



# Committee on Ordinances

November 12, 2014 – 7:00 PM - **Agenda**

City Hall, 133 William Street, City Council Chamber, Room 214

1. Written Motion, Councillor Coelho, requesting, that in light of the recent incidents where the theft of copper resulted in dangerous house fires, that the Committee on Ordinance revisit the existing Ordinances, Chapter 15, License and Permits; Business Regulations, Section 33-51, in order to strengthen the guidelines and the enforcement of same; and further, requesting that a representative from the Police Department attend the Committee on Appointments and Briefings meeting to inform the Council as to what is being done in other communities regarding this problem. (Ref'd 05/23/13, 07/15/14 – Refer to Ordinances)

***INVITEES: Police Chief David Provencher; DIS Commissioner Dan Romanowicz; Legal Counsel Attorney David Gerwatowski***

2. Communication, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDINANCE, amending Chapter 6, BUILDINGS and OTHER STRUCTURES, this newly amended “PROBLEM PROPERTIES” Ordinance contains changes based on the Councillors input at the Committee on Ordinances meeting on May 21, 2014. (Ref'd 08/21/14)

- 2a. AN ORDINANCE,

***INVITEES: Mayor Jon F. Mitchell; Assistant City Solicitor John E. Flor; Police Chief David Provencher; DIS Commissioner Dan Romanowicz; Greater New Bedford Landlord Association Members; Area Landlords; Legal Counsel Attorney David Gerwatowski***

3. Written Motion, Councillors Lopes and Martins, requesting that the Committee on Ordinances draft an Ordinance as it relates to House Bill 3074, An Act permitting the use of traffic control signal violation monitoring system devices as a means of prompting traffic safety in the City of New Bedford. (Ref'd 05/09/13, 12/12/13 – Refer to Legal Counsel for drafting, 03/19/14 – tabled, 06/23/14 – rft, letter to State Rep)

***INVITEES: Traffic Commission Executive Secretary Scott Downing; Legal Counsel Attorney David Gerwatowski; Representative Antonio F. D. Cabral***

4. Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, requesting, that Legal Counsel Gerwatowski draft an Ordinance requiring confirmation by the City Council of any person employed by the City Council Office or Clerk of Committees Office; and further, that the City Council President, or his or her designee participate in the interviewing process of any candidates. (Ref'd 05/22/14, 06/23/14 – referred to Legal Counsel)

***INVITEES: Legal Counsel Attorney David Gerwatowski***

5. Written Motion, Councillor Bousquet and Council President Lopes, requesting, that the Committee on Ordinances draft an Ordinance encouraging food services, supermarkets, and other users of expanded polystyrene foam to discontinue their use of the product and move to recyclable to recycled paper based materials, expanded polystyrene foam is a tremendous threat to our oceans and its ecosystems, and as a community who makes its living from the ocean we should be concerned for its health. (Ref'd 05/22/14)

***INVITEES: Legal Counsel Attorney David Gerwatowski***

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

6. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDINANCE, Amending Chapter 6, Article VII, Prevention and Abatement of Nuisances, by adding Section 6-125, CHRONIC PROBLEM PROPERTIES. (Ref'd 04/24/14, 05/21/14 - rpf)
- 6a. AN ORDINANCE, (Ref'd 04/24/14 – tabled, waiting for information from Police and Atty. Flor)
7. Communication, Mayor Mitchell to City Council, submitting AN ORDINANCE, Amending Chapter 6, Building and other Structures, Article VII, Prevention and Abatement of Nuisances, by adding Section 6-125, Chronic Problem Properties. (Ref'd 01/24/13, tabled 02/12/13, 05/13/13 – tabled, 12/12/13 – Remain in Committee)
- 7a. AN ORDINANCE, Amending Chapter 6, Building and other Structures, Article VII, Prevention and Abatement of Nuisances, by adding Section 6-125, Chronic Problem Properties. (Ref'd 01/24/13, tabled 02/12/13, 05/13/13 – tabled, 12/12/13 – Remain in Committee)