



Committee on Ordinances

February 18, 2010 - 7:00 p.m. - **Agenda**
City Council Chamber, Room 214, Municipal Building

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1. Public Hearing, on AN ORDINANCE, Amending Chapter 9, Section 3421, Relative to Unregistered Vehicle Storage. (Ref'd 12/17/09, Public Hearing duly advertised in the Standard-Times on Wednesday, January 27, 2010, and Wednesday, February 3, 2010)

INVITEES: Legal Counsel Attorney David Gerwatowski; City Solicitor Irene Schall; Police Chief Ron Teachman; DIS Commissioner Dan Romanowicz

2. Public Hearing, on AN ORDINANCE, Amending Chapter 9, Section 2755, Relative to Driveway and Side Yard Requirements. (Ref'd 12/17/09, Public Hearing duly advertised in the Standard-Times on Wednesday, January 27, 2010, and Wednesday, February 3, 2010)

INVITEES: Legal Counsel Attorney David Gerwatowski; City Solicitor Irene Schall; DIS Commissioner Dan Romanowicz

3. Written Motion, Councillor Alves, requesting that the City Council Committee on Ordinances consider the proposed recommendations to the City of New Bedford's "Responsible Employers Policy" submitted by Councillor Alves, and attached to this Motion, since the Responsible Employers Policy has not been review by Council for some time, and, in light of the current economic situation faced by the City of New Bedford and other cities in the Commonwealth, with the goal to further encourage and ensure local employment opportunities for the residents of New Bedford; and further, that Representatives of the Southeastern Massachusetts Building Trades, Organized Labor Groups, and Independent Contractors be invited to all meetings held to discuss the issue in order to present their observation and recommendations, as well as to voice the current concerns with the present Ordinance and to assist the City in developing a model for other Communities in the Commonwealth. (Ref'd 10/22/09, 12/15/09 – Letters to Purchasing Agent requesting suggestions in drafting the New Responsible Employee Ordinance and to furnish said info within two (2) weeks)

INVITEES: Various Organized Labor Group/Individual Contractors; Purchasing Agent Debra Travers

4. Related Motion, Councillor Gonsalves, asking that Chapter 9, Section 3200 of the City Code, Relative to Signage, be reviewed and amended by the Ordinance Committee forthwith. (Ref'd 10/8/09)

INVITEES: Legal Counsel Attorney David Gerwatowski; DIS Commissioner Dan Romanowicz

5. Written Motion, Councillor Martins, asking that the Committee on Ordinances and the City Council's Legislative Counsel explore the possibility of drafting an Ordinance banning texting or typing on a mobile phone while driving in the City of New Bedford, including in City-owned vehicles, in an effort to increase public safety by decreasing accidents caused by these actions; and further, that appropriate fines be set up for any violations. (Ref'd 12/17/09)

INVITEES: Legal Counsel Attorney David Gerwatowski; Police Chief Ron Teachman

6. Related Motion, Councillor Gomes, asking that all eleven (11) Members of the City Council also be granted/ designated as "Special Police;" and further, that all fees connected with being sworn in as

Special Police Officers be waived since the Councillors are Elected Officials of the City of New Bedford. (Ref'd 8/20/09)

INVITEES: Legal Counsel Attorney David Gerwatowski; Police Chief Ron Teachman; New Bedford Police Union President Officer Leonard Baillargeon; Chief of Staff William Burns