



Council Meeting – Minutes

CITY COUNCIL CALENDAR

Chambers of the City Council Municipal Building

Thursday, March 13, 2014 – 7:04 p.m.

View Agenda

PRESENT: Council President Joseph P. Lopes, Councillors Bousquet, Carney, Coelho, Gomes, Martins, Morad, Oliveira, Rebeiro, and Winterson.

LATE: Councillor Alves (7:08 p.m.)

ABSENT: No One.

Council President Lopes called the meeting to order and presided.

Council President Lopes asked for a Moment of Silence for June Voisine, a former City Hall employee.

James D. Oliveira, Councillor Ward One led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

CITATIONS, Councillor Rebeiro, honoring EDMILSON ANTUNES, NICHOLAS BOTELHO, HELENA BRIGGS, IZAIAH CARROLL-GONCALVES, KAITLYN CRAVENS, TARA GOMES, STERLING LOPES, TYREN PACHECO, FRANCISCO SANCHEZ, BRITTANY NORMANDIN, JO ST. SURIN, SHAWN DEPINA, MARQUIZ CRUZ, QUINN PARKER, DUANE BROWN, ERICA MAROTE, LISA MELLO-FROST, MELISSA CORREIA, PAULA MULLINS, CHRIS TRINIDAD, ERIK ANDRADE and GABBY MONTEIRO in recognition of their participation in the National Day of Service with PACE/YouthBuild New Bedford for the first Martin Luther King, Jr., Day Children's March and Teach-in.

Adopted

(#0302)

CITATION, Councillor Rebeiro, honoring PACE/YOUTHBUILD NEW BEDFORD, in recognition of their participation in the National Day of Service and their leadership role for the first Martin Luther King, Jr., Day Children's March and Teach- in.

Adopted

(#0303)

The following resolution was presented for National Women's History Month by Councillors Morad, Coelho, Carney and Rebeiro.

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
IN CITY COUNCIL
March 13, 2014

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION AND CELEBRATION OF
NATIONAL WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH - MARCH 2014**

WHEREAS, American women of every race, class and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

WHEREAS, American women have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural and social role in every sphere of the life of the Nation by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home; and

WHEREAS, This year, 2014, marks the Seventeenth Anniversary of the National Women’s History Project, an organization that leads the drive to write women back into history by recognizing the achievements of women in all facets of life; and

WHEREAS, The THEME for 2014, and the Thirty-fourth Anniversary Celebration is “CELEBRATING WOMEN OF CHARACTER, COURAGE AND COMMITMENT”, honors the extraordinary and often unrecognized determination and tenacity of women, against social convention and often legal restraints, women have created a legacy that expands the frontiers of possibility for generations to come by demonstrating their character, courage and commitment as mothers, educators, business leaders, political and community leaders, relief workers and CEOs, their lives and their work inspire girls and women to achieve their full potential and to encourage boys and men to respect the diversity and depth of women’s experience, so many role models demonstrate the importance of writing women back into history; and

WHEREAS, American women have played a unique role throughout the history of the Nation by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force of the Nation; and

WHEREAS, American women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic and cultural institutions in the United States; and

WHEREAS, American women of every race, class and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement in the United States; and

WHEREAS, American women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but, also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement and other movements, especially the peace movement, which created a more fair and just society for all;

WHEREAS, Despite these contributions, the role of American women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued, in the literature, teaching and study of American History:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the New Bedford City Council hereby recognizes March as **NATIONAL WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH**, thanks all the women locally and Nationally who have made a mark on our City, State and Country’s culture, government and society in general.

Adopted

(#0304)

COMMUNICATION, First Assistant City Solicitor, Jane Medeiros Friedman, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the ALTERATION of a portion of TARKILN PLACE at the southern terminus.

Received and placed on file.

