



Committee on Labor & Industry

February 19, 2009 - 7:00 p.m. - **Agenda**

City Council Chamber, Room 213, Municipal Building

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1. Written Motion, Councillors Alves & Koczera, requesting that the Committee on Commerce, Labor & Transportation meet with representatives of the North End Business District and the City Planner to inventory/evaluate and propose City-owned or Tax-titled properties in the North End area of, or adjacent to, Acushnet Avenue, which can be developed by the City of New Bedford to provide parking facilities for shoppers in the City's largest small business shopping district (the International Market Place) to help retain and improve retail business in the City. (Ref'd 1/11/01, tabled 10/12/04, tabled 8/8/07, 5/13/08 – letters asking that DK to provide the Committee with a list of municipal owned properties on the No. End adjacent to Acushnet Avenue)

INVITEES: Traffic Commissioner Scott Downing; DPI Commissioner Ron Labelle; City Planner David Kennedy; Tax Title Attorney Blair Bailey; North End Business Association President Ed Parreira; Economic Development Council Director of Business Development Derek Santos

Chairperson suggests to “Receive and Place on File”, the following items:

2. Communication, Bradford K. Bourque, Shellfish Constable to Mr. David Whittaker, Senior Biologist for the Division of Marine Fisheries, reporting the rainfall amounts and CSO Reports for September, October, November, and December of 2005, also January and February of 2006. (Ref'd 3/3/06)
3. Communication, Bradford K. Bourque, Shellfish Constable to Mr. David Whittaker, Senior Biologist for the Division of Marine Fisheries, reporting the rainfall amounts and CSO Reports for November, and December of 2007, also January through April of 2008. (Ref'd 2/25/08)
4. Communication, Bradford K. Bourque, Shellfish Constable to Mr. David Whittaker, Senior Biologist for the Division of Marine Fisheries, reporting the rainfall amounts and CSO Reports for May, June, and July of 2008. (Ref'd 8/7/08)

Chairperson suggests taking “No Further Action”, on the following items:

5. Written Motion, Councillor Coelho, requesting that the Committee on Labor & Industry, in conjunction with Mayor Lang and Tourism/Marketing Director Arthur Motta, look into forming a Committee to promote New Bedford and reflect the City and its people in a positive way, including the placement of “Welcome to New Bedford” signs on major roads entering into the City to include I-195 east and west of the City; further, that the Committee include and/or contact people in the City's Art Community, any interested art students, etc. for input; and further, that the promotional signs feature the City's history, culture, many attractions and fine restaurants. (Ref'd 3/9/06, tabled 6/29/06, 5/13/08 - letter to administration & marketing/tourism, asking that the welcome to NB signs be available for Private sponsorship, also that the Paul Revere sign be moved to Rt. 18, also that the location of any and all Welcome to New Bedford signs be submitted to the committee within 30 days)
6. Written Motion, Councillor Pimental, requesting that we ask the Mayor what his plans are with respect to hiring another Shellfish Warden; and further, if he plans to hire one, when will the person come on board, due to the fact that the Family Permits for Shellfishing are being issued; however, the families cannot make use of the Permits because there are no Shellfish Wardens on duty after 4:00 p.m.; therefore, why are “Family Shellfishing Permits” issued if they can't be used to shellfish by most families, since it is usually after 4:00 p.m. when the shellfishing takes place. (Ref'd 5/23/06, tabled 8/8/07, 5/13/08 - tabled)