

**CITY COUNCIL CELEBRATION MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2019
7:00 P.M. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 214
CITY HALL, 133 WILLIAM STREET, NEW BEDFORD, MA

**OPENING OF SESSION BY: CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT LINDA M. MORAD

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. COMMUNICATION, Council President Morad, to City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council Dennis W. Farias, calling SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL for THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., in CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SECOND FLOOR OF CITY HALL, for the celebration and awarding of official City Council Citations and Resolutions.
2. CITATION, Councillor Giesta and Council President Morad, honoring DOROTHY BURGESS, in recognition of her 45 years of dedicated service to the residents of New Bedford as a member of the City's Assessor's Department and with sincere wishes that the Good Lord bestow continued health and happiness in her retirement years.
3. CITATION, Councillor Lopes, honoring MEGHAN SILVIA, Standard-Times 2018 SouthCoast Teacher of the Year, in recognition of her being a great teacher who goes above and beyond her teaching duties to help support her students.
4. CITATION, Councillor Gomes, honoring J. DOUGLAS MENDES, in recognition of his kindness, thoughtfulness and compassion for the less fortunate and the commitment to making a difference in the lives of others.
5. CITATIONS, Councillors Abreu, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Lopes, Markey, Council President Morad and Councillor Rebeiro, honoring JACK SPILLANE, PHIL DEVITT, PETER PEREIRA, JENNIFER DRISCOLL, BRENDAN KURIE, MIKE VALERI, New Bedford Standard-Times, in recognition of their placing first at the New England Newspaper and Press Association Convention.
6. CITATION, Councillors Abreu, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Lopes, Markey, Council President Morad and Councillor Rebeiro, honoring PETER PEREIRA, New Bedford Standard-Times, in recognition of his being named Photojournalist of the Year by his peers from the New England Newspaper and Press Association.
7. CITATION, Councillor Rebeiro, honoring LARRY ROY, in recognition of his 41 years of dedicated volunteer service to the New Bedford Fire Museum in keeping history alive by educating children and adults from near and far about the Museum's great past.
8. CITATIONS, Councillor Gomes, honoring NANCY C. CABRAL, OLIVIA MARIE CAMARA and SABRINA GRACE CAMARA, in recognition of their kind and thoughtful generosity in providing children and adults with gloves, hats and scarves during the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremonies across the City.
9. CITATION, Councillor Gomes, honoring ROSEMARY NUNES, EMS, in recognition of her thirty-five years of commitment, dedication and service to the people of the City of New Bedford.
10. CITATIONS, Councillor Gomes, honoring LORI ALMEIDA, KENZI CABRAL, EMILIANA BAGANHA, KARA CLEMENTINNO, CHERYL GUY, BETTY LOPES, SUZETTE MEDEIROS, ELVIRA PAULINO, ROSA SALICETI and MARIA SANTOS, School Lunch Angels, in recognition of their inspiring heartfelt acts of kindness on behalf of the students at Normandin Middle School.

11. CITATION, Council President Morad and Councillor Lopes, honoring KATHLEEN SOUZA, in recognition of being her being named the M.O. L.I.F.E., Inc., 2019, Katie Brienzo Personal Achievement Award Recipient. (Adopted to be presented at a later date.)
12. CITATIONS, Councillor Gomes, honoring OFFICERS CARL MORIN, CHRISTOPHER DUPONT, CAPTAIN AMANCIO (AMOS) MELO, LIEUTENANT RICHARD NETINHO, SERGEANT PAMELA MELO and OFFICER DEBORAH DUPONT, in recognition of their retirement from the New Bedford Police Department after their distinguished careers and their dedication and commitment to the Citizens of New Bedford after many years of service. (Adopted, to be presented at a later date.)
13. RESOLUTION, Councillors Carney, Coelho, Giesta, Council President Morad and Councillor Rebeiro, in recognition and celebration of NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH - 2019.
14. RESOLUTION, Councillor Lima and Council President Morad, honoring the 100th anniversary of the Ligue des Franco-Américains. (Adopted, to be presented at a later date.)
15. RESOLUTION, Councillor Lopes, honoring THE NEW BEDFORD LIONS CLUB, on the occasion of their 85th anniversary. (Adopted, to be presented at a later date.)

TABLED BUSINESS

CITATIONS, Councillor Abreu, honoring MR. KEVIN AGRELLA and MR. IVAN BRODY, New Bedford Emergency Medical Services, in recognition of their life-saving measures in delivering a healthy baby girl in the back of their ambulance, en route to the hospital on Thursday, January 10, 2019. (TABLED – January 17, 2019.)

CITATION, Councillor Gomes, honoring DISTRICT CHIEF ROBERT FRATES, New Bedford Fire Department, in recognition of his distinguished career and his Dedication and Commitment to the Citizens of New Bedford after 39 Years of Service. (TABLED – January 17, 2019.)

CITATION, Councillor Gomes, honoring CAPTAIN RICHARD SHEA, New Bedford Fire Department, in recognition of his distinguished career and his Dedication and Commitment to the Citizens of New Bedford after 38 Years of Service. (TABLED – January 17, 2019.)

CITATION, Councillor Gomes, honoring FIREFIGHTER GARY VARGAS, New Bedford Fire Department, in recognition of his distinguished career and his Dedication and Commitment to the Citizens of New Bedford after 23 Years of Service. (TABLED – January 17, 2019.)

RESOLUTION, Councillor Carney, honoring CHRISTOPHER AZEVEDO, US Army SPC, in recognition of his being named SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS VETERAN OF THE YEAR – 2018, by the Veterans Transition House and for his committed service to his fellow Veterans. (TABLED - November 15, 2018.)

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