(#0305)

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Area of Alteration " Roadway Easement #3"

Beginning at a point marked by an iron pipe on the westerly line of Tarkiln Place, said point being located N 05 ° 12'00" W a distance of 4.82 feet, S 86 ° 87'20" W a distance of 60.04 feet and S 00°53'20" E a distance of 111.64 feet from the northwesterly corner of Dutton street;

Thence, by a non-tangent arc, curving to the right, with a length along the arc of 62.43', and a radius of 60.00', with a chord bearing of S 28 °55'17" W, with a chord length of 59.66', and with a central angle of 59°37'14" to a point;

Thence, by a non- tangent arc, curving to the right, with a length along the arc of 3.04', and a radius of 50.00', with a chord bearing of N 05°57'33" W, with a chord length of 3.04', and with a central angle of 03°29'11" to a point marked by a mag spike;

Thence, N 04°12'57" W, a distance of 46.91' to a point in a granite bound;

Thence, N 85°47'03"E, a distance of 32.70' to the point of beginning.

The above described road alteration contains an area of 1,139 square feet (0.026 acres), more or less, and is more particularly shown as "Roadway Easement #3 on a plan entitled: "LAYOUT ALTERATION PLAN FOR A PORTION OF TARKILN PLACE AT THE SOUTHERN TERMINOUS, VARIABLE WIDTH, "scale 1"=40, dated January 16, 2014, prepared by James R. Larson, P.L.S. and approved by David Fredette, City Engineer.

No trees on the land taken and no structures affixed thereto are included in the taking, and the owners of property are allowed sixty (60) days from and after the recording of this instrument in the Registry of Deeds by the City in which to remove and take away from the land any trees or structures.

The damages sustained by the owners of property aforesaid is hereby estimated and awarded as compensation in full to them as follows: To all persons: no damages.

IT IS FURTHER EXPRESSED AND STIPULATED that order of taking and award of damages not relieve the owners of land taken from liability for taxes now uncollected for the fiscal year 2014 or any prior year.

WHEREAS, due notice has been given of the intention of the City to take said parcel of land for highway purposes, it is therefore

ORDERED, that the parcels of land heretofore described be and hereby are taken, interest being an easement in said land for highway purposes, under the provisions of General Laws Chapter 79, and accepted under the provisions of general Laws Chapter 82 as a public street or way of the City of New Bedford, said street to be known as **TARKILN PLACE**, and the grade there for is established according to a plan heretofore referred to in this order, on file in the office of the City Clerk.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the City Clerk cause a copy of this order, certified by her, to be recorded on behalf of the City of New Bedford in the Registry of Deeds for the Southern District of Bristol County, and to give such other notices as are required by General Laws.

Adopted.

Rule 40 Waived – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 14, 2014.

Approved March 17, 2014. (#0306)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDINANCE, amending Chapter 23 – TRAFFIC, which is for the establishment of a Downtown Parking Enterprise Fund and a dedicated account for Acushnet Avenue parking improvements.

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances. (#0307)

AN ORDINANCE,

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances. (#0308)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$892,515.00 from WATER, FREE CASH, to WATER STABILIZATION FUND.

Referred to the Committee on Finance. (#0309)

ORDER,

Referred to the Committee on Finance. (#0310)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$100,000.00 from WASTEWATER, SALARIES & WAGES, to WASTEWATER, SUPPLIES & MATERIALS.

Received and Placed on File. (#0311)

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
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ORDERED: That the sum of **ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000.00)** now standing to the credit of the account from **WASTEWATER SALARIES AND WAGES** be and the same is hereby transferred and appropriated to as follows:

WASTEWATER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS.....\$100,000.00

To be certified and approved by the Department Head.

Adopted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 17, 2014.

Approved March 18, 2014. (#0312)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$20,000.00 from AIRPORT, SALARIES & WAGES, to AIRPORT, CHARGES & SERVICES in the amount of \$12,000.00 and AIRPORT, SUPPLIES & MATERIALS in the amount of \$8,000.00.

