



Council Meeting – **Late File Agenda**

CITY COUNCIL CALENDAR

Chambers of the City Council Municipal Building

Thursday, March 13, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.

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L1. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Alves, Oliveira, Winterson, Morad, Council President Lopes, Councillors Gomes, Martins, Rebeiro and Bousquet, requesting, that in light of Mayor Mitchell's recent admission that the "City continues to be fiscally strapped" and in light of the refusal of the City Solicitor and Chief Financial Officer to provide any insight into any comprehensive plan which the Mayor may have to address the fiscal challenges that the City of New Bedford is facing, and in light of the limited financial information which Councillors received at a recent Committee on Finance meeting about the City's current financial position, or perceived financial position, and finally, in light of the Mayor's apparent reservation to negotiate a host agency agreement with KG Urban Enterprises, which could significantly enhance the revenue received by the City of New Bedford which could be used to address current and future fiscal concerns, that the City Council request that our State Legislative Delegation file a Bill amending the current law to provide the New Bedford City Council with the ability to override a Mayoral veto of a request to place a referendum or ballot question before the voters of New Bedford in order to identify and quantify the support of the voters of New Bedford for the development of a gaming facility on the New Bedford Waterfront, thereby better informing the Mayor, the Gaming Commission, and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, of the community's support for such a project.

L2. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Alves, Council President Lopes, Councillor Rebeiro, requesting, that James Russell, Chairman, and members of the New Bedford Homecoming of the Charles W. Morgan Committee established to oversee events for the visit of the historic whale ship, the Charles W. Morgan, be invited to attend a Committee on Appointments and Briefings meeting to update the City Council and community on the schedule of events for the visit; and further, that the Committee on Appointments and Briefings invite other interested community agencies and representatives to attend said meeting and share any comments and suggestions as to how we can best showcase the City of New Bedford.

L3. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER granting the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection an Environmental Restriction and Easement on Sullivan's Ledge required to proceed with the development of the solar facility on Sullivan's Ledge.

L3a. AN ORDER,

L4. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting, that the traffic lights at the corner of Rockdale Avenue and Mill Street, be checked for the purpose of setting the lights so they run in sequence to the traffic lights at Kempton Street and Rockdale Avenue and will not hold up the traffic for a long length of time on Mill Street. (To be Referred to the Department of Public Infrastructure and Traffic Commission.)

L5. REPORT, Committee on Memorials & Dedications, recommending to the City Council that it support the placing of the POW/MIA Chair of Honor in the Lobby of New Bedford City Hall and that the City Council work with the Veterans Agent Chris Gomes, the Administration and the Vietnam Veterans Association (VVA) in order to establish the funding and erection of said monument by Veterans' Day 2014.

L6. REPORT, Committee on Memorials & Dedications, recommending to the City Council that it send a letter to the Park Board requesting that the Members of the Committee on Memorials & Dedications and the Leadership of Neighborhoods United be allowed to present the proposal of erecting Peace Poles on Park property in the City of New Bedford.

L7. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting, that the Committee on Appointments and Briefings meet with the President of the Whaling City Festival for the purposes of discussing why the Festival will not be held in the City this year after decades of this type of entertainment for the people of New Bedford; and further, this Festival contributes significantly to our tourism base.