

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR MICHAEL F. FLAHERTY



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING ALL CITY DEPARTMENT FY20 BUDGET SURPLUSES

- WHEREAS:** The City of Boston declared a public health emergency due to the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) on Sunday March 15, similar to declarations by Federal and State governments, to give the City the ability to respond to COVID-19 with coordinated resources; *and*
- WHEREAS:** The City is approaching the end of the fourth quarter of FY20 and some City departments may have budget surpluses; *and*
- WHEREAS:** For example, the City has an annual budget allocation for snow removal that supports the City's efforts to clear ice and snow from Boston streets and property by City personnel and private contractors; *and*
- WHEREAS:** The FY20 Snow Removal Operating Budget was \$24,788,143 and the City of Boston declared no snow emergencies this past winter; *and*
- WHEREAS:** While the Public Works Department is continuing to provide essential services during the COVID-19 pandemic, any surplus funding available in this department and under other departments could be redirected to efforts related to our public health emergency, such as efforts to support our healthcare personnel, first responders, and/or other city departments and offices critical to our COVID-19 response; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council conduct a hearing to discuss transferring surplus funds from the FY20 Budget to the Boston Public Health Commission, Office of Emergency Management and/or other appropriate departments that can provide assistance to residents during the current state of emergency; and that the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Boston, the Budget Director, Chief of Streets, Public Works Department and other interested parties be invited to attend.

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