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City of Fitchburg Massachusetts 01420

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A meeting of the Finance Committee was called to order by Councilor Derrick Cruz on Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 6:02 PM in the Legislative Building, 700 Main Street, Fitchburg, MA.

Committee Members present: Councilors Paul Beauchemin, Marisa Fleming, Elizabeth Walsh, and Anthony Zarrella.

Committee Members absent: none

Others Present: Police Chief Steven Giannini.

003-26 ORDER: the City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grant funds in the approximate amount of SEVENTY-SIX THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVEN AND 11/100 DOLLARS (\$76,307.11) for the purpose of continuing the Police Department Civilian Domestic Violence Advocate program.

Discussion: Chief Giannini said this is an annual grant that the city has received for over a decade. Funds pay the salary of the Domestic Violence Advocate who coordinates and conducts support for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking.

Action: (5-0) Be Adopted.

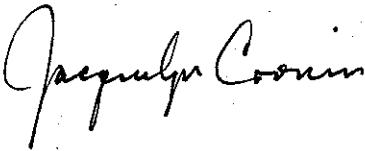
004-26 ORDER: the City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Department of Justice Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the approximate amount of TWENTY-NINE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$29,556) for critical technology and equipment upgrades to support community policing efforts.

Discussion: Chief Giannini said this grant will support critical technology that is outside the scope of a typical line item. The bulk of the grant will be used to replace an end-of-life server that supports all cameras in and around the police department, including cell block cameras which is mandated. The remaining funds will outfit two newly purchased cruisers.

Action: (5-0) Be Adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 6:06 PM

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jacquelyn Cronin". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Jacquelyn Cronin, Clerk