



Committee on Finance

November 17, 2009 – 7:00 pm – **Revised Agenda**
City Council Chamber, Room 214 – Municipal Building

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1. Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, requesting that the Administration advise the Committee on Finance as to what monies have been received over the years regarding the Route 18 project that has been proposed for this City, as there seems to be a conflict of what monies were coming, when they were coming, if they got there, and/or if they will ever get here, already resulting in a delay on this project until 2010. (Ref'd 4/23/09)

INVITEES: Chief of Staff William Burns; City Auditor Peter Schmidt

2. 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, 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 the Union Representatives, since a total of 70% of unionized employees must approve switching insurance plans before municipality can exercise the option to join. (Ref'd 5/28/09)

INVITEES: Chief of Staff William Burns; City Auditor Peter Schmidt; City Treasurer Renee Fernandes-Abbott; Personnel Director Angela Natho

3. Communication, City Treasurer Renee Fernandes-Abbott, To Councillor Jane L. Gonsalves, Chairperson, Committee on Finance, Re: Ben Rose Field documentation request made at the March 31, 2009 Finance Committee meeting; further, submitting a letter providing the language for the Loan Order that was written on December 31, 2006 to be presented to the City Council. (5/29/09, tabled 6/23/09 – Letter to Ron Labelle asking for a response prior to the next Finance meeting, tabled 9/29/09, tabled 10/21/09)
- 3a. Communication, DPI Commissioner Ron Labelle, to Chairperson of the Finance Committee Councillor Gonsalves, re: Ben Rose Appropriation, and submitting for review an outline of every value expended through the Urban Self Help Grant, as well as the corresponding City share. (7/16/09, tabled 10/21/09)

INVITEES: DPI Commissioner Ronald Labelle

4. Communication, Councillor Morad, submitting her copy of the letter from Maria Tomasia, Chairwoman of the Board of Elections Commission, in response to a Council Motion regarding the number of Police Officers to be assigned to various polling locations during the City of New Bedford during the City's primary, and general elections. (Ref'd 8/20/09, tabled 9/29/09)

INVITEES: Elections Commissioner Maria Tomasia

5. Communication, Mayor Lang, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER that, in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E½, the Revolving Fund under the control of the Planning Department, known as the Zoning Board of Appeals Revolving Fund, whose purpose is to provide supplies, postage and advertising costs, technical and administrative support for the ZBA and stipends for ZBA members, whose revenues and amount limited to be spent estimated at \$42,385.00, is hereby authorized for Fiscal Year 2010. (Ref'd 10/22/09)

5a. AN ORDER,

INVITEES: Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman Barry W. Sylvia

6. Communication, R. Renee Fernandes-Abbott, Treasurer/Collector to Councillor Jane L. Gonsalves, Finance Committee Chairperson, requesting the Finance Committee's approval on the sale of a \$10,000,000.00 Revenue Anticipation Note dated November 20, 2009 and payable June 30, 2010 and to confirm the consent of the financial advisor bidding for the note. (11/9/09)

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

7. Communication, Mayor Lang, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the APPROPRIATION of \$1,138,432.00 from ORDINARY REVENUE and MUNICIPAL RECEIPTS to RESERVE FOR APPROPRIATION. (Ref'd 11/12/09)

INVITEES: City Auditor Peter Schmidt

8. Communication, City Auditor Peter Schmidt, submitting to the City Council the City's Monthly Reports for July through September 2009, to be reviewed by the Finance Committee.