



Appointments and Briefings

May 27, 2014 – 7:00 PM - **Agenda**
Chambers of the City Council, Room 214

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1. Citizen's Input Time – Not to exceed the first thirty (30) minutes of the meeting.
- 1a. Barbara DePina, 117 Willis Street, New Bedford, MA, 02740, speaking on water meter and broken door.

INVITEES: Barbara DePina

2. PUBLIC HEARING, on an APPLICATION, Ruben Jacob d/b/a SOFT TOUCH AUTO DETAIL, for SPECIAL PERMIT for MOTOR VEHICLE, LIGHT SERVICE at 6 Hathaway Street, New Bedford, MA 02746. (Duly advertised in the Standard-Times on Wednesday, May 14, 2014 and Wednesday, May 21, 2014)

INVITEES: City Solicitor Mikaela McDermott; City Planner Jill Maclean; DIS Commissioner Dan Romanowicz; Licensing Clerk Nick Nanopoulos; DPI Commissioner Ron Labelle; City Clerk Rita Arruda; Ruben Jacob; Abutters

3. PUBLIC HEARING, on an APPLICATION, Antonio Camara & Jorge DaLuz d/b/a T & J SOLUTION REPAIR, for SPECIAL PERMIT for MOTOR VEHICLE, SALES & RENTALS, GENERAL REPAIRS and LIGHT SERVICE at 38 Collette Street, New Bedford, MA 02746. (Duly advertised in the Standard-Times on Wednesday, May 14, 2014 and Wednesday, May 21, 2014)

INVITEES: City Solicitor Mikaela McDermott; City Planner Jill Maclean; DIS Commissioner Dan Romanowicz; Licensing Clerk Nick Nanopoulos; DPI Commissioner Ron Labelle; City Clerk Rita Arruda; Antonio Camara; Jorge DaLuz; Abutters

4. Communication/Demolition, New Bedford Historical Commission, to City Council, re: BUILDING DEMOLITION REVIEW of 1116 Chaffee Street, Map 130C, Parcel 39, advising that the New Bedford Historical Commission has determined that 1116 Chaffee Street is not a historically significant structure and not preferably preserved. (Ref'd 4/10/14)

INVITEES: New Bedford Historical Commission Chairperson Diana Henry; City Planner Jill Maclean; Preservation Planner Anne Louro; DIS Commissioner Danny Romanowicz; Jose' T. deSousa

5. Report, Committee on Appointments and Briefings, recommending to the City Council APPROVAL of the REAPPOINTMENT of JOHN RADCLIFFE, New Bedford, MA 02740, to the CONSERVATION COMMISSION, this term will expire June 2016. (Ref'd 3/27/14)

INVITEES: John Radcliffe

6. Communication, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of JILL HORTON-SIMS, New Bedford, MA, to the LIBRARY BOARD OF APPEALS, replacing Dr. Joseph Silva, Jr., whose term has expired; this term will expire April 2017. (Ref'd 3/27/14)

INVITEES: Jill Horton-Sims

7. Communication, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council submitting the APPOINTMENT of REVEREND PAUL LANGSTON-DALEY, New Bedford, MA, to the HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION. Reverend Langston-Daley will be replacing Jessica Wildman, who has resigned. This term will expire in December 2016. (Ref'd 4/10/14)

INVITEES: Reverend Paul Langston-Daley

8. Written Motion, Councillor Lopes, requesting that the Morgan Celebration Committee meet with the Committee on Appointments and Briefings to provide the Committee with an overview of the celebratory plans for her return visit to New Bedford. (Ref'd 10/10/13, 2/19/14 – tabled for 30 days, 4/22/14- remain tabled)
- 8a. Written Motion, Councillors Alves, Lopes and Rebeiro, requesting, that Dagny Ashley, Chairwoman, and members of the New Bedford homecoming of the Charles W. Morgan Committee established to oversee events for the visit of the historic whaleship, 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. (Ref'd 3/13/14, 4/22/14 - tabled)

INVITEES: Rep. of the Mayor Christina Connelly; National Historical Park Director Jennifer T. Nersesian; Whaling Museum President & CEO James Russell; Tourism Director Dagny Ashley

9. Written Motion, Councillors Gomes, Winterson, Coelho, Alves, Bousquet, Council President Lopes, Martins, Morad, Oliveira and Rebeiro, 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. (Ref'd 3/13/14, 4/22/14 - tabled)
- 9a. Related Motion, Councillor Carney, requesting, that Police Chief Provencher, the Mayor or a Representative of the Mayor's Office and the Whaling City Festival Committee be invited to the April's Committee on Appointments and Briefings meeting, so the City Council can receive an update on the festival and to discuss security measures that will take place at this year's Whaling City Festival. (Ref'd 3/27/14, 4/22/14 - tabled)
- 9b. Related Motion, Councillor Martins, requesting, that the Committee on Appointments and Briefings invite a Representative of the Mayor's Office, Park Board Chairman and Police Chief Provencher to discussion about the festivals happening in our City; and further, that the Committee review all policies and Ordinances associated with City parks. (Ref'd 3/27/14, 4/22/14 - tabled)

INVITEES: President of the Whaling City Festival Allen Richard; Tourism Director Dagny Ashley; Mayor Jon F. Mitchell; Park Board Chairman Peter Boswell; Police Chief David Provencher

10. Communication, City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council, to City Council, on behalf of **DANIEL XAVIER, d/b/a MCKENZIE'S BUS COMPANY, 183, Campbell Street, New Bedford MA 02740**, hereby submit a copy of the Application requesting a **RENEWAL** of a 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. (Ref'd 4/24/14) NEXT AGENDA

INVITEES: Daniel Xavier

11. Communication, City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council, to City Council, on behalf of **Rafael Reyes, d/b/a ROAD RUNNER TRANSPORTATION, 12 Roosevelt Street, New Bedford, MA 02744**, 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. (Ref'd 4/24/14)

INVITEES: Rafael Reyes

Chairman suggests taking "No Further Action", on the following:

12. Written Motion, Councillor Gonsalves, requesting that the Committee on Appointments and Briefings meet with Pauline Hamel from Mass in Motion and the Acting Director of Parks and Recreation to discuss the possibility of instituting a fitness challenge in the City of New Bedford as it is done in the City of Fall River. (Ref'd 1/10/13)
13. Written Motion, Councillor Lawrence, requesting that the Committee on Appointments and Briefings meet with the Fire Chief Gomes and a Representative of the Mayor's Office to explain the strategy in place, if any, to retain the SAFER Grant Firefighters; and if a plan is not in place, when will the Administration begin layoffs for the positions unfunded in the Fiscal 2014 Budget, as it is this Council's understanding that the money was to have run out mid-September 2013. (Ref'd 9/12/13, 9/24/13 – letters to CFO, Congressional delegation, Responses from CFO and Delegate member)
14. Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, requesting, that the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Pia Durkin or a member of her staff meet with the Committee on Appointments and Briefings for the purpose of discussing the shortage of books throughout the school system after the City Council awarded the School Department one million dollars for book replacement; and further, to provide the City Council with an explanation as to why there is still a shortage of books and materials for classroom teaching. (Ref'd 10/10/13)
15. Communication, Michael Shea, Chairman, Auditorium Restoration Committee, to City Council, submitting the MISSION STATEMENT for the Restoration of the Old New Bedford High School Auditorium. (Ref'd 11/26/13)