



Council Meeting – **Late File Agenda**

CITY COUNCIL CALENDAR

Chambers of the City Council Municipal Building

Thursday, July 18, 2013 - 7:00 p.m.

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L1. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Bousquet and Gonsalves, on behalf of concerned Citizens about the quality of life for our Zoo's elephants, the beloved Emily and Ruth, requesting that the following question be placed on the November ballot as a non-binding referendum question. "Should the Buttonwood Park Zoo Elephants, Ruth and Emily, be retired to The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee?"

L2. REPORT, Committee on Appointments and Briefings, recommending that the City Council APPROVE the APPOINTMENT of ROBERT SCHILLING, New Bedford, MA 02740, to the NEW BEDFORD HOUSING AUTHORITY, replacing Reverend Leona Fisher, whose term has expired; this term will expire December 2014.

L3. REPORT, Committee on Appointments and Briefings, recommending that the City Council APPROVE on behalf of **Noel P. Ciminello, 22 Shannon Way, North Dartmouth, MA 02747 d/b/a/ YES! WE VAN LLC., 167 Butler Street, New Bedford, MA 02740**, hereby submit a copy of the Application requesting a NEW Private Livery License, under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 159A, Section 1 and amendments thereto, and M.G.L. Chapter 270, Section 22 (Smoke Free Workplace Law) and all other laws applicable to such operation, to carry passengers for hire over the streets of New Bedford.

L3a. COMMUNICATION, City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council, to City Council, on behalf of **Noel P. Ciminello, 22 Shannon Way, North Dartmouth, MA 02747 d/b/a/ YES! WE VAN LLC., 167 Butler Street, New Bedford, MA 02740**, hereby submit a copy of the Application requesting a NEW Private Livery License, under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 159A, Section 1 and amendments thereto, and M.G.L. Chapter 270, Section 22 (Smoke Free Workplace Law) and all other laws applicable to such operation, to carry passengers for hire over the streets of New Bedford. (Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings – May 23, 2013.)

L4. REPORT, Committee on Appointments and Briefings, recommending to the full City Council, that it request the SRTA Board to amend the Rotch Street bus route in such a manner that the buses no longer drive down Rotch Street, but rather go all the way to Rockdale Avenue, as it is a main thoroughfare and can better accommodate large vehicles like buses; and further, that the petition signed by Rotch Street resident also be forwarded to SRTA Board and that all residents of Rotch Street, from Union Street to Hawthorn Street be invited to said meeting when scheduled.

L5. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of GARY A. CORREIA, New Bedford, MA 02745, to the AIRPORT COMMISSION, replacing Michael Knabbe whose term has expired; this term will expire December 2014.

L6. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Lawrence, in response to the Standard-Times Article, of July 15, 2013, stating that City Leaders are confident that New Bedford will be awarded a SAFER Grant, which would extend the employment of seventy of our firefighters and sustain the opening of the two fire houses once closed, even though the Federal Government has yet to release the applications for the next round as said applications were thought to be released in June, requesting that the City Council's Committee on Finance meet with the CFO Sky and Fire Chief Gomes to discuss the following: 1) When the SAFER Grant application will be released by the Federal Government for New Bedford to reapply; 2) What is the projected turnaround time for the Government to review and inform the City whether they have been approved or not; and 3) When will we know if the current SAFER Grant allows the City to retain its seventy firefighters until September, and when in September if the monies are not received, will the layoffs begin, and will there be a reduction in the number of layoffs as a result of retirement attrition; and further, what is the projected time frame for

the closing of the two stations which were reopened as a direct result of New Bedford securing the original SAFER Grant; and further, requesting that a letter be sent to our Federal and State Delegations expressing the urgency in securing the funds necessary to maintain our current compliment of firefighters. (Copy of Standard-Times article dated July 15, 2013, enclosed.)