Received and Placed on File. (#0313)

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
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ORDERED, That the sum of **TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$20,000.00)** now standing to the credit of the account from **AIRPORT SALARIES AND WAGES** be and the same hereby transferred and appropriated to as follows:

AIRPORT CHARGES AND SERVICES.....\$12,000.00
AIRPORT SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS.....\$8,000.00

To be certified and approved by the Department Head.

Adopted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 17, 2014.

Approved March 18, 2014 (#0314)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$9,000.00 from AUDITORS, SALARIES & WAGES, to LABOR RELATIONS, SALARIES & WAGES.

Received and Placed on File. (#0315)

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
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ORDERED, That the sum of **NINE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$9,000.00)** now standing to the credit of the account from **AUDITOR SALARIES AND WAGES** be and the same is hereby transferred and appropriated to as follows:

LABOR RELATIONS SALARIES AND WAGES.....\$9,000.00

To be certified and approved by the Department Head.

Adopted – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 17, 2014.

Approved March 18, 2014. (#0316)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of JOHN BRUCE, New Bedford, MA, as a SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER.

Received and Placed on File. (#0317)

APPLICATION, JOHN BRUCE, New Bedford, MA 02740, for APPOINTMENT as a SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER.

Appointment made and confirmed – Yeas 11, Nays 0. (#0318)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the REAPPOINTMENT of CHRISTOPHER CLOUGH, New Bedford, MA, as a SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER.

Received and Placed on File (#0319)

APPLICATION, CHRISTOPHER CLOUGH, New Bedford, MA 02740, for APPOINTMENT as a SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER.

Appointment made and confirmed -Yeas 11, Nays 0. (#0320)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the REAPPOINTMENT of JOSE FURTADO, New Bedford, MA, as a SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER.

Received and Placed on File. (#0321)

APPLICATION, JOSE FURTADO, New Bedford, MA 02740, for APPOINTMENT as a SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER.

Appointment made and confirmed – Yeas 11, Nays 0. (#0322)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Winterson, requesting that the Board of Park Commissioners allow for the installation of a Memorial Stone with a plaque at the Harrington Playground in memory of deceased New Bedford youth.

Referred to the Board of Park Commissioners.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 17, 2014.

RETURNED UNSIGNED. April 02, 2014. (#0323)

WRITTEN MOTION, City Council President Lopes, Councillors Alves, and Oliveira, requesting that the New Bedford City Council establish a Special Committee to review the salaries of all Elected Officials across the Commonwealth.

Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings FAILED – Yeas 5, Nays 6. (Councillors Alves, Carney, Coelho, Lopes, and Rebeiro IN FAVOR.) (#0324)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Bousquet, Carney and Rebeiro, requesting, on behalf of Neighborhoods United, that the leaders of said group be asked to attend the next Committee on Appointments and Briefings meeting to discuss the breakdown of communications between the Mayor's office and the City Council; and further requesting that the Police Chief Provencher, DPI Commissioner Labelle and Representative of the Mayors Office be invited to said Committee Meeting.

Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings. (#0325)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting, that the City Council and the New Bedford Business Park go on record in support of naming the next developed road in the Business Park after Executive Director Thomas Davis, in recognition of his commitment to bringing jobs to the area and the development of the Business Park over the past fifteen years; and further, that the wordage on the signage read as follows: "Tom Davis Way, in dedication to a man who gave so much to the Business Park, to the education system and to the City of New Bedford as a whole".

Adopted. (#0326)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Bousquet, requesting that 671 Summer Street (Plot 91 / Lot 152, be rezoned from Residential B to MIXED-USE BUSINESS. (To be Referred to the Committee on Ordinances and the Planning Board.)

Adopted. (#0327)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Rebeiro and Carney, requesting that the City Council, rescind the 44% pay raise, until such time as the Council can review a more suitable adjustment that is more reflective of the City's current financial standing.

