



Committee on Ordinances

May 11, 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, tabled 4/28/09 – Related Motion)

INVITEES: Compliance Officer Donald Gomes; Purchasing Agent Debra Travers

2. 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, tabled 4/28/09)

INVITEES: City Solicitor Irene Schall; Attorney David Gerwatowski

3. Written Motion, Councillor Coelho, requesting that the Police Department put a stop to the people, who claim to be homeless, from begging for money at the Rt. 18 and I-195 exit on Coggeshall Street, since they are placing themselves at risk, as well as posing a risk to motorists and contributing to the blight of these already struggling neighborhoods; and further, in this ongoing economical recession, this is an important step to put a stop to, and discourage any public begging and/or soliciting so that it does not escalate. (Ref'd 3/26/09)

INVITEES: Police Chief Ron Teachman

4. Written Motion, Councillors Alves & Martins, requesting that the City Council's Committee on Ordinances meet with local Tow Companies to discuss and resolve the ongoing problem of the storage of vehicles picked up, towed or stored by local tow companies that were called in by City Departments (Police Department) to tow the vehicles, motorcycles, and trailers both registered and unregistered, for a period of time that local and State Statutes allow, and to determine the maximum time and number of units and length such zoning laws are allowed to be imposed for storage of units. (Ref'd 4/23/09)

INVITEES: Park Board Member Ed Correia; Police Chief Ron Teachman; Tow Companies

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, 4/28/09 - not taken up)

- 5a. AN ORDINANCE, (Ref'd 4/7/09, 4/28/09 - not taken up)

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, not taken up 4/28/09)
- 6a. Communication/Fax, Councillor Gonsalves, to City Council, submitting a Proposed Amendment to AN ORDINANCE, RELATIVE TO DEMOLITION, Chapter 2, Section 2-157.3, striking paragraphs n) and o) and inserting a new n) 1. & 2. and o) relevant to Demolition Delay of Buildings and Structures. (Ref'd 4/23/09, not taken up 4/28/09)

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Chairman suggests taking “No Further Action”, on the following item:

7. 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, tabled - 4/28/09)