



Memorials & Dedications

July 30, 2014 – 7:00 PM - **Agenda**

Councillor William Saltzman Antechamber, Room 213, Municipal Building

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1. Written Motion, Councillor Morad requesting, on behalf of Normand Cabral, Commander-Howland Chapter Veterans Association, that the Special Committee on Memorials and Dedications consider dedicating the electrical building located at Clasky Common Park in memory of the late Louis S. Whitlow, Jr., who for many years worked tirelessly and with great pride on the annual holiday decorations display at Clasky Common Park. (Ref'd 11/22/11, 5/22/12 – Letters, when we receive a response, send results to Mr. Haggerty, 3/11/14 – Remain in Committee)

INVITEES: Park Board Chairman Peter Boswell; Voc-Tech Construction & Drafting Coordinator Thaddeus Haggerty

2. Written Motion, Councillors Coelho, Gonsalves, Duarte, Bousquet, Lopes, and Oliveira, requesting, that the City Council move to establish a “Wall of Remembrance” at City Hall in honor of deceased City activists who throughout their lives made an attempt to better the lives of their fellow Citizens and improve the quality of life in New Bedford, that their efforts and the work they did be recognized and honored. (Ref'd 1/12/12)

INVITEES: DPI Commissioner Ron Labelle; Representative of the Mayor Christina Connelly

3. Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, requesting, that Mayor Mitchell along with whoever is responsible for the upkeep of the State Pier consider naming the parking lots along the State Pier which are presently lettered A, B, C, with “Whale” names, due to the fact that this is the “Whaling City” and we should be following that procedure even on the State Pier when naming these parking lots; and further requesting that the Terminal Building at the State Pier be renamed after the former Mayor, Edward Harrington. (Ref'd 6/19/12, 3/20/13 – tabled)

INVITEES: Representative of the Mayor Christina Connelly; Harbor Development Commission Director/Port Director Jeffery Stieb; State Pier Manager Captain Richard Cunio

4. Written Motion, Councillors Saunders, Gonsalves, Alves, Martins, Dehner, Duarte, Gomes, and Lopes, requesting to rename a portion of Shawmut Avenue, from Nash Road to the New Bedford Regional Airport to ARNOLD B. CAMARA AVENUE, in memory of Mr. Camara for his contribution to the community. (Ref'd 7/18/10, 5/20/13 – tabled; clerk to look into how many parcels would be affected by this name change)

INVITEES: Former Councillor at Large John T. Saunders; City Planner Jill Maclean

5. Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, requesting, on behalf of the Paul Ryan Vermette Family, that permission from the Committee on City Property be given to the Vermette Family to adopt the triangle located at Mill Street and Kempton Street, outside the Rite Aide Pharmacy, for the dedication to the late Paul Ryan Vermette; and further, that the Vermette Family would like to adopt and provide upkeep and maintenance, with all costs incurred by the Vermette Family, to the triangle located east of the Hess Gas Station; and further requesting, that the rotten trees be removed and replaced with four

cherry blossom trees, along with a bench and a plaque in memory of the late Paul Ryan Vermette due to his contributions to businesses and buildings that he built all around the triangle located at Mill and Kempton Street; and further, that the Vermette Family is establishing a yearly scholarship to be given to a New Bedford High School Student in memory of the late Paul Ryan Vermette. (Ref'd 4/25/13, 3/11/14 - table)

INVITEES: Vermette Family

6. Written Motion, Councillors Gomes, Saunders and Lopes, requesting, that the Special Committee on Memorials and Dedications meet with Jeff Costa, Chairman of Financing and Marketing, Deb Shrader, President and Committee members of the Fisherman's' Tribute Fund, for the purposes of discussing the possibility of erecting a Fisherman's Memorial to be located at Monkey's Island on East Rodney French Boulevard, north of East Beach. (Ref'd 3/22/12, 5/22/12 – tabled, letters, 9/24/12 – tabled, 11/26/12 – letter to the Mayor, 5/20/13 – Clerk of Comm. to meet with Deb Shrader and Sue Bragdon, 8/28/13 – tabled, 3/11/14 – Letters to mayor (***response within 14 days – April 8th***) and DPI (***response within 30 days – April 29th***) tabled for 30 days)

INVITEES: DPI Commissioner Ron Labelle; Rep. of the Mayor Christina Connelly

Chairman suggests taking “No Further Action”, on the following:

7. Written Motion, Councillors Pimental, Morad, Pina, Gonsalves and Coelho, requesting that the Committee Memorials and Dedications look into the possibility of placing a Memorial in the City of New Bedford for the Women who served in the Armed Forces. (Ref'd 7/20/06, 5/28/08, 4/11/11, 5/9/11, 6/28/11, 5/22/12, 6/12/12, 2/20/13, 5/20/13 – tabled, invited not in attendance, 8/28/13 - tabled)
8. Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, asking that the City Council go on record in support of TREASURER JOSEPH M. “JIGGS” RAMOS, for his long-time dedication not only as the City Treasurer, but as a leader of the Cape Verdean Community, his commitment to his many clients and New Bedford's community-at-large, and his devotion to friends, family as well as to his Country, which he served during World War II. (Ref'd 4/12/07)
9. Written Motion, Councillor Bousquet, on behalf of Mr. Raymond Patnaude, President of La Ligue des Franco-Americans of Greater of New Bedford, requesting that the City Council's Special Committee on Memorials and Dedications explore the possibility of establishing a monument to memorialize Sacred Heart Church that was located on Summer Street, established in 1876, with 200 families which was the first, largest and fastest growing Franco-American Catholic Church in New Bedford; in 2000, the Diocese demolished the 126 year old Church which leaves a hole in the hearts of the French Community; and further, requesting that the City help celebrate an important part of our City's cultural past. (Ref'd 1/26/12)
10. Written Motion, Councillors Coelho, Lawrence, Oliveira, Council President Martins, Lopes Gonsalves, Bousquet, Saunders and Duarte, submitting the request of several constituents, that a plaque in honor of the late Ward Six Councillor Leo R. Pimental, be placed by the Christmas Tree at Ashley Park, in remembrance of the work he did at Christmastime on behalf of the children in the area; and further, that inside the Ashley Park Community center, that a framed picture of Councillor Pimental be hung along with a brief biography and description of his contribution to the people of Ward Six. (Ref'd 12/21/12)
11. Written Motion, Councillors Gonsalves, Gomes & Council President Duarte, requesting that the Department of Public Infrastructure replace the plaque which was stolen from Carney Academy property approximately three years ago, which commemorated the original site of the Bethel AME

Church, the Church members have requested replacement several times in the past without success.
(Ref'd 7/18/13, 8/28/13 - letter)