

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE – APRIL 17, 2019  
7:30 P.M. – CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROOM 214  
AGENDA**

1. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$160,000.00 from DOWNTOWN ENTERPRISE FUND, FREE CASH, to DOWNTOWN ENTERPRISE FUND, CHARGES & SERVICES in the amount of \$60,000.00 and DOWNTOWN ENTERPRISE FUND, CAPITAL OUTLAY in the amount of \$100,000.00. (Ref'd 2/14/19)

- 1a. AN ORDER,

***INVITEES: Ari J. Sky, Chief Financial Officer***

2. COMMUNICATION, Councillor Lopes and Council President Morad, submitting the 2018 New Bedford Economic Development Council Tax Increment Financing Program Annual Report. (Ref'd 2/14/19) (3/11/19-tabled)

***INVITEES: Derek Santos, Executive Director, New Bedford Economic Development Council***

3. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Lima, Abreu, Lopes and Dunn, requesting that the Administration review fees as they relate to solar energy projects. (Ref'd 3/14/19)

***INVITEES: David Gerwatowski, Legal Counsel Attorney; Mikaela McDermott, City Solicitor; Danny D. Romanowicz, Commissioner, Department of Inspectional Services***

4. LOAN ORDER, AS AMENDED, in the amount of \$3,500,000.00 for the purpose of making critically-needed repairs to City-owned buildings including, but not limited to, projects for the repair and renovations of public safety facilities, recreational facilities, general office space, roads and infrastructure. (FY 2019-2023 Capital Improvement Program.) (Ref'd 3/14/19)

***INVITEES: Mark Champagne, Director, Department of Facilities and Fleet Management; Jamie Ponte, Commissioner, Department of Public Infrastructure; Ari J. Sky, Chief Financial Officer***

5. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Dunn, Giesta, Abreu, Lopes, Council President Morad, Councillors Gomes, Lima and Carney, requesting, that the City Council vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 33, Section 59 of the Massachusetts General Laws, that provides benefits to City employees who are temporarily absent from work due to service in the Armed Forces of the Commonwealth or a reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States. (CHARTER RULED by Council President Morad - March 14, 2019.) (Ref'd 3/28/19)

***INVITEES: Thomas Carreiro, President, Fire Union; Mikaela McDermott, City Solicitor; Andrew O'Leary, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations, New Bedford Public Schools; Louis St. John, President, Teachers Union; Ari J. Sky, Chief Financial Officer; Henry Turgeon, President, Police Union; Maurice Vezina, President, AFSME Union; Sandra Vezina, Director, Personnel***

*Chair Suggests 'No Further Action' and 'Report Out to the Full City Council'*

6. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Lopes, requesting that the Committee on Finance meet with the City Treasurer and the Commissioner of the Department of Public Infrastructure to discuss a temporary establishment of an amnesty program for the collection of quarterly Real Estate Tax, Water and Sewer bills for those City residents effected by the Government furlough, said amnesty program would allow for the City residents effected by the furlough to establish a payment plan with the City of New Bedford void of any penalties and interest on the unpaid portion of City billings during the United States Government furlough and for a period of 60 days after the conclusion of the furlough. (Ref'd 1/24/19)

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