). from Available Funds-Cable Commission Fees Reserved to the Cable Commission budget. **Any unused funds will revert back to the Cable Commission Fees Reserved Fund at year end.**

AN ORDER APPROPRIATING A SUM OF MONEY FROM AVAILABLE ENTERPRISE FUNDS-VARIOUS RECEIPTS RESERVED TO VARIOUS ACCOUNTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026 TO JUNE 30, 2027

ORDERED:

That there be and is hereby appropriated for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 the sum of ELEVEN MILLION, SIX HUNDRED EIGHT THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED THIRTY EIGHT DOLLARS 35/100 from Available Enterprise Funds-Receipts Reserved to the following accounts:

Sewer Department	Enterprise Fund	\$3,972,292.76
Water Department	Enterprise Fund	\$4,108,440.38
Golf Course	Enterprise Fund	\$1,288,728.00
Landfill Closure	Enterprise Fund	\$355,000.00
Solid Waste	Enterprise Fund	\$1,910,677.21

Any unused funds will revert back to the original Enterprise Fund at year end.

AUTHORIZING FY2027 REVOLVING FUNDS
M.G.L. CH.44, S.53E½

ORDER: To authorize and direct the City Treasurer to establish the following revolving funds for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, section 53E½:

Revolving Fund	Authorized to Expend	Revenue Source	Purpose of Fund	Spending Limit
Airport Fuel	Airport Commission	Sale of airplane fuel	Purchase of fuel, airport programs, and improvements	Available balance or \$20,000, whichever is less
Community Development Projects	Community Development/ Planning	Historic Housing Rehab Income	Salaries and expenses relating to Community Development Activities	Available balance or \$20,000, whichever is less
Wetland Protection	Conservation Commission	Local wetland filing fees	Costs associated with wetland protection activities	Available balance or \$20,000, whichever is less
Health Prevention Activities	Health Director	Health Prevention Training Fees	Salaries and expenses related to Health Dept	Available balance or \$20,000, whichever is less
Council on Aging Recreational Activities	Council on Aging Director	Recreation Fees	Salaries and expenses relating to recreational activities at Senior Center	Available balance or \$40,000, whichever is less
Council on Aging Recreational Activities	Council on Aging Director	Fees for service	Costs associated with providing Lifeline subscription services	Available balance or \$20,000, whichever is less
Gardner's Summer Celebration	Mayor	Collections and donations	Costs associated with Gardner's Summer Celebration	Available balance or \$20,000, whichever is less
Planning Board Publications	Planning Board	Sale of Planning Board publications	Preparation and production of Planning Board publications	Available balance or \$3,000, whichever is less
Road Resurfacing	Public Works Director	Fees charged for cutting into newly paved roads	Costs associated with road resurfacing and road maintenance	Available balance or \$20,000, whichever is less
Municipal Recreation Dept	Municipal Recreation Director	Fees charges and donations	Salaries and expenses related to Municipal Recreation Dept	Available balance or \$50,000, whichever is less
High School Summer Football Camp	School Department	Camp fees and donations	Salaries and expenses for the High School Summer Football Camp	Available balance or \$20,000, whichever is less
Summer Basketball Camp	School Department	Camp fees and donations	Salaries and expenses for the Summer Basketball Camp	Available balance or \$12,000, whichever is less
Transportation	School Department	Bus passes and fees for transportation	Salaries and expenses relating to school transportation	Available balance or \$20,000, whichever is less

As per M.G.L., interest earned on these funds shall be treated as general fund revenue.

The person or persons authorized to expend from each fund shall report annually to the Mayor and City Council the total amount of receipts and expenditures for the prior fiscal year and for the current fiscal year through December 31st, along with any other information that City Council may by vote require.

In the event any fund is not reauthorized for the following fiscal year or the city changes the purpose of the revolving fund, the balance in the fund shall revert to surplus revenue, unless City Council and the Mayor vote to transfer the funds to another revolving fund established in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, section 53E½.