



Appointments and Briefings

October 13, 2009 - 7:00 p.m. – **Agenda**

City Council Chamber, Room 214, Municipal Building

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1. CITIZENS INPUT TIME – Not to exceed the first thirty (30) minutes of the meeting.
 - 1a. Richard A. Ribeiro, Jr., 315 Central Avenue, New Bedford, MA, 02740, speaking on voter registration/Community Center gun violence.
 - 1b. Randy Jones, 112 Grinnel Street, New Bedford, MA, 02740, speaking on Community Center gun violence.

INVITEES: Richard A. Ribeiro, Jr.; Randy Jones

2. Public Hearing, on an Application of Robert Gonsalves, for a SPECIAL PERMIT FOR MOTOR VEHICLES – SALES, at 832 Rockdale Avenue, New Bedford, MA, Eastern Auto Sales. (Duly advertised in the New Bedford Standard-Times on Thursday, October 1, 2009, and Wednesday, October 7, 2009)

INVITEES: Robert Gonsalves

3. Communication, Mayor Lang, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of JAMES MATHES, 303 Brownell Avenue, New Bedford, MA, 02740, to the ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, replacing Scott Lemieux, who resigned October 16, 2008; this term will expire December 2012. (Ref'd 5/14/09, tabled 8/18/09)

INVITEES: James Mathes

4. Communication, Mayor Lang, to City Council, submitting AN APPLICATION for the REAPPOINTMENT of GEORGE H. GREW, 223 Hathaway Road, New Bedford, MA 02746, as a CONSTABLE. (Ref'd 6/11/09, tabled 8/18/09)
 - 4a. Communication, Judith McMullen, to the City Council, re: Appointment of George Grew as Constable. (8/19/09)

INVITEES: George H. Grew; Judith McMullen

5. Communication, Mayor Lang to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of JOHN BULLARD, 19 Irving Street, New Bedford, MA, 02740, to the ENERGY RESOURCE COMMISSION; replacing James Mendoza whose term has expired; this term will expire DECEMBER 2010. (Ref'd 8/20/09)

INVITEES: John Bullard

6. Communication, Mayor Lang to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of ATTORNEY PETER PAULL, JR. of 49 Orchard Street, New Bedford, MA, 02740 to the Redevelopment Authority, replacing Emilio E. Cruz who resigned July 2009. This term will expire July 2011. (Ref'd 8/20/09)

INVITEES: Attorney Peter Paull, Jr.

7. Communication, Mayor Lang to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of TERENCE G. LEWIS, SR., 27 Centre Street, New Bedford, MA, 02740, to the REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, replacing Leo Poineau, now deceased; this term will expire DECEMBER 2010. (Ref'd 8/20/09)

INVITEES: Terrence G. Lewis, Sr.

8. COMMUNICATION, City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council, to City Council, on behalf of **VIOLA M. RIGGINS, d/b/a DRIVE ME NUTS, 180 Summit Street, New Bedford, MA 02740**, hereby submit a copy of the Application requesting a **RENEWAL** Private Livery License, under 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 applicable laws under such operation, to carry passengers over the streets of New Bedford. (Ref'd 6/11/09, 8/18/09 - tabled)

INVITEES: Viola Riggins

9. Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, requesting that State Representative Antonio F.D. Cabral call for emergency air testing for six months, in the area of Clara Street, Butler Street, and Norman Street and the surrounding area west of Brittany Dye and Teledyne Rodney Metals, and that this testing be done, as soon as possible, due to the complaints this Councillor is receiving regarding an odor coming from said operations; and further, requesting that State Representative Cabral hold a meeting with residents in the area along with this Petitioner and any other City Councillor to address this issue with odors from said companies. (Ref'd 6/11/09)

INVITEES: State Representative Antonio F.D. Cabral

10. Written Motion, Councillor Alves, requesting that the Administration and the Cemetery Board explore the possibility of developing a cooperative working relationship with such Organizations as "The Friends of Buttonwood Park, the City's Garden Club and Bristol County Agricultural School, also Garden Groups, Community Gardens and students interested in/studying agriculture to occupy, use and maintain the Green House located to Buttonwood Park, before it is left vacant and goes into disrepair, to the extent it would have to be torn down, which would be a loss of a valuable resource that could and should be used by all organizations noted in what I consider to be a "WIN, WIN, WIN" situation for all. (Ref'd 6/25/2009)

INVITEES: Cemetery Board Chairperson Judith M. Downey

Chairman suggests "No Further Action", on the following items:

11. Written Motion, Councillor Saunders, requesting that the Committee on Appointments and Briefings invite the writers of the letters from the State approving the use of the baseball field at the Standard Times Field to an upcoming meeting to discuss what is and what is not allowed in New Bedford's Designated Port Area under the Harbor Master Plan considering that the approval letters seem to directly contradict the plain language of the plan and the Secretary's approval letter of the plan. (Ref'd 5/8/08)
12. Related Motion, Councillor Gomes, requesting that the Committee on Appointments & Briefings invite Khepe-Ra Maat, 189 Emerson Street, New Bedford, to a future meeting to discuss the creation of a Spiritual Exploratory Center in the City of New Bedford. (5/20/08)
13. Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, requesting that the City Council send a letter to Comcast requesting them to hold off on the elimination of **ANY** channels to the present Comcast Cable Program line-up, especially MSNBC, truTV (formerly known as Court TV), and also EWTN/Inspirational/BCTV/NJTV, and the Portuguese Channel, and further; that the Committee on Appointments and Briefings meet with Comcast Officials to discuss the matter. (Ref'd 6/26/08)
14. Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, requesting that the Committee on Appointments and Briefings meet with the residents of the area of Mason Hall, located at 308 Cottage Street, where there is a possibility of Treatment on Demand establishing an Outreach Office out of this address, to which neighbors are

opposed and are requesting a meeting to address this issue; included with this motion are several neighborhood petitions in opposition to the Treatment on Demand Drug Program being located at 308 Cottage Street. (Ref'd 7/17/08)

- 14a. Communications and Petitions, Councillor Gomes, to and from residents submitting neighborhood petitions in opposition to the Treatment on Demand Drug Program being located on 308 Cottage Street. (Ref'd 7/17/08)
15. Written Motion, Councillors Lawrence, Duarte, Gomes, and Gonsalves, asking that the Mayor's Office, or the appropriate representative(s) meet with the Committee on appointments and Briefings, to review and explain the status of the Mayors' Sustainability Task Force. (Ref'd 9/11/08)
- 15a. Communication/Press Release, Mayor Lang Press Release, titled; "Mayor's Sustainability Task Force to Host Series of Public Input Meetings". (Ref'd 9/11/08)