



Committee on Ordinances

March 16, 2009 - 7:00 p.m. - **Agenda**
City Council Chamber, Room 214, Municipal Building

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1. Written Motion, Councillor Saunders, requesting that the Committee on Ordinances invite the Chief of Police to a meeting regarding Livery Licenses in the City of New Bedford, as some Livery Licenses are being substituted for Taxi Licenses and not carrying the proper liability and/or insurance coverage; and further, that the discussion include what options the City has when Livery Licenses are used (abused) in this manner. (Ref'd 8/21/08, 9/29/08 – tabled, 10/27/08 - RFT and refer to Legal Counsel to review with Police Chief for purpose of drafting an Ordinance to correct this problem, 12/15/08 – tabled ask Gerwatowski to bring the Committee another proposal at the next meeting, 2/23/09 – tabled to allow Gerwatowski to work on language for Ordinance)

INVITEES: City Solicitor Irene Schall; Attorney David Gerwatowski

2. Written Motion, Councillor Lawrence, asking that the City Council Committee on Ordinances meet with the Chief of Police, representatives from the Lang Administration and Treasurer's Office to discuss the creation and enforcement of an Ordinance that would allow for the reporting of out-of-State registered vehicles being utilized by City residents past the RMV 30 day requirement of registering a vehicle within the Commonwealth; M.G.L Chapter 90, Sections 3 and 3 ½ require all individuals residing in the State to transfer their auto registration no later than 30 days after moving into the State, and it is this Councillor's opinion that not enforcing the State requirement is resulting in hundreds of thousands of dollars of lost uncollected excise revenue, which the City is allowed to keep for betterment and improvement projects throughout New Bedford. (Ref'd 9/11/08)
- 2a. INFORMATION/PACKET, submitted by Councillor Coelho, regarding the Safe Neighborhood Initiative. (Ref'd 9/25/08)

INVITEES: Police Chief Ron Teachman; Chief of Staff William Burns; City Treasurer Renee Fernandes-Abbott

3. Written Motion, Councillor Morad, requesting that the Committee on Ordinances review the City of New Bedford Zoning Code, with regard to modifying the off-street parking requirements for new and/or expanding businesses in existing Commercial-use Districts. (Ref'd 9/11/08, 10/20/08 - tabled until JANUARY, 2/23/09 – tabled to March 16th meeting)

INVITEES: Commissioner Danny Romanowicz; City Planner David Kennedy; Zoning Board Chairman Barry Sylvia; City Solicitor Irene Schall; Attorney David Gerwatowski

4. Written Motion, Council President Gonsalves, requesting, on behalf of concerned residents, that the Committee on Ordinances consider instituting an Ordinance that would require notification process whenever the Sheriff is going to send an inmate crew to work in the City of New Bedford, so that neighbors are not surprised by their presence; and further, that neighbors be invited to said meeting to voice their concerns. (Ref'd 2/28/08)

INVITEES: City Solicitor Irene Schall; Attorney David Gerwatowski; Bristol County Sheriff Thomas Hodgson; Bristol County Sheriff's Office Work Crew Administrator Naomi Carney

5. Communication, Anthony A. Kamara, Council I, submitting AN ORDINANCE, Amending Chapter 22, Article V. Excavation and Trench Safety, Section 22-107. Lowering Certificate of Insurance/Liability Fees indemnifying the City, from one million dollars to \$100,000 to \$300,000, and stipulating mailing

procedures for the City to be notified of such Insurance Policies, or changes thereto, for excavations on public ways/property as well as privately-owned land, as stipulated in M.G.L, Chapter 82A, Section 2 (Excavation and Trench Safety;) also submitting back-up information regarding the same. (Ref'd 2/26/09)

5a. AN ORDINANCE, (Ref'd 2/26/09)

INVITEES: City Solicitor Irene B. Schall; Legal Counsel Atty. David Gerwatowski