



Committee on Ordinances

September 14, 2009 - 7:00 p.m. - **Agenda**
City Council Chamber, Room 214, Municipal Building

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1. Public Hearing, on a Written Motion, Council President Saunders, requesting that the Zoning designation of Parcels known as Plot 107, Lot 32, West Side of Church Street; Plot 197, Lot 31, 321 Belleville Road; Plot 107, Lot 184 and 185, 59 King Street, be AMENDED to change the current Zoning of said Parcels to MIXED-USE BUSINESS. (Ref'd 7/16/09, duly advertised in the Standard-Times on Wednesday, August 26, 2009, and Wednesday, September 2, 2009)

- 1a. Planning Board Recommendation –

INVITEES: City Planner David Kennedy, DIS Commissioner Dan Romanowicz; City Solicitor Irene Schall; Legal Counsel Attorney David Gerwatowski; Abutters

2. Written Motion, Councillor Morad, requesting that the Committee on Ordinances review the City of New Bedford Zoning Code, Chapter 9 Comprehensive Zoning for Driveways, Sections 2755 and 3150, with regard to modifying these Sections to address and clarify side yard surface requirements. (Ref'd 11/13/08, 12/15/08 – tabled until Atty. Gerwatowski can draft the Ordinance, All ayes)
- 2a. Communication, Legal Counsel, Attorney David J. Gerwatowski, to Councillor Martins, Chairman, Committee on Ordinances, submitting a proposed Ordinance relative to Chapter 9, Section 2755, Driveway and Side Yard Requirements. (5/19/09)

INVITEES: Legal Counsel Attorney David Gerwatowski

3. 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, tabled - 5/11/09, motion DA that Atty. Gerwatowski meet with Tow companies and Dan Romanowicz to come up with language to replace existing ordinance, also that the Bulding Dept. and Mayor place a moratorium on fining tow companies for storing vehicles in opposition to the City Code)

INVITEES: Legal Counsel Attorney David Gerwatowski; DIS Commissioner Danny Romanowicz; Correia's Auto Body Owner Ed Correia

4. 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, 3/16/09 – tabled, Letter to DK expressing disappointment in that he did not furnish the Committee with pertinent paperwork regarding this item, 4/14/09 - tabled)

INVITEES: Planning Board Chairman George Smith; City Planner David Kennedy; Assistant City Planner Jill Mclean

5. Written Motion, Councillor Gonsalves, requesting that the Committee on Ordinances explore the creation of an Ordinance similar to that passed by the City of San Francisco regarding plastic bag reduction. (Ref'd 6/11/09)
- 5a. Communication, Councillor Gonsalves, submitting Plastic Bag Reduction Ordinance from San Francisco. (Ref'd 6/11/09)

INVITEES: Legal Counsel Attorney David Gerwatowski

6. Written Motion, Councillors Gonsalves, and Morad, requesting that the City Council consider drafting an Ordinance that would prohibit City employees from serving on City Boards and Commissions except otherwise specified by Ordinance. (Ref'd 5/28/09)

INVITEES: Legal Counsel Attorney David Gerwatowski

Chairman suggests taking "No Further Action", on the following items:

7. Written Motion, Councillor Coelho, requesting that the Committee on Ordinances, review and/or revise the current Ordinance "Trailers and structures unattached on public ways; penalties – Section 23-22" to prohibit boat owners to store their trailers and boats on public ways for months at a time, taking up parking spaces in highly populated neighborhoods. (Ref'd 6/28/07; 10/16/07 tabled, 2/20/08 tabled to next meeting, 3/26/08 – tabled, invite Police, Parking Clerk, and Administration to determine most appropriate/beneficial action to take)
- 7a. Communication, Councillor Coelho, submitting correspondence from constituent and pictures re: flatbed trucks, trailers and boats parking on Rochambeau Street. (Ref'd 6/28/07, 10/16/07 – rpf, tabled, 2/20/08 tabled to next meeting, 3/26/08-tabled)