



Committee on Finance

March 31, 2009 – 7:00 pm – **Agenda**
City Council Chamber, Room 214 – Municipal Building

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1. Communication, Mayor Lang, to City Council, submitting for approval the City of New Bedford Conservation Commission's REVISED FEE SCHEDULE based on a review of the costs in providing services to fulfill the Conservation Commission's obligations under the MA Wetlands Protection Act and Regulations; the Conservation Commission voted at the January 06, 2009 meeting to forward this schedule for approval. (Ref'd 2/12/09)

INVITEES: City Auditor Peter Schmidt; Conservation Commission Director Scott Alfonse

2. Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, asking that the Committee on Finance request that the Police and Fire Departments provide the City Council with a detailed breakdown of all overtime accumulated, beginning at the start of the Fiscal Year July 01, 2008, to the present; and further, that the amount of money left over in the overtime budget also be provided to the Committee of Finance. (Ref'd 2/26/09)

INVITEES: City Auditor Peter Schmidt; Police Chief Ron Teachman; Fire Chief Paul Leger

3. Communication, Mayor Lang, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER, for the TRANSFER of \$1,000,000.00 from STABILIZATION FUND, to GENERAL GOVERNMENT UNCLASSIFIED, SALARIES & WAGES. (Ref'd 2/26/09)

- 3a. Communication, Mayor Lang, to City Council, providing further information regarding the need for the \$1,000,000.00 Transfer from Stabilization Fund (one-time unfunded liability obligations for laid off or retiring employees.) (Ref'd 2/26/09)

- 3b. AN ORDER,

INVITEES: City Auditor Peter Schmidt

4. Communication, Mayor Lang, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$3,350,000.00 from STABILIZATION FUND, to GENERAL GOVERNMENT UNCLASSIFIED. (Ref'd 3/12/09)

- 4a. AN ORDER,

INVITEES: City Auditor Peter Schmidt

5. Written Motion, City Council President Gonsalves, requesting that the Committee on Finance meet with the City Auditor and the City Treasurer, to review the savings incurred from the change in health insurance for FY 2008, and the projected savings for health insurance in FY 2009. (Ref'd 4/10/08, 3/9/09 - tabled)

INVITEES: City Auditor Peter Schmidt; City Treasurer Renee Fernandes Abbott; Pilgrim Health Insurance Consultant Steven Tringale

6. Related Motion, Councillor Morad, asking that the City Council request the Mayor that he appear in the next Financial Committee meeting to inform the Council where the funding for the building of the

Standard-Times Field was appropriated from and if the amount was, in fact, \$700,000, and to breakdown of said requested information. (Ref'd 4/24/08, 3/9/09 - tabled)

INVITEES: Mayor Scott W. Lang

7. Communication, Mayor Lang, to City Council, submitting AN APPROPRIATION/ORDER in the amount of \$715,000 for the following purpose: for the reconstruction of Ben Rose Baseball Field, a Municipal outdoor athletic facility; that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor and the Committee on Finance, is authorized to borrow \$715,000 under M.G.L. c44, §7(25) or any other enabling authority; that the Mayor is authorized to contract for and expend any State aid available for the project from the Urban Self Help Grant program, provided that the amount of the authorized borrowing shall be reduced by the amount of such aid received prior to the issuance of bonds or notes under this order; 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. (Ref'd 12/21/06, 3/9/09 - tabled)

- 7a. An Order, (Ref'd 12/21/06, 3/9/09 - tabled)

INVITEES: City Auditor Peter Schmidt; City Treasurer Renee Fernandes-Abbott

8. Communication, City Solicitor Irene B. Schall, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER accepting a QUITCLAIM DEED from the New Bedford Redevelopment Authority, for a portion of the property that is known as Ben Rose Field, and dedicating the property on which the ball field is located for park and playground purposes; said property being deeded to the City is shown abutting Front Street, Lot 9H on Approval Not Required Plan of Land; also submitting SURVEYOR'S AFFIDAVIT and ORDERING designation of said property "for park and playground purposes, in accordance with M.G.L. C. 45, Section 14," , Section 14," upon acceptance of said Deed, and it will be placed under the control of the City of New Bedford Board of Park Commissioners, which will enable the City to obtain reimbursement from the Urban Self Help Grant for \$500,000. (Ref'd 10/23/08, 3/9/09 - tabled)

- 8a. AN ORDER,

INVITEES: City Solicitor Irene Schall; Assistant City Solicitor Jane Medeiros Friedman

Please NOTE the last item on every Finance Agenda will be the review of the City's Monthly Report.

9. Communication, City Auditor Peter Schmidt, submitting to the City Council the City's Monthly Reports for the month of January 2009, to be reviewed by the Finance Committee.

INVITEES: City Auditor Peter Schmidt