



Committee on Ordinances

November 9, 2009 - 7:00 p.m. - **Agenda**
City Council Chamber, Room 214, Municipal Building

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1. Written Motion, Councillor Saunders, asking that our State Delegation file a Home Rule Petition on behalf of the City of New Bedford similar to House Bill #4642, by Representative Robert DeLeo of Winthrop, requesting that the City of New Bedford be authorized to install devices for traffic control signal violation monitoring systems for regulating the operation of motor vehicles in said City. (Ref'd 6/12/08)

INVITEES: Senator Mark Montigny; State Representatives: Antonio Cabral, Stephen Canessa, Robert Koczera, John Quinn

2. Written Motion, Councillor Lawrence, asking that the Committee on Ordinances AMEND the Ordinance "Relative to Constables," Section 19-100, by striking Subparagraph (4) of paragraph (a) in its entirety, eliminating the requirement (and recent amendment to Ordinance providing for waiver of the requirement) that, prior to confirmation as a newly appointed constable, anyone applying must attend and successfully complete the "Citizens' Police Academy" of the City of New Bedford. (Ref'd 5/14/09)

INVITEES: Legal Counsel Attorney David Gerwadowski; City Solicitor Irene Schall

3. 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, 9/14/09 – Refer to Legal Counsel for drafting and that the language be provided by the next meeting or the November meeting)

INVITEES: Legal Counsel Attorney David Gerwadowski; City Solicitor Irene Schall

4. AN ORDINANCE, Amending Chapter 10, Article III, BOARD OF ASSESSORS, Section 10-86 – Tax Bills. (Ref'd 5/28/09)

INVITEES: Legal Counsel Attorney David Gerwadowski; City Solicitor Irene Schall; Assessors Administrative Assistant Peter Barney

5. Written Motion, Councillor Gonsalves, requesting that the Committee on Ordinances amend Noise Ordinance, Chapter 11, Section 7, to include a buffer zone for commercial areas within one (1) City block of a residential zone. (Ref'd 9/10/09)

INVITEES: Area Residents: Cathryn Brower, Carol Maslanka, Arthur & Jean Bennett

6. Written Motion, Councillor Coelho, asking that the Special Committee on Environmental Affairs look into the New Bedford Environmental Justice and Open Government Policy that mandates the best practices for providing opportunities of awareness, openness, equity and participation among New Bedford residents and other stakeholders in decisions regarding siting facilities, enacting policies, remediation/cleanup and City advisory functions that affect the environment of the City of New Bedford. (Ref'd 7/16/09, 8/25/09 - referred from EA Committee)

- 6a. Rough Draft, New Bedford Environmental Justice and Open Government Policy. (Ref'd 7/16/09, 8/25/09 – referred from EA Committee)

INVITEES: Environmental Stewardship Director Scott Alfonse; Conservation Agent Sarah Porter; Ecological Solutions Advocate Carol Steinfeld; Community Relations Liaison Marcelina Pina-Christian; Coalition for Justice Members Missy Gilbarg & Marlene Pollock; President of Citizens Leading Environmental Action Network (CLEAN) Eddie Johnson; CLEAN Member Tommy Derosier; NAACP Member Curtis Dias; Environmental Advocate Louis Doherty; Energy Conservation Specialist Chuck Smiler