



Council Meeting - Agenda

CITY COUNCIL CALENDAR

Thursday, May 28, 2009 - 7:00 p.m.

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OPENING OF SESSION BY: CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHN T. SAUNDERS

**PRAYER LED BY: REVEREND DAVID LIMA, EXECUTIVE MINISTER
INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL OF GREATER NEW BEDFORD
AND CO-PASTOR, NEW SEASONS WORSHIP CENTER**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RESOLUTIONS

1. RESOLUTION, Councillors Martins and Gonsalves, commending the Medical Careers Club at New Bedford High School for its work on a Student Blood Drive to benefit the Red Cross.
2. RESOLUTION, Councillor Gonsalves, congratulating JONATHAN WILLIAMS, New Bedford High School Track Team Athlete.

HEARINGS

3. HEARING, on Petition of NSTAR Electric Company for location of two (2) 5" Conduits, five (5) 5" Conduits, six (6) 5" Conduits and three (3) 6' x 11' x 7' 6" FE-10 Manholes in QUERY STREET, East of Church Street.
 - 3a. ORDER,
4. HEARING, on Petition of NSTAR Electric Company for location of four (4) 5" Conduits, and one (1) 6' x 11' x 7' 6" Manhole in CHURCH STREET, South of Central Avenue.
 - 4a. ORDER,

MAYOR'S PAPERS

M1. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Lang, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER that \$5,419,000.00 IS APPROPRIATED for the purpose of remodeling, reconstruction and making extraordinary repairs to City-owned buildings; that to meet this APPROPRIATION, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor and the Committee on Finance is authorized to borrow \$5,419,000.00 under Chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other enabling authority; that the Mayor is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project; and that the Treasurer is authorized to file an application with the Municipal Finance Oversight Board to qualify under Chapter 44A of the General Laws any or all of the bonds and to provide such information and execute such documents as the Board may require for these purposes. (DPF Bond Request Building Repair Work Allocations packet included.)

M1a. AN ORDER,

M2. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Lang, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER, transferring \$266,944.00 from SCHOOL STABILIZATION to TREASURER'S DEBT OTHER CHARGES.

M2a. AN ORDER,

M3. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Lang, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER, transferring \$21,702.00 from DPI/HIGHWAYS, SALARIES AND WAGES to VETERANS, SALARIES AND WAGES.

M3a. AN ORDER,

M4. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Lang, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER, transferring \$8,500.00 from WASTEWATER, SALARIES AND WAGES to WASTEWATER, OTHER CHARGES.

M4a. AN ORDER,

M5. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Lang, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER, transferring \$67,943.00 from GENERAL GOVERNMENT UNCLASSIFIED, SALARIES AND WAGES, TO GENERAL GOVERNMENT UNCLASSIFIED, CHARGES AND SERVICES.

M5a. AN ORDER,

M6. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Lang, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER, transferring \$2,800.00 from CITY COUNCIL, SALARIES AND WAGES, TO CITY COUNCIL, CHARGES AND SERVICES.

M6a. AN ORDER,

M7. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Lang, to City Council, RE: Dartmouth Street/Rockdale Avenue – Intersection and Traffic Signal Improvements, submitting, on behalf of the Department of Public Infrastructure, AN ORDER, for the City Solicitor to obtain appraisals and prepare the necessary ORDER OF TAKING so that the City Council can acquire THREE PERMANENT EASEMENTS and ONE TEMPORARY EASEMENT, by eminent domain or other legal means, across privately owned property located at the INTERSECTION OF DARTMOUTH STREET AND ROCKDALE AVENUE, needed for the purpose of improving the intersection and traffic signals at Dartmouth Street and Rockdale Avenue, shown on enclosed plan titled, “THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, MASSACHUSETTS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS ON DARTMOUTH STREET, IN THE CITY OF NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS, BRISTOL COUNTY” prepared by David E. Grant on April 07, 2009.

