



Council Meeting – Agenda

CITY COUNCIL CALENDAR

Chambers of the City Council Municipal Building

Thursday, March 13, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.

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OPENING OF SESSION BY: CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOSEPH P. LOPES

PRAYER LED BY: RABBI RAPHAEL KANTER, TIFERETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITATIONS

1. CITATIONS, Councillor Rebeiro, honoring EDMILSON ANTUNES, NICHOLAS BOTELHO, HELENA BRIGGS, IZAIAH CARROLL-GONCALVES, KAITLYN CRAVENS, TARA GOMES, STERLING LOPES, TYREN PACHECO, FRANCISCO SANCHEZ, BRITTANY NORMANDIN, JO ST. SURIN, SHAWN DEPINA, MARQUIZ CRUZ, QUINN PARKER, DUANE BROWN, ERICA MAROTE, LISA MELLO-FROST, MELISSA CORREIA, PAULA MULLINS, CHRIS TRINIDAD, ERIK ANDRADE and GABBY MONTEIRO in recognition of their participation in the National Day of Service with PACE/YouthBuild New Bedford for the first Martin Luther King, Jr., Day Children's March and Teach-in.

2. CITATION, Councillor Rebeiro, honoring PACE/YOUTHBUILD NEW BEDFORD, in recognition of their participation in the National Day of Service and their leadership role for the first Martin Luther King, Jr., Day Children's March and Teach-in.

RESOLUTIONS

3. RESOLUTION, Councillors Carney, Coelho, Morad and Rebeiro, in Recognition and Celebration of WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH – MARCH 2014.

HEARINGS

4. COMMUNICATION, First Assistant City Solicitor, Jane Medeiros Friedman, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the ALTERATION of a portion of TARKILN PLACE at the southern terminus.

4a. AN ORDER,

MAYOR'S PAPERS

M1. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDINANCE, amending Chapter 23 – TRAFFIC, which is for the establishment of a Downtown Parking Enterprise Fund and a dedicated account for Acushnet Avenue parking improvements.

M1a. AN ORDINANCE,

M2. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$892,515.00 from WATER, FREE CASH, to WATER STABILIZATION FUND.

M2a. AN ORDER,

M3. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$100,000.00 from WASTEWATER, SALARIES & WAGES, to WASTEWATER, SUPPLIES & MATERIALS.

M3a. AN ORDER,

M4. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$20,000.00 from AIRPORT, SALARIES & WAGES, to AIRPORT, CHARGES & SERVICES in the amount of \$12,000.00 and AIRPORT, SUPPLIES & MATERIALS in the amount of \$8,000.00.

M4a. AN ORDER,

M5. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$9,000.00 from AUDITORS, SALARIES & WAGES, to LABOR RELATIONS, SALARIES & WAGES.

M5a. AN ORDER,

M6. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of JOHN BRUCE, New Bedford, MA, as a SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER.

M6a. APPLICATION,

M7. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the REAPPOINTMENT of CHRISTOPHER CLOUGH, New Bedford, MA, as a SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER.

M7a. APPLICATION,

M8. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the REAPPOINTMENT of JOSE FURTADO, New Bedford, MA, as a SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER.

M8a. APPLICATION,

NEW BUSINESS

5. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Winterson, requesting that the Board of Park Commissioners allow for the installation of a Memorial Stone with a plaque at the Harrington Playground in memory of deceased New Bedford youth. (To be Referred to the Board of Park Commissioners.)

6. WRITTEN MOTION, City Council President Lopes, Councillors Alves, Martins, Oliveira and Gomes, requesting that the New Bedford City Council establish a Special Committee to review the salaries of all Elected Officials across the Commonwealth.

7. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Bousquet, Carney and Rebeiro, requesting, on behalf of Neighborhoods United, that the leaders of said group be asked to attend the next Committee on Appointments and Briefings meeting to discuss the breakdown of communications between the Mayor's office and the City Council.

8. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting, that the City Council and the New Bedford Business Park go on record in support of naming the next developed road in the Business Park after Executive Director Thomas Davis, in recognition of his commitment to bringing jobs to the area and the development of the Business Park over the past fifteen years; and further, that the wordage on the signage read as follows “Tom Davis Way, in dedication to a man who gave so much to the Business Park, to the education system and to the City of New Bedford as a whole”.

9. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Bousquet, requesting that 671 Summer Street (Plot 91 / Lot 152, be rezoned from Residential B to MIXED-USE BUSINESS. (To be Referred to the Committee on Ordinances and the Planning Board.)

10. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Rebeiro and Carney, requesting that the City Council, rescind the 44% pay raise, until such time as the Council can review a more suitable adjustment that is more reflective of the City’s current financial standing. (To be Referred to the Committee on Finance.)

11. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting, that the Department of Public Infrastructure immediately stop all installation of the new Washingtonian lights and poles on County Street, the lighting quality in this area is not the same as the high-grade lighting of the tall overhead lights, the reason for this request is also due to the public safety aspect in the area, the change of lighting is not only for pedestrians but motor vehicle traffic also.

12. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting, that the Department of Public Infrastructure take immediate action and repair the following lights for the security of the area; at the southeast corner of Acushnet Avenue and Bedford Street, requesting that the pole light be fixed along with the spotlight facing south on Acushnet Avenue; and further, that the light located in front of 154 South Second Street be repaired along with the light just north of the northeast corner of Manny E. Costa Sr. Way and South Second Street, due to the security and darkness in these areas.

13. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting, once more, that the Mayor and the Department Public of Infrastructure construct a shooting waterfall around Mr. Steadfast and the four flagpoles located at the corner of Route 18 and Elm Street; and further, that spotlights be used at this location that is the entrance to our National Park; and further, that two more water shoots be placed in Buttonwood Park Pond making it a total of three, and each one should have a separate spotlight red, white and blue loading up the Buttonwood Park Pond at night with America's colors.

14. COMMUNICATION, Massachusetts Development Finance Agency, to City Council, submitting notification of the approval of a revenue bond on behalf of New Verdean LLC, for the renovation of Verdean Gardens. (Copy all Councillors 03/06/2014.)

TABLED BUSINESS

01/23/2014 CITATION, Councillor Rebeiro, honoring **REVEREND RUSS CHAMBERLAIN**, Mercy Meals and More, in recognition of his hard work and dedication to the homeless during the recent snow storm of January 2 and 3, 2014.