



# *Special Committee on Gaming / Casinos*

June 30, 2010 - 7:00 p.m. – **Agenda**

City Council Chamber, Room 214, Municipal Building

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1. Written Motion, Councillor Alves, asking that the City Council's Special Committee on Gaming meet with representatives of the Wampanoag Tribe to discuss the Tribe's potential interest and proposed plans for a Gaming Facility/Casino in Massachusetts, and to determine if the Tribe is planning to go forward with plans to develop a Casino, and what consideration would New Bedford be given in their planning (as their first and strongest advocate,) so that we can decide how to best develop our plans for the future, in light of the potential interest from private developers and the potential that the Federal Government may recognize another Federally-authorized tribe in the future. (Ref'd 2/8/07, tabled 6/27/07)

***INVITEES: Cedric Cromwell, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Chairman***

2. Written Motion, Councillor Alves, requesting that the Special Committee on Gaming set up and schedule a meeting with the Tribal Council Chairman, Glenn Marshall, and the Members of the Tribal Council of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, to introduce them to, and acquaint them with, the benefits of the City of New Bedford as a potential site for an off-Cape gaming facility, due to their new status and Federal recognition from the U. S. Interior Department as a Sovereign Nation. (Ref'd 2/22/07, tabled 6/27/07)

***INVITEES: Cedric Cromwell, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Chairman and Members of the Tribal Council***

3. Written Motion, Councillor Alves, pursuant to a conversation between this Councillor and Mashpee Tribal Council Chairperson, Glenn Marshall, requesting that he and Tribal Members responsible for the future economic development of the Tribe be cordially invited to meet with the City Council Special Committee on Gaming at it's next meeting, and that we also invite and encourage representatives of the New Bedford Economic Development Council, New Bedford Redevelopment Authority, New Bedford Industrial Park Foundation, Chamber of Commerce, Greater New Bedford Career Center, the City's Offices of Tourism/Marketing and Planning/Planning Board to attend the meeting, to emphasize, highlight and make a brief presentation as to the advantages and potential (in addition to a possible gaming venue) the more immediate possibilities for the development of Tribal Economic ventures and businesses in the City of New Bedford, as well as the benefits the City can provide through funding, grants, TIF's, and private financing, to leverage Tribal resources and funding sources, in an effort to encourage the development/opening of Tribal businesses by Tribal Members in the City of New Bedford, as well as with the goal that we all work together to jointly seek to offer job opportunities/assistance to Tribal Members and City Residents, and encourage the Tribe to **take advantage of our great work force and their strong ties to the New Bedford Community and Citizens.** (Ref'd 3/22/07)

***INVITEES: Cedric Cromwell, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Chairman and Members of the Tribal Council; Matt Morrissey, Economic Development Council Executive Director; Tom Davis, New Bedford Industrial Foundation Executive Director; Roy Nascimento, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director; David Kennedy, City Planner; George Smith, Planning Board Chairman; Brenda Francis, Greater New Bedford Career Center Executive Director; Deborah Hynes, Office of Tourism/Marketing Creative Economy Coordinator***

4. Written Motion, Councillor Alves, requesting that representatives of the Wampanoag Aquinnah Tribe be invited to meet with the City Council Committee on Gaming to discuss future plans and/or potential development of any Economic Development Projects and/or Casino Gaming Facilities in the City of New Bedford or the surrounding area, in light of the Governor's inclination to consider Gaming in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. (Ref'd 5/10/07)

***INVITEES: Naomi Carney, Aquinnah Wampanoag Tribal Gaming Committee Chairperson***

5. Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, requesting, that the Committee on Gaming, meet with the Wampanoag Tribe, or any other Indian Tribe interested in locating a casino in the City of New Bedford, for the purposes of again considering the Whaling City Golf Course as a possible location for a casino because of its accessibility to the highway, railroad, and airport; and further, that the City Solicitor's Office look at the present lease for the Golf Course that has been given to Mr. Johnson, in order to see if there is any way the Golf Course can be considered as a possible site, by negotiating with Mr. Johnson, if the site were to be picked by the Tribe or Gaming Committee. Amended by the maker to add: and further, ask the City Solicitor to provide copies of the lease to all Councillors and request that the City Solicitor's Office look into that Lease to see if that Lease is being upheld by the Johnson Company. (Ref'd 6/28/07)

***INVITEES: Cedric Cromwell, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Chairman; Naomi Carney, Aquinnah Wampanoag Tribal Gaming Committee Chairperson; Irene Schall, City Solicitor***

6. Related Motion, Councillor Gomes, requesting that the Special Committee on Gaming, meet once again, and invite any interested parties that would like to locate a resort casino in the City of New Bedford, and further, that this City Council once more look at the most valuable piece of land to locate such casino which is the golf course on Hathaway Road. (Ref'd 10/11/07)

***INVITEES: Cedric Cromwell, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Chairman; Naomi Carney, Aquinnah Wampanoag Tribal Gaming Committee Chairperson; Irene Schall, City Solicitor; Attorney David Gerwatowski, Legal Counsel***

7. Related Motion, Councillor Gomes, asking that the City Council meet as a whole in Special Committee on Gaming/Casinos for the purposes of strategizing what our positions will be, and how we will work with our Legislators, right up to Beacon Hill, and the Administration, in order to address this issue and make sure that we're in the forefront. (Ref'd 4/8/10)

***INVITEES: Irene Schall, City Solicitor; Attorney David Gerwatowski, Legal Counsel***