



Committee on Finance

April 30, 2009 – 7:00 pm – **Agenda**
City Council Chamber, Room 214 – Municipal Building

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1. 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, 3/31/09 - tabled)

- 1a. AN ORDER,

INVITEES: City Auditor Peter Schmidt; City Treasurer Renee Fernandes-Abbott; DPI Commissioner Ron Labelle

2. Written Motion, Councillor Morad, requesting that the City Treasurer be invited to the Committee on Finance, to provide a detailed review of the Financial Institutions with which the City currently transacts business; and further, to seek the Council's annual approval for the Compensating Balance Agreements for the period of July 01, 2008 through June 30, 2009. (Ref'd 9/11/08)

INVITEES: City Treasurer Renee Fernandes-Abbott

3. 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, 3/31/09 - tabled)

- 3a. AN ORDER,

INVITEES: City Solicitor Irene Schall; Assistant City Solicitor Jane Medeiros Friedman; DPI Commissioner Ron Labelle

4. 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

5. Related Motion, Councillor Lawrence, asking that the Committee on Finance meet with the Traffic Commission, Police, City Clerk, City Auditor and a representative of the Administration, to discuss the disposition and the collection of Noise Violation Tickets issued in the City of New Bedford. (Ref'd 2/26/09)

INVITEES: Traffic Commission Secretary Scott Downing; Police Chief Ron Teachman; City Clerk Rita Arruda; City Auditor Peter Schmidt; Chief of Staff William Burns

6. Related Motion, Councillor Morad, asking that a Representative of the Solicitor's Office, Department of Public Facilities, Auditor's, and a Representative of the Mayor, specifically Normand Audette, be invited to the meeting of the Committee on Finance, to discuss the current lease arrangements, income and expense flows related to the Quest Center; and further, that a Representative of the Economic Development Office also be invited to said meeting. (Ref'd 3/12/09)

INVITEES: City Solicitor Irene Schall; DPF Superintendent Lawrence Worden; City Auditor Peter Schmidt; Executive Aide to the Mayor Normand Audette; Economic Development Council Executive Director Matthew Morrissey