



Appointments and Briefings

August 31, 2010 - 7:00 p.m. – **Agenda**
City Council Chamber, Room 214, Municipal Building

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1. Citizens Input Time – Not to exceed the first thirty (30) minutes of the meeting.
- 1a. Juraci Capataz, 111 Duke Street, New Bedford, MA, 02740, speaking on Senior Whole Health Care Plan options for seniors.
- 1b. Pamela Gossman, Senior Whole Health Care Executive Director, speaking on Senior Whole Health Care Plan options for seniors.

INVITEES: Juraci Capataz; Executive Director of Senior Whole Health Care Plan Pamela Gossman

2. Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, requesting that the Committee on Appointments and Briefings meet with Tom Derosier and the residents of the Colby Village Development, in the City's North End, and representative(s) from the School Department (Pulaski Elementary School) for the purposes of discussing the status of the project at this time, and what remedies have been put in place, and also to give residents an opportunity to express their concerns about the time it is taking to complete this project, as well as to implement any of the City's requests; and further, requesting that the developer take immediate action to correct all violations that have occurred within that development. (Ref'd 7/17/08, 11/10/09 – severed from NFA, 5/19/10 – tabled, removed from the table and RPF)
- 2a. Communication, Thomas Derosier, to all Councillors, mainly At Large Councillors, submitting a status report as to what has been completed and addressed at Colby Village Development. (Ref'd 7/17/08, 11/10/09 – severed from NFA, 5/19/10 – tabled, removed from the table and RPF)

INVITEES: Thomas Derosier; School Department Chief of Financial Operations Lawrence Oliveira

3. Written Motion, City Council President Gonsalves, on behalf of Gerald Pinto, Rockdale Avenue Neighborhood Group, requesting that the City consider turning City-owned vacant lots into neighborhood parking lots. (Ref'd 10/23/08, 6/16/09 – severed from NFA, and remain in committee)

INVITEES: Gerald Pinto of the Rockdale Avenue Neighborhood Group; DPF Commissioner Lawrence Worden

4. Related Motion, Councillor Alves, asking that the City of New Bedford schedule a meeting with the Department of Public Infrastructure, the Department of Inspectional Services-Electrical/Wire, Fire Department/Fire Alarm, NSTAR, VERIZON, COMCAST, and SIGNET, to ensure that we bring everyone who has wires on these poles into the room and set a policy on behalf of the City of New Bedford to ensure we cover the residents concerns. (Ref'd 10/8/09)

INVITEES: DPI Commissioner Ronald Labelle; DIS Wire Inspector Michael Baker; Fire Chief Brian Faria; NSTAR Sales Manager Utility Electric David Amann; Verizon Customer Care Daryl Crossman; Comcast Government/Community Relationships Senior Manager Mary O'Keeffe; Signet Representative

5. Written Motion, Councillor Alves, requesting in an effort to address on-going concern by the Portuguese Community regarding the promised/proposed Cultural Center that was never completed, and is still of interest and concern to a number of local residents, that the City Council recommend that the Administration seek to take the Sarah D. Ottiwell School (located in the middle of the City, close to the site of the largest Portuguese Feast in the United States, the Museum of Madeiran Heritage and used by other Portuguese Cultural Groups for their Feasts, etc. as well) that is scheduled to be closed in the next couple of years, for development as a larger, more accessible Portuguese Cultural Center. (Ref'd 7/16/09)

5a. Written Motion, Councillor Coelho, asking that the Mayor consider using the Phillips Avenue School and the Ottiwell school (once they are no longer in use) as Community Centers, since both are in good locations, within easy reach of the Community, and, considering the economical hardships facing the City and the Country, these two buildings could be transformed to house agencies to assist our Citizens in need; and further, if this is not feasible, what is the intention of the City regarding these two former schools, whether or not they can be used, in some way, to benefit the City before going out to bid. (Ref'd 5/27/10)

INVITEES: Chief of Staff William Burns; NB Public School Department Chief of Finances/Operations Lawrence Oliveira; Community Development Director Patrick Sullivan; Immigrants Assistance Center Executive Secretary / Office Manager Rosa Raposo; Madeira Feast President Rich Tabor; Consulate of Portugal Grasa Aroujo Fonseca; Prince Henry Society President Manuel J. Louro

6. Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, requesting that the School Department immediately provide the City Council's Committee on Appointments and Briefings with the number of children affected this year by the School Department cuts to the "No Child Left Behind" transportation monies and exactly how many children did this affect throughout the City; further that a Representative from the School Department meet with the City Council's Committee on Appointments and Briefings, or this petitioner, to explain as to how these cuts to this funding occurred, and what resolution was made in order to provide transportation for the many children across the City that these cuts have affected; and further, that this issue be addressed by the School Committee and by the Mayor, as soon as possible, to bring resolution to the parents and children that have been affected by the cuts from this funding of "No Child Left Behind" transportation money. (Ref'd 10/22/09)

INVITEES: NB Public School Department Chief of Finances/Operations Lawrence Oliveira

7. Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, requesting once more, as this petitioner did in the 1990's, that the City of New Bedford take immediate action to POST throughout the City and in the City's Public Buildings and Schools, a Mission Statement addressing the issue of Hate Crimes and Discrimination and the Zero Tolerance that the City takes on these issues; further, that this document be signed by the entire City Council, the Mayor, District Attorney, School Committee, and Police Chief firmly showing that they are unified and committed in their support of Zero Tolerance against Hate Crimes or discrimination of any type in the City of New Bedford; and further, that the City Council, Administration, School and Police Departments follow the city's Ordinance relative to the "Bias Crimes", also instituted in the 1990's, and refer all incidents/occurrences/crimes relating to Discrimination, Bias or Hate Crimes to the Police Department, to be referred to the Executive Director of the Human Relations Commission, with the information stipulated in the Bias Crime Ordinance, Chapter 2, Article IX, Commission on Human Relations; Section 2-136. (Ref'd 2/9/06, remain in committee 2/12/07, referred to Legal Counsel for drafting a Zero Tolerance mission statement for adoption by the City Council W/I 30 days, also to review current Bias Ordinance and it be referred to the Ordinance Committee 7/18/07, tabled 9/10/07, 11/10/09 – severed from no further action)

INVITEES: Legal Counsel Attorney David Gerwatowski; Chief of Staff William Burns

8. Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, requesting that the Committee on Appointments & Briefings meet with the Administration and any other responsible parties for providing lifeguards to our City beaches for the purpose of putting together a program, which is being requested for the third time by this Council, for high school and college students to be trained in order for New Bedford to hire their own; and further requesting that the Boys & Girls New Bedford High School Swim coaches be invited to said Committee Meeting. (Ref'd 6/24/10)

INVITEES: Chief of Staff William Burns; Parks & Recreation Director Chic Rose; Community Services Director Cynthia Wallquist

9. COMMUNICATION, City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council, to City Council, on behalf of **Carlos Rocha, 148 Woodcock Road, Dartmouth, MA 02747, d/b/a/ A TO Z BROKERS, 700 Kempton Street, Unit 6, New Bedford, MA 02740**, hereby submit a copy of the Application requesting a **NEW LICENSE TO DEAL IN JUNK, OLD METALS OR ANY OTHER SECOND HAND ARTICLES** under the provisions of MGL, Chapter 140, Sections 202-205 as amended, and as provided in the Code of the City of New Bedford, Chapter 15 and all Ordinances amending the same or in addition thereto, and further avers that he or she has been a resident of the City of New Bedford for at least six months next preceding the date of the application for such license; or that he or she has been a resident for at least six months in one of the towns next adjoining the limits of the City or that he or she has applied for a waiver of said residence requirement by the New Bedford City Council. **(License will expire April 30, 2011.)** (Ref'd 7/15/10)

INVITEES: Carlos Rocha

10. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gonsalves, requesting that the Committee on Appointments and Briefings meeting with the Planning Department, in particular the Preservation Planner, a representative from WHALE and a representative from the Preservation Society, to ask about creating an inventory of historic buildings in the City of New Bedford similar to the Mill Inventory Project that was recently completed. (Ref'd 7/15/10)

INVITEES: City Planner David Kennedy; Preservation Planner Anne Louro; WHALE Representative Lisa Saghrue; Preservation Society President Mark Fuller

11. Written Motion, City Council President Gonsalves, requesting that the Committee on Appointments & Briefings meet with Ron Labelle, Commissioner of the Department of Public Infrastructure and Mark Mahoney, Director of Emergency Management, to discuss FEMA's plans to change the flood maps in the New Bedford area, specifically as to how that relates to the presence and the use of the Hurricane Barrier. (Ref'd 11/13/08, 6/16/09 - tabled)

INVITEES: DPI Commissioner Ronald Labelle; Conservation Agent Sarah Porter