Referred to the Committee on Finance – FAILED- Yeas 2, Nays 9. (Councillors Carney and Rebeiro IN FAVOR.) (#0328)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting, that the Department of Public Infrastructure immediately stop all installation of the new Washingtonian lights and poles on County Street, the lighting quality in this area is not the same as the high-grade lighting of the tall overhead lights, the reason for this request is also due to the public safety aspect in the area, the change of lighting is not only for pedestrians but motor vehicle traffic also.

Adopted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 17, 2014.

RETURNED UNSIGNED March 02, 2014. (#0329)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting, that the Department of Public Infrastructure take immediate action and repair the following lights for the security of the area; at the southeast corner of Acushnet Avenue and Bedford Street, requesting that the pole light be fixed along with the spotlight facing south on Acushnet Avenue; and further, that the light located in front of 154 South Second Street be repaired along with the light just north of the northeast corner of Manny E. Costa Sr. Way and South Second Street, due to the security and darkness in these areas.

Adopted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 17, 2014.

RETURNED UNSIGNED April 02, 2014. (#0330)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting, once more, that the Mayor and the Department of Public Infrastructure construct a shooting waterfall around Mr. Steadfast and the four flagpoles located at the corner of Route 18 and Elm Street; and further, that spotlights be used at this location that is the entrance to our National Park; and further, that two more water shoots be placed in Buttonwood Park Pond making it a total of three, and each one should have a separate spotlight red, white and blue lighting up the Buttonwood Park Pond at night with America's colors.

Referred to the Mayor, Department of Public Infrastructure and NSTAR Electric Company.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 17, 2014.

RETURNED UNSIGNED April 02, 2014. (#0331)

COMMUNICATION, Massachusetts Development Finance Agency, to City Council, submitting notification of the approval of a revenue bond on behalf of New Verdean LLC, for the renovation of Verdean Gardens. (Copy all Councillors 03/06/2014.)

Received and Placed on File. (#0332)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Coelho, requesting, that the Traffic Commission install a "STOP SIGN" on Brook Street, at the corner of Sawyer Street, across from New Bedford Storage Warehouse, due to the number of near accidents at that location. (To be Referred to the Traffic Commission.)

Referred to the Traffic Commission. (#0333)

MINUTES, Board of Assessors, submitting MINUTES of meetings held on February 21 and 28, 2014.
Received and Placed on File. (#0334)

APPLICATION, **Norman's Enterprises Construction** for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **118 Perry Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on March 5, 2014, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 17, 2014.

Approved March 21, 2014.

(#0335)

APPLICATION, **Farland Corp.** for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **273 Middleborough Road**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on March 07, 2014, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 17, 2014.

Approved March 21, 2014.

(#0336)

APPLICATION, **R.J.Canessa Excavating** for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **Rowe Street (WS) 365' S x Sawyer Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on March 06, 2014, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 17, 2014.

Approved March 21, 2014.

(#0337)

APPLICATION, **R.J.Canessa Excavating** for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **161 Osborne Street** provisionally granted by the City Clerk on March 11, 2014, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 17, 2014.

Approved March 21, 2014.

(#0338)

APPLICATION, **Norman's Enterprises Construction** to DISTURB THE SURFACE, **118 Perry Street** of provisionally granted by the City Clerk on March 05, 2014, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 17, 2014.

Approved March 21, 2014.

(#0339)

APPLICATION, **Farland Corp.** to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **273 Middleborough Road** provisionally granted by the City Clerk on March 07, 2014, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 17, 2014.

Approved March 21, 2014.

(#0340)

APPLICATION, **R.J. Canessa Excavating** to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **Rowe Street (WS) 365' S x Sawyer Street** provisionally granted by the City Clerk on March 06, 2014, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 17, 2014.

Approved March 21, 2014.

(#0341)

APPLICATION, **R.J. Canessa Excavating, Co.** to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **161 Osborne Street** provisionally granted by the City Clerk on March 11, 2014, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 17, 2014.

Approved March 21, 2014.

