



# **Council Meeting** – **Late File Agenda**

## **CITY COUNCIL CALENDAR**

Chambers of the City Council Municipal Building

**Thursday, February 14, 2013 - 7:00 p.m.**

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L1. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER accepting a “non-recourse loan” of \$35,000.00 from Taber Mill Company Limited Partnership to help pay for a Vapor Intrusion Mitigation System (VIMS) under the Taber Mill that the City is required to install at a cost of approximately \$85,000.00 (\$50,000.00 grant monies and \$35,000.00 from Taber) per order of the Massachusetts DEP in conjunction with rehabilitation of the Payne Cutlery/Elco parcels.

L1a. AN ORDER,

L2. REPORT, Committee on Public Safety & Neighborhoods, recommending that the City Council recommend to the Mayor and City Solicitor that the members of the Licensing Board, are once again made City employees and receive all the protection and backing that employment with the City entails, so that they may once again proactively inspect bars, restaurants and other establishments in the City in order to improve the safety of our neighborhoods; and further, that the Police Department also be involved in these inspections as well.

L3. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting, that the Administration provide the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods at its’ April meeting a breakdown of the monies received through FEMA’s SAFER Grant and a breakdown of how the monies were spent throughout each year by the Fire Department; and further, that through the calculations of this Councillor, there presently is \$2.5 Million Dollars unaccounted for that was transferred out of the SAFER Grant, that the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods would like to know how and when the money got transferred out of the SAFER Grant to the City. (To be Referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods.)

L4. REPORT, Committee on the Airport, recommending that the City Council, the Administration and the City’s Legislative Delegation go on record in support of the new terminal project as it is detailed in the developing Master Plan.

L5. REPORT, Committee on the Airport, recommending that the City Council send a letter to the Federal Aviation Administration seeking that they reevaluate their recent decision to close the FAA Control Tower Operation at the New Bedford Regional Airport in that it is a major and valuable resource for the US Coast Guard, Bridgewater University’s Aviation School, and the Community at Large; and further, that it is a major resource of the region and has significant importance to the security of our national airspace.

L6. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Alves, in anticipation of the upcoming Massachusetts Gaming Commission meeting scheduled to be held on March 21, 2013, that the City Council go on record requesting, that the Commission take a vote to open up the South East Area (Area 3) to an open, fair and competitive bidding for a Full Casino in the area for both Commercial and Indian Developers, in an effort to ensure the Commonwealth and the entire Region has an equal opportunity to maximize the full economic potential that a Casino Development can bring to the area and to give to all Cities in the area, including New Bedford, the opportunity to compete and provide their Residents with equal employment and economic opportunities, if the community can offer the best response to the Request for Proposal that will be issued.

L7. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Lawrence, requesting, that in light of the Fire Department not being awarded the SAFER Grant, which would allow for the City of New Bedford to retain the current seventy (70) firefighters, that the City Council send a letter to our Federal Delegation and ask that they take every step necessary to provide us with assistance; and further, that laying off firefighters will result in diminishing the public safety of the Citizens of the City of New Bedford.