



Committee on Ordinances

May 18, 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 Council's Committee on Finance look into the Traffic and any other fines implemented by the City for violations, to see if any should be increased, which may result in a way of raising more funds in order to support the City budget. (Ref'd 2/26/09)

INVITEES: Traffic Commission Secretary Scott Downing; Police Chief Ron Teachman; City Solicitor Irene Schall

2. Written Motion, Councillor Morad, asking that the Ordinance Committee explore amending the City's Zoning Code with regard to Accessory Structures, to better define these structures, and add more specificity. (Ref'd 3/12/09)

INVITEES: Legal Counsel Attorney David Gerwadowski; City Solicitor Irene Schall; Acting DIS Commissioner Dan Romanowicz; Zoning Board of Appeals Chairperson Debra Trahan

3. Written Motion, Councillors Gonsalves, and Morad, requesting that the City Council consider drafting an Ordinance that would prohibit City employees from serving on City Boards and Commissions except otherwise specified by Ordinance. (Ref'd 5/28/09, 9/14/09 – Refer to Legal Counsel for drafting and that the language be provided by the next meeting or the November meeting, 11/9/09 – tabled until December meeting, 12/15/09, referred to Gerwadowski again for drafting, 3/18/10 - tabled)

- 3a. An Ordinance, (Relative to Boards and Commissions)

INVITEES: Legal Counsel Attorney David Gerwadowski; City Solicitor Irene Schall

4. Written Motion, Councillors Gonsalves, Dehner, Martins, Gomes, Lawrence, Coelho, Duarte, Pimental, and Alves requesting, that the Committee on Ordinances meet with Personnel Director Angela Natho and Health Director Marianne DeSouza to discuss the current classification for Public Health Nurses and whether it can be changed. (Ref'd 11/24/09)

INVITEES: Personnel Director Angela Natho; Health Director Marianne DeSouza

5. Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, requesting that the Committee on Ordinances meet for the purpose of drafting an Ordinance implementing a fine and/or action to be taken on individuals, who own property in the City, but bring their trash from their properties in any towns, for disposal by the City as well; and further, that the fine and/or action be imposed to send a clear message that anyone participating in this kind of behavior will have their trash pickup terminated and/or also a fine for violating said Ordinance. (Ref'd 2/25/10)

INVITEES: Legal Counsel Attorney David Gerwadowski; City Solicitor Irene Schall

6. Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, requesting that the City Council send a letter to Thomas Menino, Mayor, City of Boston, and Boston City Council President, Michael Ross, asking for a copy of the newly implemented Ordinance pertaining to trash and housing violations on personal and business properties throughout the City of Boston; and further, requesting that, once the Ordinance is received,

that said copy be forwarded to our Legal Counsel David Gerwatowski for review and recommendation as to how it can be implemented in the City of New Bedford in order to address, not only the problem of sloppy home and business owners that just leave debris and garbage littering their properties, but other City violations as well, would make the home and business owners responsible for all tickets for violations and liens on properties, in order for the City of New Bedford to recoup all monies owed to the City, and if not paid, that said amounts be placed on the property owners' tax bill. (Ref'd 3/11/10)

- 6a. 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. (Ref'd 4/8/10)

INVITEES: Legal Counsel Attorney David Gerwatowski