



Appointments and Briefings

March 18, 2014 – 7:00 PM - **Agenda**
Chambers of the City Council, Room 214

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1. PUBLIC HEARING, on an APPLICATION, U-HAUL INTERNATIONAL, INC., for SPECIAL PERMIT for MOTOR VEHICLE SALES & RENTALS at 99 Rockdale Avenue, New Bedford, MA 02740. (Duly advertised in the Standard-Times on Wednesday, March 5, 2014 and Wednesday, March 12, 2014)

INVITEES: U-HAUL Representative Susan Aldridge; City Solicitor Mikaela McDermott; City Planner Jill Maclean; DIS Commissioner Dan Romanowicz; Licensing Clerk Nick Nanopoulos; DPI Commissioner Ron Labelle; City Clerk Rita Arruda; Abutters

2. Written Motion, Council President Lopes, Councillors Martins, Bousquet, Winterson, Rebeiro, Morad, Gomes, Coelho and Carney, requesting that Mr. Joseph Mulvey, Real Estate Specialist with the United States Postal Service, meet with the Committee on Appointments and Briefings, to discuss the future of the Downtown New Bedford Post Office. (Ref'd 2/13/14)

- 2a. Communication, Mr. Joseph Mulvey, Real Estate Specialist to the United States Post Office, to and from Mayor Mitchell, regarding the future of the Downtown New Bedford Post Office. (Ref'd 2/13/14)

INVITEES: United States Postal Service Real Estate Specialist Joseph Mulvey

3. Communication, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of IAN ABREU, 273 Aquidneck Street, New Bedford, MA 02744, to the HISTORICAL COMMISSION as an ALTERNATE MEMBER fulfilling the Land Owner or Tenant slot, Mr. Abreu will be replacing Elsie Souza, whose term has expired; this term will expire February 2016. (Ref'd 12/19/13)

INVITEES: Ian Abreu

4. Communication, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the REAPPOINTMENT of JOHN RADCLIFFE, New Bedford, MA 02740, to the CONSERVATION COMMISSION, this term will expire June 2016. (Ref'd 1/9/14)

INVITEES: John Radcliffe

5. Communication, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of ROBERT J. SCHILLING, New Bedford, MA 02740, to the ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, replacing Jennifer Smith who has resigned; this term will expire December 2018. (Ref'd 2/13/14)

INVITEES: Robert J. Schilling

6. Communication, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of MATT CAMARA, New Bedford, MA 02745, to the CONSERVATION COMMISSION, replacing Robert G. Morris whose term has expired; this term will expire June 2015. (Ref'd 2/13/14)

INVITEES: Matt Camara

7. Written Motion, Councillor Lopes, requesting, that Mayor Mitchell provide the City Council with his plans and timelines for Taylor School and Hannigan School before the beginning of the upcoming school year. (Ref'd 7/19/12, 12/10/13 – Remain in Committee)

INVITEES: Representative of the Mayor Christina Connelly

8. Written Motion, Councillor Duarte, requesting, that the Committee on Appointments and Briefings meet to discuss the benefits of a program called “First Move” which teaches young people how to play chess. (Ref'd 8/16/12, 12/10/13 – Remain in Committee)

9. Written Motion, Councillors Gomes and Duarte, requesting that the City reach out to the Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School for the purpose of refurbishing our trolleys that are now close to two decades old and in need of serious repair work especially on the wood portions of the trolleys and these Councillors feel that Voc-Tech can be of significant help in refurbishing said trolleys which are a beacon within the City and the expertise of the Vocational students to perform this work would be greatly appreciated. (Ref'd 8/16/12, 12/10/13 – Remain in Committee)

INVITEES: Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech Superintendent Linda Enos

10. Written Motion, Councillor Duarte, requesting, on behalf of students of the Parker Street School and concerned parents, that Assistant School Superintendent, Heather B. Larkin be invited to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings to update the City Council as to what plans are in place to address the Parker Street School and Pulaski School playgrounds, and further, that any plan should include a timeline for addressing issues such as, rocks on the playground, no playground equipment and no nets on the basketball hoops. (Ref'd 8/16/12, 9/20/12 – tabled, letters, 12/10/13 – Remain in Committee)

INVITEES: Assistant Superintendent of Public Schools Heather B. Larkin; New Bedford Public Schools Business Manager Patrick Murphy

11. Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, requesting, that the Committee on Appointments and Briefings meet with the Administration, Vice President of Berklee College of Music's Outreach Program called City Music, along with Berklee College of Music's Satellite Program Coordinator and Professor Jackie Santos for the purpose of finalizing the Berklee College of Music's Satellite Program at St. Mary's Home, located on Kempton Street, which has been in the works for some time now and Berklee College of Music is ready to locate a satellite program here in the City of New Bedford; and further, that during said meeting that a date of opening be discussed. (Ref'd 2/14/13)

INVITEES: Rep. of the mayor Christina Connelly; Berklee College of Music Executive Director, City Music, J. Curtis Warner; Berklee College of Music, Satellite Program Coordinator and Professor, Jackie Santos