M7a. AN ORDER,

M8. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Lang, to City Council, submitting a proposed ORDINANCE, Amending Chapter 10, Article III, Section 10-86, of the City Code, providing for an increase in the amount of the demand charges to be added to delinquent real property, personal property and excise tax bills; the increased amount represents a fee or in keeping with the actual costs to the City in collecting delinquent accounts.

M8a. AN ORDINANCE,

M9. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Lang, to City Council, submitting a SEWER ABATEMENT REQUEST for DOLORES SYLVIA, 273 Aquidneck Street, New Bedford, MA 02744, Account #21485, in the amount of \$693.50.

M10. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Lang, to City Council, submitting a SEWER ABATEMENT REQUEST for SYLVANIA SOUZA, 15 Chestnut Street, New Bedford, MA 02740, Account #3233, in the amount of \$1,423.50.

M11. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Lang, to City Council, submitting a SEWER ABATEMENT REQUEST for ANTONIO PACHECO, 204 Ashley Boulevard, New Bedford, MA 02746, Account #9669, in the amount of \$751.90.

NEW BUSINESS

5. REPORT, Committee on Appointments and Briefings, recommending that the City Council APPROVE a NEW Private Livery License, under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 159A, Section 1 and amendments thereto, and M.G.L. Chapter 270, Section 22 (Smoke Free Workplace Law) and all other laws applicable to such operation, to carry passengers for hire over the streets of New Bedford, on behalf of **HENRY N. LEE, 54 State Street, New Bedford, MA 02740 / P.O. Box 70433, Dartmouth, MA 02747, d/b/a/ CHECKER-STANDARD LIVERY SERVICES, 271 County Street,**

New Bedford, MA 02740/P.O. Box 70433, Dartmouth, MA 02747.

5a. COMMUNICATION, City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council, to City Council, on behalf of **HENRY N. LEE, 54 State Street, New Bedford, MA 02740 / P.O. Box 70433, Dartmouth, MA 02747, d/b/a/ CHECKER-STANDARD LIVERY SERVICES, 271 County Street, New Bedford, MA 02740/P.O. Box 70433, Dartmouth, MA 02747**, hereby submit a copy of the Application requesting a **NEW Private Livery License**, under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 159A, Section 1 and amendments thereto, and M.G.L. Chapter 270, Section 22 (Smoke Free Workplace Law) and all other laws applicable to such operation, to carry passengers for hire over the streets of New Bedford. (Previous License expired December 1998.)

6. REPORT, Committee on Appointments and Briefings, recommending that the City Council APPROVE the APPLICATION of Richard Miranda, Jr., for a **SPECIAL PERMIT FOR MOTOR VEHICLES – SALES AND RENTALS/GENERAL REPAIRS/LIGHT SERVICES** at 485 Kempton Street, New Bedford, MA 02740, d/b/a/ Fat Boys Tire Service & Auto Sales.

6a. APPLICATION/PETITION FOR SPECIAL PERMIT FOR MOTOR VEHICLES-SALES AND RENTAL/GENERAL REPAIRS/LIGHT SERVICE, for Richard Miranda, Jr., d/b/a/ Fat Boys Tire Service & Auto Sales, 485 Kempton Street, New Bedford, MA 02740, (IN COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS AND BRIEFINGS 04/16/09 AND 05/12/09.)

7. REPORT, Committee on Appointments and Briefings, recommending that the City Council APPROVE the Application of Fernando Cordeiro & Luis Aveiro, for a **SPECIAL PERMIT FOR MOTOR VEHICLES – SALES AND RENTAL/GENERAL REPAIRS/LIGHT SERVICE**, at 307 Bonney Street, New Bedford, MA 02744, d/b/a Next Level Auto Repair, pending the DIS (Building) Commissioner's confirming and approval of an NBC trap existing and operating at this location.

