



Council Meeting - Agenda

CITY COUNCIL CALENDAR

Thursday, October 8, 2009 - 7:00 p.m.

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

***PRAYER LED BY: REVEREND LEONA FISHER, PASTOR
IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHURCH***

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RESOLUTIONS

1. RESOLUTION, Councillor Gonsalves, honoring THE YWCA SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS in taking positive action towards eliminating violence in our Community with THE WEEK WITHOUT VIOLENCE.
2. RESOLUTION, Councillor Lawrence, honoring KATHERINE KNOWLES, in recognition of her FIFTH SEASON as EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ZEITERION THEATRE.

MAYOR'S PAPERS

- M1. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Lang, to City Council, submitting a SEWER ABATEMENT REQUEST for NELSON CABRAL, 484 Allen Street, New Bedford, MA 02740, Account No. #9756, in the amount of \$405.15.
- M2. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Lang, to City Council, submitting a SEWER ABATEMENT REQUEST for JOSEPH FERNANDES, 84 Nellie Road, New Bedford, MA 02740, Account No. #32920, in the amount of \$142.35.
- M3. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Lang, to City Council, submitting a request for a ONE-YEAR WAIVER OF RESIDENCY, for MR. JAMES HOUGHTON, 180 Dailey Drive, Franklin, MA 02038, as DIRECTOR OF GRANTS & FINANCE for the New Bedford Police Department; this Waiver will expire November 16, 2010.

NEW BUSINESS

3. REPORT, Committee on Finance, recommending that the City Council ADOPT the ORDER, to provide for the payment of unpaid bills of a previous fiscal year of the City of New Bedford, the sum set against the CEMETERY DEPARTMENT is hereby approved to be expended in FISCAL YEAR 2010, in the amount of \$116.00.
 - 3a. AN ORDER,
4. REPORT, Committee on Finance, recommending that the City Council ADOPT the ORDER, to provide for the payment of unpaid bills of a previous fiscal year of the City of New Bedford, the sum set against the DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, CHARGES AND SERVICES, is hereby approved to be expended in FISCAL YEAR 2010, in the amount of \$393.00.
 - 4a. AN ORDER,
5. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Alves, Coelho, Dehner, Duarte, Gomes, Gonsalves, Lawrence, Martins, Morad, Pimental and Council President Saunders, requesting, in consideration of the City of New Bedford employee

layoffs which occurred this spring, and the recently implemented employee furloughs, that both Commissioners Ronald Labelle and Lawrence Worden be invited to appear before the Committee on Appointments and Briefings to review the City's plan for snow removal and/or road sanding/treatment in the upcoming winter months. (To be Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings.)

6. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Alves, Gonsalves, Morad, Martins, Dehner, Pimental, Coelho, Council President Saunders and Councillor Duarte, requesting that the City Council send a letter to Congressman Barney Frank, Senator John Kerry and Senator Paul G. Kirk, Jr., asking that they support the extension of the \$8,000 first-time homebuyer tax credit, due to the fact that, although the local home buying market has improved, it has not yet fully corrected itself, and the credit needs to be extended for an additional period of time and expanded, in order to build upon the progress that has been made, and because the recent uncertainty about the future of the credit will dampen consumer demand, so, the best way to assure continued housing activity is to extend and expand the credit and to do that NOW. (To be Referred to our Federal Delegation, as listed.)

7. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Dehner, requesting on behalf of Rene' Moreno, that the following street(s) be CLOSED: BEETLE STREET, from Acushnet Avenue to Howard Street, FROM 4:00 P.M. ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2009, TO MIDNIGHT, ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2009, for the purpose of The Mayan Cultural Feast. PLEASE NOTE: The Parking Lot known as the HOWARD STREET PARKING LOT, between Sawyer Street and Beetle Street, will be CLOSED for setup for the Festival (which will take place in the Parking Lot) FROM 10:00 A.M. ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2009, THROUGH SUNDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 18, 2009.

8. WRITTEN MOTION, Council President Saunders, requesting, on behalf of the New Bedford High School Class of 2010/Gridiron Club, that the following street(s) be CLOSED: LT. WALTER E. FULLER MEMORIAL PARKWAY, from Rockdale Avenue to the Monument in Veteran's Memorial Buttonwood Park, on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2009, FROM 6:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M., for the purpose of the New Bedford High School Thanksgiving Rally and Bonfire; also requesting, that the Traffic Commission post "No Parking" Signs because fire engines and floats will be parked on this section of Fuller Memorial Parkway. (Please Note: Parade Route from New Bedford High School to Buttonwood Park via Hathaway Boulevard, to Rockdale Avenue, to Buttonwood Park.)

9. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Alves, on behalf of residents, asking that the light at the corner of Orchard and Thompson Streets be repaired and/or replaced in that the light keeps cycling on and off and the light is badly needed at this location, which is dark and considered dangerous by many of the neighbors in the area; and further requesting, on behalf of several of the residents of Thompson Street, that the City crews repair and/or replace the pole lights in the surrounding areas on Thompson Street, east to Bonney and Crapo Streets, which are also dark, and conducive to criminal activities, which are presenting a worry to the residents in that area. (To be Referred to Department of Public Facilities.)

10. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Alves, requesting, on behalf of the neighborhood residents, that the City's Department of Public Facilities install/request that a pole light be installed on Willard Street, the mid-point between Brock Avenue and West Rodney French Boulevard, in that there is no light at that location, and the area is considered dark and dangerous by the residents who have stated that a light would be a real asset to the neighborhood, and could possibly act as a deterrent to criminal activities. (To be Referred to the Department of Public Facilities.)

11. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Alves, requesting, on behalf of the local YOUNG MARINES Organization (an anti-drug/youth group,) that the Administration consider allowing this group of well-trained, disciplined and supervised group of young men and women to use the Community Center Facility at Fort Taber for their meetings and training activities, or that they consider allowing the group to use, maintain and monitor the former Bristol County Sheriff Facility on Kempton Street (formerly St. Mary's Orphanage) as a training site, in exchange for their assistance in maintaining and securing the facility; the on-site use would go a long way to limit the potential damage to the facility until the City determines what long-term plans they have for the facility. (To be Referred to the Mayor, Department of Public Facilities, and the Park Board.)

12. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Alves, on behalf of a resident who wanted to be added to the "list" of double poles to be removed, asking NSTAR and/or VERIZON to remove the double pole on Stapleton Street; and further, in keeping with the City Council's Motion, IN CITY COUNCIL, September 24, 2009, regarding double poles in the City of New Bedford, requesting that the City Council not approve any more pole requests (unless an emergency) until such

double poles are removed – and poles are to be removed no more than six (6) months after the installation of the second pole.

13. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Gonsalves, Alves, Coelho, Martins, Dehner, Council President Saunders, Councillors Pimental, Lawrence and Gomes, requesting that the Park Board consider requiring the Low Tide Yacht Club submit requests on use of its premises to the Park Board; said request appears necessary to avoid conflicts in scheduling that have occurred recently when the Low Tide Yacht Club had events going on at the same time as other events inside Fort Taber. (To be Referred to the Park Board.)

TABLED AGENDA

No Items on Table at Present. (08/20/09)