



Committee on Ordinances

April 28, 2009 - 7:00 p.m. - **Agenda**
City Council Chamber, Room 214, Municipal Building

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1. Written Motion, Council President Alves, asking that the Committee on Ordinances review the current Responsible Employees Act to evaluate the addition of MGL Chapter 30, Section 39, UNIFORM PROCUREMENT ACT, in an effort to expand and ensure that local residents are given the primary opportunity for employment in the City of New Bedford-sponsored projects. (Ref'd 9/14/06, tabled 6/20/07, tabled 11/27/07, severed from NFA 4/14/09)
2. Written Motion, Councillor Saunders, asking that Use Variances be granted in the City of New Bedford, under limited circumstances where a hardship has been demonstrated, due to the fact that, when recodification happened in December 2004, the City Council was sold on the plan because certain sections of the City were to be rezoned by the Planning Board, and this said rezoning has not been acted on in the last 23 months by the Planning Board. (Ref'd 11/09/06, remain in Committee 7/25/07 – letters to Legal Counsel, City Solicitor & City Planner to develop a Draft Ordinance W/I (60) sixty days, hear in September, 10/16/07 - Atty. Gerwatowski to utilize Atty. Schall's draft in order to structure a new draft for the Committee to review for consideration of approval)

INVITEES: City Planner David Kennedy; City Solicitor Irene Schall; Attorney David Gerwatowski

3. Related Motion, Councillor Alves, asking that the Committee on Ordinances reconsider the Amendments to Chapter 23, Traffic, Article I, In General, Section 23-23, Heavy trucks parking in residential zones, as it specifically relates to tow trucks and tow vehicles. (Ref'd 4/10/08, tabled 4/17/08 - notify DA when this is on)

INVITEES: City Solicitor Irene Schall; Attorney David Gerwatowski

4. Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, requesting, that the Ordinance Committee meet with the Traffic Commission for the purpose of discussing the possibility of implementing Tow-Away Zones across the City, at intersections where the vision of motorists is impeded, and at dangerous intersections where people continuously park in areas such as "No Parking From Here to Corner"; and further, that they become permanent Tow-Away Zones, making it easier for the Police Department to legally have cars towed in areas throughout the City, because they have been posted as such to the public; and further requesting that Police Chief Teachman report to the Ordinance Committee the number of tickets given last year citing motorists for parking in a tow-away zone. (Ref'd 9/11/08)

INVITEES: Traffic Commission Secretary Scott Downing; Police Chief Ron Teachman

5. Communication, City Solicitor Irene B. Schall, to City Council, Re: Amendment of Demolition Delay of Buildings and Structures, submitting AN ORDINANCE, with proposed amendment to Chapter 2, Section 2-157, pertaining to the Demolition Delay of Buildings and Structures; amendment provides a mechanism for the Council to waive or decrease timeframes set forth in Subsection n) of the Ordinance, in the event the Council finds that strict adherence to the timeframe requirements would involve a substantial hardship, financial or otherwise, to the petitioner, and that desirable relief may be granted without substantial detriment to the public good and without nullifying or substantially derogating from the intent of the Ordinance. (Ref'd 4/7/09)
- 5a. AN ORDINANCE, (Ref'd 4/7/09)

INVITEES: Acting DIS Commissioner Danny Romanowicz; City Planner David Kennedy; Tax Title Attorney Blair Bailey; Preservation Planner Anne Louro; City Solicitor Irene Schall; Attorney David Gerwatowski

6. Communication, City Solicitor Schall, to City Council, re: ORDINANCE, Chapter 2, Section 2-157.3, Subsection n) and o) (Items 23. and 23a. Regular Agenda) Amendment of Demolition Delay of Buildings and Structures and An Ordinance with proposed amendment, submitting further information, and elaborating on intent behind, the submission of proposed amendment. (Ref'd 4/7/09)

INVITEES: DIS Commissioner Danny Romanowicz; City Planner David Kennedy; Tax Title Attorney Blair Bailey; Preservation Planner Anne Louro; City Solicitor Irene Schall; Attorney David Gerwatowski