



Appointments and Briefings

August 12, 2014 – 7:00 PM – **Agenda**
Chambers of the City Council, Room 214

1. Citizen's Input Time – Not to exceed the first thirty (30) minutes of the meeting.
 - 1a. Gary Siwik, 621 Middle Road, Acushnet, MA 02743 (owns several properties in New Bedford), speaking on trash collection procedures.
 - 1b. Randy Jones, 60 Hazard Street, New Bedford, MA 02740, speaking on Housing Issues.

INVITEES: Gary Siwik; Randy Jones

2. Public Hearing, on a Communication/Demolition, New Bedford Historical Commission, to City Council, Re: BUILDING DEMOLITION REVIEW, 4062 ACUSHNET AVENUE, Map 136, Parcel 252, advising that “the structure was built circa 1800 and retains some of its original exterior architectural features including setting and massing; the structure is associated with members of the Tobey family who were early settlers of Old Dartmouth; the subject structure is reminiscent of a “Big House, Little House, Black House, Barn” farm complex found in many colonial American communities; the structure is found to be historically significant because of its historical representative of New Bedford’s early rural character and therefore, “the NBHC has determined that 4026 Acushnet Avenue is a historically significant structure and preferably preserved.” (Ref’d 5/22/14, advertised in the Standard-Times on Tuesday, June 3, 2014, 6/17/14 – Hearing continued, 7/15/14 - Hearing continued until 8/12/14, advertised in the Standard-Times on Wednesday, July 30, 2014)

INVITEES: New Bedford Historical Commission Chairperson Diana Henry; City Planner Jill Maclean; Preservation Planner Anne Louro; DIS Commissioner Danny Romanowicz; Abutters

3. Communication, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of JACOB GONSALVES, New Bedford, MA 02744, to the CONSERVATION COMMISSION, replacing Kenneth Motta who has resigned; this term will expire in June 2017. (Ref’d 7/7/14)

INVITEES: Jacob Gonsalves

4. Written Motion, Councillor Coelho, Council President Lopes, Councillors Winterson, Alves, Oliveira, Carney, Martins, Rebeiro and Morad, in light of the United States Postal Service’s final decision to relocate the Downtown Post Office, requesting that Mr. Joseph Mulvey, Real Estate Specialist with the United States Postal Service be invited to the next Committee on Appointments and Briefings meeting to update the Council on plans for the building, when will the Post Office be moved and where will the Downtown Post Office be located. (Ref’d 7/17/14)

INVITEES: United States Postal Services Real Estate Specialist Joseph Mulvey

5. Communication, Acting City Clerk, to City Council, on behalf of **Anthony Snow, 12 Humes Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860, d/b/a CAB TRANSPORTATION, LLC, 34 Welby Road, New Bedford, MA 02745**, hereby submit a copy of the Application requesting **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 7/17/14)

INVITEES: Anthony Snow

6. Written Motion, Councillor Alves, requesting, that the City Council invite the Mayor (or a representative of the Administration), and Jonathan M. Silverstein of Kopelman and Paige, P. C., to a Committee on Appointments and Briefings meeting (in Executive Session if need be) to brief the Council members on the process being utilized, and the current status of the City's negotiations in developing a host agreement with potential Casino operators, in light of the potential referendum needed to be filed in time to be placed on the Ballot to be voted on by City residents at the General Election in November. (Ref'd 6/26/14)

INVITEES: Rep. of the Mayor Christina Connelly; Attorney Jonathan M. Silverstein of Kopelman & Paige, P.C.

7. Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, requesting, that a meeting be held with Health Department Director Dr. Brenda Weis and a Representative of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, to discuss what is being done to address the present bedbug problem that has plagued many housing complexes throughout the City; and further, to discuss strategies that have been put in place to address this issue which has affected many elderly and families across New Bedford. (Ref'd 7/15/14)

INVITEES: Health Department Director Dr. Brenda Weis; MA Department of Public Health Director Cheryl Bartlett

8. Written Motion, Councillors Alves, Coelho, Morad, Oliveira, Carney, Gomes, Bousquet, Martins, Council President Lopes and Councillor Winterson, requesting, that the Administration reconsider the current allocation of trash collection containers used for trash collection allocated to duplex (side-by-side) homes which presents a problem different than the standard two-family homes in New Bedford, in that duplex units in most cases are independent with separate access entrances, driveways and in many cases, limited contact with neighbors, yet these facilities are only allocated ONE trash container for the building, making it a problem for placing trash in what would be considered "Your Neighbors" trash container. (Ref'd 6/12/14)

INVITEES: Facilities and Fleet Management Director Kenneth Blanchard; Marissa Perez-Dormitzer; Rep. of the Mayor Christina Connelly

9. Written Motion, Councillors Alves, Coelho, Morad, Carney and Gomes, requesting that the Administration provide the City Council with the names of City and Non-City individuals that were members of the "Trash Committee" that advised the Mayor and the Administration as to the new garbage pick-up service/system and who developed the rules, requirements and guidelines which were used in the development of the program implemented this week, and that the list be provided to the Chairman of the Committee on Appointments and Briefings within ten days so those members can be invited to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings meeting at which the Trash program is scheduled to be discussed to brief the Council members on the process of being utilized and how it was developed; and further, that this request be followed-up by the Council Clerk within ten days. (Ref'd 6/26/14)

INVITEES: Facilities and Fleet Management Director Kenneth Blanchard; Marissa Perez-Dormitzer; Rep. of the Mayor Christina Connelly

10. Communication, Councillor Alves, submitting copy of letter from Mr. Manuel Carvalho to Standard-Times, regarding the contract between the City and ABC Disposal Service, Inc. (Ref'd 6/26/14)

INVITEES: Manuel Carvalho

11. Written Motion, Councillor Lopes, requesting, that DPI Commissioner Labelle, on behalf of the property owners on Jenkins Street and Bolton Street, review the City's Engineering changes made to the sewer interceptor, eighteen months ago, which is now causing multiple homes on Jenkins Street and Bolton Street to be flooded with raw sewage; and further, requesting, that DPI Commissioner Labelle provide this Councillor with copies of the existing plan on file for the said intersection, along with the City Engineering plans and a timeline for the corrections of the problem. (Ref'd 8/16/12, 12/10/13 – Remain in Committee, 7/15/14 - tabled)

INVITEES: DPI Commissioner Ron Labelle

12. Written Motion, Councillors Coelho, Alves, Carney, Rebeiro and Gomes requesting, that a representative of Planning and Community Development be invited to a Committee on Appointments and Briefings meeting to discuss what their intentions are for Spring and Summer to maintain the garden project at the Serenity Gardens (formerly Morse Twist Drill) and to ensure that this community garden project continues. (Ref'd 1/23/13)

INVITEES: Planning and Community Development Director Patrick Sullivan