



Environmental Affairs

July 21, 2010 - 7:00 p.m. – **Agenda**
City Council Chamber, Room 214, Municipal Building

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1. Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, requesting that the City's Energy Resource Commission and the City Council's Special Committee on Environmental Affairs meet as soon as possible with the members of CLEAN and Director of Environmental Stewardship Scott Alfonse for an update as to what is continuing to be done and addressed as far as environmental contaminations and concerns at the Keith Middle School/Parker Street area; and further, that a letter be sent to Senators Brown and Kerry, Congressman Frank, and our State Delegation, including Senator Montigny, requesting assistance for the City of New Bedford in addressing this issue that has now become bigger than the City can handle as far as the financial ramifications, and the assistance from the Federal Government; and further, that the EPA be requested to address this issue as far as funding and clean-up of the entire area that is affecting not only the quality of life within the general area, but the educational process in the City of New Bedford. (Ref'd 4/22/10)

INVITEES: Energy Resource Commission Members: Councillor Debora Coelho, Peter Dimond, Scott Alfonse, David Kennedy, and John Bullard; Representative of CLEAN Eddie Johnson; Congressman Barney Frank; Senators Scott Brown, Mark Montigny, and John Kerry; Representatives Cabral, Canessa, Koczera, and Quinn

2. Written Motion, Councillor Lawrence, requesting that the creation of "The Citizens Advisory Committee on Energy and Environmental Affairs," be referred from the Committee on Ordinances to the Environmental Affairs Committee of the City Council. (11/9/09)
3. Written Motion, Councillor Alves, requesting that the City Council's Committee on Environmental Affairs meet with Representatives of SourceOne, Inc., and members of the Administration, DPI, DPF and the City's Grant Writer to see how the City Council can best assist and ensure that the City of New Bedford is aggressively developing and Energy Block Grant Application package to qualify for the maximum allocation of \$869,300.00, currently earmarked for the City of New Bedford, for the Assessment of Eligible Conservation Activities that can be implemented to reduce the City's energy cost, and move the City closer to becoming a recognized "Green Community" as it relates to energy alternatives. (Ref'd 6/25/09, 8/25/09 – City's Environmental Committee or team to meet w/ Rep's from SourceOne, Inc., on how company could assist NB in realizing its energy & environmental goals)

INVITEES: Source One, Inc., Vice-President of Operations Tom Converse; DPI Commissioner Ron Labelle; DPF Commissioner Lawrence Worden; Grant Writer Carl Alves

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

4. Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, On behalf of the residents of Ruggles Street, Greenwood Street, and the general area surrounding the new Keith Middle School, requesting that the Chairman of the Committee on Environmental Affairs, Councillor Deborah Coelho, call an expedited meeting between the residents of the above mentioned area with the Director of Environmental Stewardship, Scott Alfonse, a Representative of the Administration, and a Representative of the EPA, for the purposes of getting answers to the questions that these residents seem unable to get, due to the remediation of their properties, and to explain what is the strategic plan for the City to take on this area; and further, that this Councillor requests that the Administration hold up any demolition of any other properties already obtained by the City on Ruggles Street or Greenwood Street, until the beginning of September, giving the residents of that area who have not an easy summer for the past couple of years due to the digging

and drilling of their homes, giving them a break through the summer months, to enjoy their homes, also giving the City an opportunity to put forth a plan that will take place once those homes are demolished; and further, this Councillor requests that the City provide a plan of action for that area where those homes are going to be demolished, and who will be facilitating the demolition of the said homes. (Ref'd 6/11/09)

5. Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, asking that the City Council go on record with this Councillor, in expressing their displeasure with the findings of TRC in the report "Critical Review of the Risk Characterization and Remedy at the Keith Middle School/McCoy Field Site," FINAL DRAFT, prepared for the City of New Bedford, Mayor Scott Lang, by TRC, Customer-Focused Solutions, Blue Wave Strategies, dated October 11, 2006; further, that the Committee on Environmental Affairs, the Committee to which this report was referred at the City Council Meeting of October 12, 2006, and the Committee on Appointments and Briefings, look into the documents with an eye towards any conflicts of interest with everyone involved in this project, specifically, those giving input who have sat on other aspects of the project, which cost the City so much money; further, that the said Committees also review the many environmental/health concerns and anxieties pertaining to public safety and the health of our residents, made obvious by the necessity of on-going air quality testing and monitoring of this building, which are of particular concern for the students and faculty who will be attending this school; and further, in view of this Councillor's disdain of the whole project, which was fast-tracked into completion by the previous Administration, that the name of Councillor at Large Brian K. Gomes, and any other Councillor who so wishes, not be placed and/or be removed from the plaque commemorating the opening/dedication of the new Keith Middle School. (Ref'd 11/09/06)
6. Communication, Councillor DeMedeiros, submitting "Critical Review of the Risk Characterization and Remedy at the Keith Middle School/McCoy Field Site," FINAL DRAFT, prepared for the City of New Bedford, Mayor Scott Lang, by TRC, Customer-Focused Solutions, Blue Wave Strategies, dated October 11, 2006. (Ref'd 10/12/06)