7a. APPLICATION/PETITION FOR SPECIAL PERMIT FOR MOTOR VEHICLES-SALES AND RENTAL/GENERAL REPAIRS/LIGHT SERVICE, for Fernando Cordeiro & Luis Aveiro, d/b/a Next Level Auto Repair, 307 Bonney Street, New Bedford, MA 02744, (IN COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS AND BRIEFINGS 05/12/09.)

8. REPORT, Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods, recommending that the City Council ask the Mayor to immediately order that the Fire Department again, be notified and allowed to respond to first responder-type emergency calls throughout the City; and further, on a Related Motion, recommending that the City Council go on record in support of any and all grant applications made by the Fire Department for State and/or Federal stimulus money that can be used to re-hire laid-off firefighters in the City of New Bedford.

8a. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Morad, requesting that the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods recommend that the City Council ask the Mayor to immediately order that the Fire Department again, be notified and allowed to respond to first responder-type emergency calls throughout the City.

8b. RELATED MOTION, Councillor Alves, requesting that the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods recommend to the City Council that it go on record in support of any and all grant applications made by the Fire Department for State and/or Federal stimulus money that can be used to re-hire laid-off firefighters in the City of New Bedford.

9. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Lang, to City Council, submitting A VETO of RELATED MOTION, #0000749, by Councillor Gomes, "Requesting that the City along with DEP, EPA and any other agencies perform a full investigation to find a trace on where those contaminants came from and hold those responsible for placing those contaminants in our sewer system to be held accountable and repayment of what it is costing the City to fix this problem." – Adopted – Yeas 10, Nays 0, IN CITY COUNCIL, APRIL 23, 2009, and presented to the Mayor for approval on April 27, 2009, stating reason for veto is that, while he understands the Council's concerns, the City Council does not have authority to direct any agencies to perform investigations, and that the City will proceed, as deemed appropriate, with regard to this matter. (Copy all Councillors 05/05/09.) (Veto by Mayor Lang received May 05, 2009, at 2:43 p.m. – Received and Spread on the Records, IN CITY COUNCIL, May 14, 2009.)

9a. RELATED MOTION,

10. WRITTEN MOTION, Council President Saunders, asking that the City Council Waive Rule 27 of the City Council Rules of Order, in order that the FY2010 Budget Hearings may be held by the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole during the first seven days of the month of June 2009.

11. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Gonsalves and Morad, requesting that the City Council consider drafting an Ordinance that would prohibit City employees from serving on City Boards and Commissions except where otherwise specified by Ordinance. (To be Referred to the Committee on Ordinances.)

12. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Gonsalves and Morad, requesting that the City Solicitor and the Park Board explore the possibility of the City purchasing a liability policy for use at the Parks, and post a bond which would be utilized for damage or clean up costs, wherein, each organization to use the Park would be added as an additional insured party, and that said organization would pay a fee towards the cost of that policy as part of their being granted authority to use the Parks. (To be Referred to the Park Board, the City Solicitor and the Mayor.)

13. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Lawrence, requesting that the Mayor, Personnel Director, City Auditor and Treasurer look into joining the State-run Group Insurance Commission, (GIC), which already includes 26 public entities, including cities, towns, school districts and planning and educational collaboratives, and, if it is determined to be to the City's advantage to join, that this item be included for discussion when opening up negotiation talks with Union Representatives, since a total of 70% of unionized employees must approve switching insurance plans before a municipality can exercise the option to join. (Copy of informational article from masslive.com. on Monday, May 18, 2009, by Michael McAuliffe, included with motion.)

14. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Pimental, requesting, on behalf of OCEAN (OVARIAN CANCER EDUCATION AWARENESS NETWORK) at Massachusetts General Hospital, that the following street(s) be CLOSED: WEST RODNEY FRENCH BOULEVARD, from Hazelwood Park to South Rodney French Boulevard; SOUTH RODNEY FRENCH BOULEVARD, from West Rodney French Boulevard to East Rodney French Boulevard; EAST RODNEY FRENCH BOULEVARD, from South Rodney French Boulevard to David Street; DAVID STREET, from East Rodney French Boulevard to Cleveland Street; CLEVELAND STREET, from David Street to Rodney Street; RODNEY STREET, from Cleveland Street to Brock Avenue; BROCK AVENUE, from Rodney Street to Hazelwood Park, FROM 9:45 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M., ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2009, for the purpose of their ANNUAL OCEAN 5K ROAD RUN/WALK RACE.

15. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Alves, requesting, on behalf of Irmandade Do Divino Espirito Santo Do Pico, that the following street(s) be CLOSED: BRIGHTMAN STREET, from Wood Street to Sylvia Street, on FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2009, AT 6:00 P.M. THROUGH SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2009, AT 10:00 P.M. (AS NEEDED), for the purpose of their Annual Religious Feast.

16. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Alves, requesting, on behalf of the Irmandade do Divino Espirito Santo Do Pico, (Brotherhood of the Holy Spirit of Pico) that ACUSHNET AVENUE, between Duncan Street and Wood Street, BE CLOSED ON SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2009, FROM 10:30 A.M. TO 11:00 A.M., AND AGAIN, FROM 12:00 P.M. (NOON) to 12:30 P.M., for the purpose of the Organization's Annual Procession from their Cultural Center to St. Joseph/St. Therese Church on Acushnet Avenue (for Mass), and return to the Cultural Center for their Annual Feast/Dinner.

17. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting, on behalf of Sophie Mello, that the following street(s) be CLOSED: COTTAGE STREET, from Bedford Street to Allen Street, on SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2009, FROM 1:00 P.M. TO 3:00 P.M., for the purpose of a Religious Procession for The Annual St. John the Baptist Feast.

18. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Alves, requesting, on behalf of The Senhor Da Pedra Club and Feast Committee that the following street(s) be CLOSED: WEBSTER COURT, from Madeira Avenue to Funchal Place (Hope Street), and TINKHAM COURT, from Madeira Avenue to Funchal Place (Hope Street), ON SATURDAY, JUNE 13,

2009, FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 11:45 P.M. AND SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2009, FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 11:45 P.M., for the purpose of The Annual Senhor Da Pedra Holy Ghost Feast.

19. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Lawrence, requesting, on behalf of the Whaling City Festival Committee, that the following street(s) be CLOSED: FULLER MEMORIAL PARKWAY, from Rockdale Avenue, westerly through Buttonwood Park, to Brownell Avenue, from 9:00 A.M. ON THURSDAY, JULY 09, 2009, THROUGH 10:00 P.M. ON SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2009, for the purpose of THE FORTIETH ANNUAL WHALING CITY FESTIVAL.

20. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Alves, requesting, on behalf of the FEAST OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT COMMITTEE, that the following street(s) be CLOSED: BELLEVILLE AVENUE (starting at Hathaway Street – Sunshine Donuts) North to Wood Street; WOOD STREET, West from Belleville Avenue to Acushnet Avenue; ACUSHNET AVENUE, South to Brooklawn Street; BROOKLAWN STREET, West to Ashley Boulevard; ASHLEY BOULEVARD, South to Irvington Street; IRVINGTON STREET, East to Acushnet Avenue; ACUSHNET AVENUE, South to Earle Street; EARLE STREET, East to Madeira Avenue; MADEIRA AVENUE, North to Madeira Field; on SATURDAY, AUGUST 01, 2009, FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M., for the purpose of THE FEAST OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ANNUAL ROAD RACE. NOTE: REQUESTING THAT THE DPF PROVIDE STREET CLOSURE SAWHORSES AND THAT THE DPI SWEEP THE STREETS NOTED ABOVE PRIOR TO THE ROAD RACE, IN THE INTEREST OF THE RUNNERS' SAFETY. (NOTE: TO BE IMPLEMENTED WHERE, WHEN AND AS REQUIRED TO ENSURE THE PUBLIC'S SAFETY AND TO EXPEDITE THE EVENT.)

21. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Alves, requesting, on behalf of the FEAST OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT COMMITTEE, that the following street(s) be CLOSED: EARLE STREET, from North Front Street to Belleville Avenue; MADEIRA AVENUE, from Davis Street to Tinkham Street; HATHAWAY STREET, from North Front Street to Funchal Place (Hope Street), FUNCHAL PLACE, (Hope Street), from Hathaway Street to Tinkham Street; TINKHAM STREET, from Madeira Avenue to Funchal Place (Hope Street); BELLEVILLE AVENUE, from mid-way point in front of Ottiwell School Playground to Hathaway Street, on THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2009, THROUGH SUNDAY, AUGUST 02, 2009, FROM 8:00 A.M. UNTIL MIDNIGHT, for the purpose of the ANNUAL FEAST OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

22. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Alves, requesting, on behalf of the FEAST OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT COMMITTEE, that the following street(s) be CLOSED: BROOKLAWN STREET, from Ashley Boulevard to Acushnet Avenue; ACUSHNET AVENUE, from Wood Street to Earle Street; EARLE STREET, from Acushnet Avenue to Madeira Avenue; MADEIRA AVENUE, from Earle Street to Tinkham Street, on SUNDAY, AUGUST 02, 2009, FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M., for the purpose of THE FEAST OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ANNUAL PARADE.

23. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Alves, requesting, on behalf of the FEAST OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT COMMITTEE, that the following street(s) be CLOSED: EARLE STREET, from Madeira Avenue to Belleville Avenue, for a distance of 300 feet, on SUNDAY, AUGUST 02, 2009, from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., for the purpose of PARKING LARGE TRAILER TRUCKS, WHICH WILL BE USED IN THE FEAST OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT PARADE, AND WHICH ARE UNABLE TO MAKE THE TURN ONTO MADEIRA AVENUE. NOTE: REQUESTING THAT THE DPF PROVIDE STREET CLOSURE SAWHORSES. (NOTE: CLOSURE TO BE USED "AS NEEDED.")

24. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Duarte, requesting, on behalf of THE COALITION FOR BUZZARDS BAY, that the following street(s) be CLOSED: RODMAN STREET, from North Water Street to Front Street and HAMILTON STREET, from North Water Street to Front Street, ON THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2009, FROM 2:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M., for the purpose of A GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY.

25. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Duarte, requesting, on behalf of THOMPSON/FARLAND PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS, 30 North Water Street, that NORTH WATER STREET be CLOSED, from #30 North Water Street to the top of Centre Street, on THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2009, FROM 5:30 P.M. THROUGH 8:00 P.M., for the company's RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY at 30 North Water Street. (Note: Rose Alley entrance, at North Water Street, will also be closed.)

26. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Duarte, requesting, on behalf of RELAY FOR LIFE, that the following street(s) be CLOSED: HUNTER STREET, from Parker Street to Maxfield Street, on FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2009, FROM 8:00

A.M. TO SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2009, AT 12:00 P.M. (NOON), for the purpose of the RELAY FOR LIFE WALK AT PAUL WALSH FIELD.

27. COMMUNICATION, Board of Assessors, to Mayor Lang, Re: Optional Cost of Living Adjustments for Fiscal Year 2010 Exemptions – 3.5%; urging that the Mayor, with the City Council, ADOPT three ORDERS relating to the Consumer Price Index; also submitting Information Guideline Release from Massachusetts Department of Revenue, re: Optional Cost of Living Adjustment for Fiscal Year 2010 Exemptions.

