



# **Council Meeting - Agenda**

**CITY COUNCIL CALENDAR**  
**Thursday, April 8, 2010 - 7:00 p.m.**

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**OPENING OF SESSION BY: CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT DENIS LAWRENCE, JR.**

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**PRAYER LED BY: REVEREND LEONA FISHER, PASTOR  
IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHURCH**

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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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## **CITATIONS**

1. CITATION, Council President Lawrence and Councillor Morad, honoring PALACE PIZZA'S 35<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY.
2. CITATION, Councillor Saunders, honoring GENEVIEVE (GIGI) MENDEZ, in recognition of her heroic acts and swift thinking that saved 27 students from being seriously injured.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

3. RESOLUTION, Council President Lawrence and Councillor Saunders, honoring the 2010 Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School "Lady Bears" Varsity Basketball Team, on Winning the Vocational State Large-School Final.

## **MAYOR'S PAPERS**

M1. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Lang, to City Council, submitting the APPLICATION for APPOINTMENT of PAMELA BOURGAULT, 34 New Plainville Road, New Bedford, MA 02745, as a CONSTABLE.

M1a. APPLICATION

M2. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Lang, to City Council, submitting a SEWER ABATEMENT REQUEST for PAUL ANDONION of 1010 Pleasant Street, New Bedford, MA 02740, Account Number 3129, in the amount of \$327.60.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

4. REPORT, Committee on Appointments and Briefings, that the City Council APPROVE the APPOINTMENT of WHITNEY WHITE, 396 Middle Street, New Bedford, MA 02740, to the HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION, replacing Beth L. Sylvia, who resigned December 2008; this term will expire December 2010.
5. AN ORDINANCE Amending Chapter 9, Section 2755, Relative to Driveway and Side Yard Requirements. (Passed to a Second Reading March 11, 2010; To be Passed, to be ORDAINED.)
6. AN ORDINANCE, Amending Chapter 9, Section 3421, Relative to Unregistered Vehicle Storage. (Passed to a Second Reading March 11, 2010; To be Passed, To be ORDAINED.)
7. AN ORDINANCE, Amending Sections 10-76.1 through 10-77, Relative to Responsible Employers. (Passed to a Second Reading March 11, 2010; To be Passed, To be ORDAINED.)

8. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Duarte, requesting, on behalf of the Wamsutta Apartments that STATE STREET, from Hazard Street to Austin Court; HAZARD STREET, from Austin Court to Hazard Court and AUSTIN STREET, from Hazard Court to Austin Court, BE CLOSED on SATURDAY, JUNE 05, 2010, FROM 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. for the purpose of the WAMSUTTA APARTMENTS HEALTH FAIR.
9. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Duarte, requesting, on behalf of the Ocean Explorium at New Bedford Seaport, that the following streets be CLOSED: PURCHASE STREET, from Spring Street to Union Street, on WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2010, FROM 7:00 P.M. THROUGH THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2010, 5:00 P.M., for the purpose of "Sea and Ice, the extraordinary life of Captain Bob Bartlett," an exhibit about the Arctic research voyages of the Schooner Ernestina, Ex. Effie Morrissey.
10. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Alves, requesting that the following street(s) be CLOSED: MT. PLEASANT STREET, from Sawyer Street to Nauset Street, ON SUNDAY, MAY 02, 2010, FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 12:00 NOON, on behalf of the Greater New Bedford Little League.
11. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Morad, requesting, on behalf of Paul Dupont, Scout Master, Troop 24, that the following street(s) be CLOSED: CHEROKEE STREET, between Acushnet Avenue and Morton Avenue, ON SATURDAY, MAY 29, 2010, FROM 8:00 A.M. THROUGH 4:00 P.M., for the purpose of the annual Soap Box Derby Race Event.
12. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Coelho and Lopes, requesting that the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods invite District Attorney Sutter, or his representative and Chief Teachman, or his representative, to an upcoming meeting to discuss any resources or programs that may be in place, or that should be in place, through either the DA's Victim/Witness Advocacy Department, or other appropriate source, to assist witnesses and/or indirect victims with the various issues they face as a result of crime; and further, to discuss if such assistance is already available, or, if it is made available, how City residents can be made aware of how to access such assistance.
13. WRITTEN MOTION, Council President Lawrence and Councillor Martins, asking that the City Council go on record in support of the Expanded Gambling Legislation in the Bill detailed by House Speaker Robert DeLeo at the April 01, 2010, press conference at the State House in Boston; and further, that a letter be sent to the Governor, our State Delegation and House Speaker DeLeo indicating the support of the New Bedford City Council.
14. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Martins, Council President Lawrence, Councillors Dehner, Alves, Gomes, Lopes, Duarte and Gonsalves, asking that the City Council send a letter to Senators Kerry and Brown, Congressman Frank, Governor Patrick, our State Delegation and Mayor Lang, requesting that the State reconsider the cutting of funds to programs such as Connecting Activities and YouthWorks, which have been a lifeline for teens during the summer months, and may potentially help to reduce youth and gun violence when they typically spike; further, requesting that the Federal Government subsidize youth summer jobs, perhaps with additional stimulus funds, for thousands of our low-income youth, who so badly need assistance during this economic crisis; and further, that Congressman Frank look into, and advocate for, allocating money for summer employment for youth in a pending jobs bill.
15. COMMUNICATION, Boston Mayor Menino, responding to Councillor Gomes' Motion, IN CITY COUNCIL, March 11, 2010, requesting copy of newly implemented trash and housing violations Ordinance on personal and business properties in Boston, stating that, while Boston had filed a Home Rule Petition covering the City of Boston, the Mayor then filed legislation to adopt the provisions of Chapter 40U of Massachusetts General Laws, enacted as Chapter 26 of the Acts of 2010, "An Act Relative to Unpaid Municipal Fines," which created State-wide Legislation. (Copy all Councillors and Legislative Counsel 04/05/10.) (To be Referred to the Committee on Ordinances, as requested by Councillor Gomes.)
16. COMMUNICATION, Councillor Morad, to twenty-three (23) Ward 1 Property Owners that filed for real estate exemptions in a previous tax year under one of the Statutory Exemption Clauses, but have not yet done so in 2010, advising said property owners of the filing deadline of April 28, 2010, and the new qualifying exemption income and asset level requirements. (To be Received and Placed on File.)
17. COMMUNICATION, Blair S. Bailey, Tax Title Attorney, to City Council, re: Acquisition of New Tax Possession, advising that the City has acquired the following property as Tax Possession: 40 Nancy Street,

Plot 132E/Lot 87, Area of 11,196 sq. ft. (Former Owners: Russell Willey and Elaine L. Willey); Total Amount due on the parcel as of the date of the transfer is \$11,931.73.

18. COMMUNICATION, MA Division of Fisheries & Wildlife, MA Endangered Species Act (G.L. c.131A) Conservation and Management Permit, informing City and State Officials of issuance of a Conservation and Management Permit to New Bedford Regional Airport (#010-158.DFW on 29 March 2010 through 29 March 2013, file no. 96-0737) authorizing the “taking” of the State-listed Eastern Box Turtle and Coastal Swamp Amphipod, which are listed as species of “Special Concern,” arising out of the Safety Improvements Project at the New Bedford Regional Airport.

***TABLED BUSINESS***

Nothing on Table as of 02/24/10.