(#0342)

APPLICATIONS, **NSTAR Gas Company**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on March 10, 2014, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council as follows:

322 Nash Road	(#0343)
114 Central Avenue	(#0344)
329-331 Brook Street	(#0345)
1085 Joyce Street	(#0346)
901 Hathaway Road	(#0347)
5 Harmony Street	(#0348)
872 South First Street	(#0349)
355 Acushnet Avenue	(#0350)
1028 Kempton Street	(#0351)
155 Apponegansett Street	(#0352)
963 Homestead Street	(#0353)
444 Prescott Street	(#0354)
1445 Pleasant Street	(#0355)
191 Summer Street	(#0356)
213 Bates Street	(#0357)
Intersection of Cottage Street and Willis Street	(#0358)
87 Clifford Street	(#0359)

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.
Presented to the Mayor for approval March 17, 2014.
Approved March 21, 2014

APPLICATIONS, **NSTAR Electric Company**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on March 10, 2014, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council as follows:

Mill Road, North of Jireh Street (#0360)

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.
Presented to the Mayor for approval March 17, 2014.
Approved March 21, 2014

PETITION/NSTAR Electric Company, for the location of two (2) 4" Conduits in MILL ROAD, North of Jireh Street.

RECEIVED AND HEARING ORDERED FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2014.

PETITION/Verizon New England, Inc., and NSTAR Electric Company, for the location of one (1) Pole in HATHAWAY ROAD.

RECEIVED AND HEARING ORDERED FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2014.

IT WAS VOTED, on a motion made and duly seconded, Yeas 11, Nays 0, to waive Rule 42 in order to take up the late file items.

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.

Rule 42 Waived – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

Referred to the Mayor, our State Legislative Delegation and the Ma. Gaming Commission.

Rule 40 Waived – Yeas 9, Nays 0.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 14, 2014.

RETURNED UNSIGNED April 02, 2014.

(#0361)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Alves, Council President Lopes, Councillor Rebeiro, requesting, that, Dagny Ashley, Chairwomen, 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.

Rule 42 Waived – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings.

(#0362)

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.

Rule 42 Waived – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

Received and Placed on File.

(#0363)

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

IN CITY COUNCIL

MARCH 13, 2014

ORDERED, That pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 9601, et seq., and M.G.L. c. 21E, § 6, the City of new Bedford (Grantor), acting by and through its city Council, hereby grants to the MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, a duly constituted agency organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, having its principal office at One Winter Street, Boston, Massachusetts, 02108 (the "Grantee"), the GRANT OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESTRICTION AND EASEMENT" in the form attached hereto: and further hereby authorize the Mayor of the City of New Bedford to execute and deliver said Grant of Environmental Restriction and Easement to said Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and record same in the Bristol County South Registry of Deeds.

Rule 42 Waived – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

Adopted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 17, 2014.

Approved March 18, 2014. (#0364)

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.

Rule 42 Waived – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

Recommendation Followed. (#0365)

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.

Rule 42 Waived – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

Recommendation Followed. (#0366)

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.

Rule 42 Waived – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings. (#0367)

RELATED MOTION, Councillor Martins, Council President Lopes, Councillors Alves, Bousquet, Carney, Coelho, Gomes, Morad, Oliveira, Rebeiro, and Winterson. Requesting that the City Council send a letter to our Mayor and Board of Park Commissioners expressing our disappointment that more has not been done to keep the Whaling City festival here in the City of New Bedford, after 44 years the City Council in opposition to the Mayor's decision and the Council supports festivals like the Whaling City festival to keep the tradition right here in our great City; and further, that the City should do more to support our small businesses across our City, supports our local hotel and other establishments across our City.

Rule 42 Waived – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

Adopted. (#0368)

On a motion, the Council then adjourned at 9:43pm.

ATTEST:

RITA D. ARRUDA, CITY CLERK/
CLERK OF THE CITY COUNCIL