27a. COMMUNICATION, Board of Assessors, to City Council, submitting MOTION passed 2-0, at its open meeting on APRIL 03, 2009, and requesting that the City Council, with the Mayor, ADOPT three ORDERS relating to the Consumer Price Index, as determined by the Commissioner of Revenue, of: a 3.5% increase for Clause 17's, for the amount of exemption to be increased to \$273.55; to accept under Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17E to increase the amount of assets to \$55,775 to qualifying individuals; and under Chapter 59, Section 5, Clauses 41, 41B & 41C, increasing the base limit of income for single taxpayers to \$18,126 and married taxpayers to \$20,917, and to increase the assets limits to \$39,041 for single taxpayers and \$41,830 for married taxpayers.

27b. ORDER,

27c. ORDER,

27d. ORDER,

28. COMMUNICATION, City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council, to City Council, on behalf of **ANTONIO V. FERREIRA, d/b/a E.T. TRANSPORTATION, 25 Oakdale Street, New Bedford, MA 02740**, hereby submit a copy of the Application requesting a **RENEWAL** of a Private Livery License, under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 159A, Section 1 and amendments thereto, and M.G.L. Chapter 270, Section 22 (Smoke Free Workplace Law) and all other laws applicable to such operation, to carry passengers for hire over the streets of New Bedford. (Previous License expired May 22, 2008.)

29. COMMUNICATION, City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council, to City Council, on behalf of **FIDELIO MONTROND, 507 Main Street, Acushnet, MA 02743, d/b/a STAR CAB COMPANY, INC., 121 Ashley Boulevard, New Bedford, MA 02746**, hereby submit a copy of the Application requesting a **RENEWAL** of a Private Livery License, under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 159A, Section 1 and amendments thereto, and M.G.L. Chapter 270, Section 22 (Smoke Free Workplace Law) and all other laws applicable to such operation, to carry passengers for hire over the streets of New Bedford. (Previous License expired April 27, 2009.)

30. COMMUNICATION/DEMOLITION, New Bedford Historical Commission, to City Council, re: BUILDING DEMOLITION REVIEW OF 300 RIVET STREET – **a concrete block structure**, advising that “the structure is not located in a National Register Historic District” and “the structure is of no notable historic significance either recorded or found with the existing condition of the structure;” therefore, “the NBHC has determined that the building is NOT a historically significant building or structure and not preferably preserved.”

31. COMMUNICATION/DEMOLITION, New Bedford Historical Commission, to City Council, re: BUILDING DEMOLITION REVIEW OF 184 CRAPO STREET – **a stucco exterior, retail style structure**, advising that “the structure is not located in a National Register Historic District” and “the structure is of no notable historic significance either recorded or found with the existing condition of the structure;” therefore, “the NBHC has determined that the building is NOT a historically significant building or structure and not preferably preserved.”

32. COMMUNICATION/DEMOLITION, New Bedford Historical Commission, to City Council, re: BUILDING DEMOLITION REVIEW OF 84 CARROLL STREET – **a concrete block garage**, advising that “the structure is not located in a National Register Historic District” and “the structure is of no notable historic significance either recorded or found with the existing condition of the structure;” therefore, “the NBHC has determined that the building is NOT a historically significant building or structure and not preferably preserved.”

33. COMMUNICATION, Treasurer and Receiver General Cahill, to City Clerk, responding to Written Motion by Councillor Lawrence, IN CITY COUNCIL, May 14, 2009, re: Commuter Rail, further stating his position in opposition to the South Coast rail project, due to economic downturn and recession.

34. COMMUNICATION, Assistant Administrator, Grant Programs Directorate, W. Ross Ashley, III, to City Clerk, responding to Written Motion by Councillor Gomes, IN CITY COUNCIL, March 26, 2009, requesting funds from Homeland Security/FEMA, recommending contact with the SAA for the State of Massachusetts, Director Graffin, Executive Office of Public Safety, Boston, MA.

TABLED BUSINESS

05/14/09 PETITION/INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, Zeiterion Performing Arts Center, 684 Purchase Street, New Bedford, MA 02740, for permission to: Erect a 12' x 2' BANNER at the intersection of Union Street and Pleasant Street.

05/14/09 AN ORDER,

