

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CITY OF LOWELL

VOTE

IN CITY COUNCIL:

ORDER,

To transfer funds from the Sale of City Property fund to the Department of Planning and Development Operating Budget for the demolition of two properties.

ORDERED,

By the City Council of the City of Lowell, as follows:

That the amount of **One Hundred Eighty-Nine Thousand and 00/100 (\$189,000.00) Dollars** be transferred:

FROM: Special Revenue – Sale of Lots, as more fully described in “Attachment A”

TO: DPD – Professional Services, as more fully described in “Attachment A”

ORDER RECOMMENDED AND INTRODUCED BY:



Thomas A. Golden, Jr., City Manager

Budget Transfer Form

Requestor: Austin Ball

Date: 2/19/2026

Fund	Organizational ID	Object	Amount Requested	(1) Source of Additional Funding***	(1) Amount (transfers only)
0010	01824153	530000	\$ 189,000.00	Fund 1701	\$ 189,000.00

***Include Fund, Org, and Object if this is a budget transfer

Reason for budget adjustment:

Transfer for demo of two problem properties

Department Head Approval:

CFO Approval:





Conor Baldwin
 Chief Financial Officer

MEMORANDUM

TO: Thomas A. Golden, Jr., City Manager

FROM: Conor Baldwin, Chief Financial Officer 

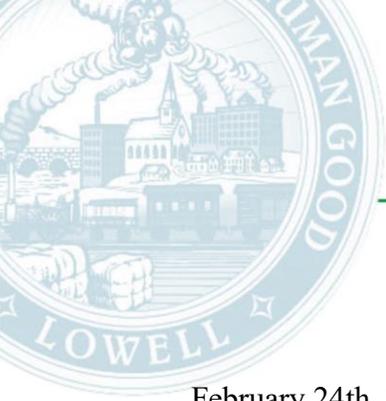
CC: Yovani Baez-Rose, Assistant City Manager/ DPD Director

DATE: February 24th, 2026

SUBJECT: Transfer – Sale of City Property

I have met with staff from DPD to finalize the financing plan for some additional work necessary to tear down two blighted properties. The account which will serve as the funding source is a special revenue fund known as a ‘receipts reserved for appropriation’ account, which requires an affirmative vote of the City Council to appropriate funds for the designated purpose. The total amount of the transfer request by the DPD staff is \$189,000. I have included a summary of the accounts impacted by the transfer in the table below.

Account Name	Original Budget	Previous Transfers	Revised Budget	YTD Expenditures (Actual)	Encumbrances	Balance Before Transfer	Balance After Transfer
Transfer TO:							
TO 1: 1. DPD - Professional Services	\$ 25,000	\$ 115,407	\$ 140,407	\$ 99,140	\$ 15,156	\$ 26,111	\$ 215,111
Transfer FROM:							
FROM: 1. Special Revenue - Sale of lots	\$ 269,074	\$ -	\$ 269,074	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 269,074	\$ 80,074



Thomas A. Golden, Jr.
City Manager

February 24th, 2026

Mayor Erik R. Gitschier
And
Members of the Lowell City Council

Dear Mayor Gitschier and Members of the Lowell City Council,

I am hereby requesting the City Council approve a transfer of \$189,000 from the Sale of City property fund into the Department of Planning and Development (“DPD”) operating budget for demolition of two properties. These properties are located at 290 Branch Street and 48 Kinsman Street. The funding, which is accumulated from the sales of city-owned property, requires a vote of the City Council for passage. If this transfer is approved by the City Council, it is important to note that these funds are outside the operating budget and will not have any impact to the tax levy.

If passed by the Council, these funds will be used to eliminate long-standing eyesores that negatively impact neighborhood safety and property values. In particular, the demolition of 48 Kinsman Street has been a priority for years of the City Council. I am confident that this action will be welcomed by residents and city leadership alike, as it aligns with our shared commitment to improving quality of life and fostering economic development.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Golden, Jr.
City Manager

CC: Conor Baldwin, Chief Financial Officer
Yovani Baez-Rose, Assistant City Manager / Director of DPD