



Appointments and Briefings

February 24, 2015 – 7:00 PM – **Agenda**
Chambers of the City Council, Room 214

1. Citizens Input Time – Not to exceed the first thirty (30) minutes of the meeting.
 - 1a. Gilly Safiolas, 22 Felton Street, speaking on City Council By-Laws.
 - 1b. Joyce Rowley, 49 Orchard Street, speaking on retiring Ruth from the Buttonwood Park Zoo.

INVITEES: Gilly Safiolas; Joyce Rowley

2. Public Hearing, on an APPLICATION, Jack Massif, D/B/A TopGear Auto Sales, 102 Hillside Drive, North Providence, RI 02911, for a SPECIAL PERMIT FOR MOTOR VEHICLES – SALES AND RENTALS at 193/195 COGGESHALL STREET, NEW BEDFORD, MA. (10/27/14, duly advertised in the Standard-Times on Thursday, February 12, 2015 and Wednesday, February 18, 2015)

INVITEES: DIS Commissioner Dan Romanowicz; Jack Massif; Abutters

3. Public Hearing on a Communication/Demolition, New Bedford Historical Commission, to City Council, re: BUILDING DEMOLITION REVIEW, 24 NORTH FRONT STREET, Map 79, Parcel 4: “the building was constructed as an icehouse circa 1845, the icehouse is constructed of cut granite and rubble stone, most likely quarried from Marsh Island in the Acushnet River, the same stone was used to construct Wamsutta Mills #1 and #2; in 1862, the building was purchased by the New Bedford Copper Works, supplying sheathing for ship hulls and other maritime uses; the building and assets were purchased from Grinnell Manufacturing in 1936 by Revere Copper and Brass; in 2008, Revere Copper ceased operations in New Bedford, selling off its equipment and leaving the building vacant; the applicant applied for a demolition permit in 2006, was denied by City Council, the building continues to deteriorate; the subject building is located in the Hicks-Logan-Sawyer Interim Planning Overlay District (IPOD) established by the City Council in 2008 and the subject building is the last icehouse remaining in the City of New Bedford” and therefore, “the NBHC has determined that 24 North Front Street is a historically significant structure and preferably preserved.” (Ref’d 01/22/15, advertised in the Standard-Times on Thursday, February 12, 2015)

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

4. COMMUNICATION/DEMOLITION, New Bedford Historical Commission, to City Council, re: BUILDING DEMOLITION REVIEW, 26 MADEIRA AVENUE, Map 104, Parcel 6: constructed in 1918, the Sarah D. Ottiwell School was designed by locally known architect, Louis E. Destremps in the

Italian Renaissance style; typical of the Italian Renaissance style, the building has a stucco finish and a false roof overhang that showcases the style's typical tile roofing and brackets, the west façade elevation on Madeira Avenue is a relatively simple arch doorway accented by classical columns, Fresco panels can be found above the door entries, the frescoes feature children, befitting of a school building in which they inhabited; the subject building was named in honor of Sarah D. Ottiwell, a New Bedford educator who devoted her life to the education of children in the community for sixty years and the building is in a deteriorated condition and the original windows have been replaced" and therefore, "the NBHC has determined that 26 Madeira Avenue is a historically significant structure but not preferably preserved." (Ref'd 01/22/15, advertised in the Standard-Times on Thursday, February 12, 2015)

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

5. Written Motion, Council President Lopes, Councillors Winterson, Bousquet, Morad, Martins, Gomes and Rebeiro, requesting, that Philip Carr from SRPEDD attend a Committee on Appointments & Briefings meeting to discuss the Community Aggregation Plan for Residential electric customers, the concept is to provide relief to residential customers by creating a large purchasing pool for electricity, SRPEDD has recently selected Good Energy to manage its aggregation program, and it is important to note that this program requires no obligation on the part of the City, other than to ensure that City residents are receiving favorable pricing. (Ref'd 12/18/14)

INVITEES: SRPEDD Municipal Management Director Ross Perry; Good Energy Business Development Director Philip Carr; Energy Department Director Scott Durkee

6. Written Motion, Councillors Gomes and Winterson, requesting, that the City Council go on record in opposition to the 29% increase proposed by NSTAR Electric; and further, that a letter be sent to Company officials expressing not only our opposition to this increase, but our concern about the burden the 29% increase would be on residential customers; and further, that letters be sent to Attorney General Martha Coakley, and the Department of Public Utilities expressing our concerns and requesting that they both look into the matter of this increase and that NSTAR officials be requested to meet before the Committee on Appointments & Briefings to explain this increase. (Ref'd 11/13/14, response on file)

INVITEES: NSTAR Representative Dennis Galvam

7. Written Motion, Councillor Winterson, requesting, that a representative from NSTAR Gas Company, Inc., contact this Councillor regarding the possibility of installing gas lines in Tanglewood Drive, so that the homeowners on that street may heat their homes with gas, as residents on nearby streets do, oil heat is the only method at the present time that the residents of Tanglewood Drive have available to them and the cost is prohibitive. (Ref'd 01/08/15)

INVITEES: NSTAR Representative Dennis Galvam

8. Written Motion, Councillor Winterson, requesting, that a Representative from NSTAR Gas Company, Inc., be invited to the Committee on Appointments & Briefings to discuss the possibility of installing gas lines in Tanglewood Drive, so that the homeowners on that street may heat their homes with gas, as residents on nearby streets do, oil heat is the only method at the present time that the residents of Tanglewood Drive have available at them and the cost is prohibitive. (Ref'd 10/23/14, 11/18/14 - tabled)

INVITEES: INVITEES: NSTAR Representative Dennis Galvam

9. Communication, City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council to the city Council on behalf of **Abel Raposo, 109 Oakland Street, New Bedford, MA 02740 d/b/a RAPOSO BUS COMPANY, 109 Oakland Street, New Bedford, MA 02740**, hereby submits a copy of the Application requesting a **NEW PRIVATE LIVERY LICENSE**, under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, 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 12/18/14)

INVITEES: Abel Raposo

10. Communication, City Clerk/Clerk of the Council, to City Council submitting a WAIVER OF RESIDENCY for a Secondhand Dealer License for **Laura Moss, LA Jolla, CA on behalf of ECO ATM, INC. 10121 Barnes Canyon Road, San Diego, CA 92121** to place an ECO ATM machine inside the Stop & Shop located at **1001 Kings Highway**. (Ref'd 12/18/14)
- 10a. Communication, City Clerk/Clerk of the Council, to City Council submitting a WAIVER OF RESIDENCY for a Secondhand Dealer License for **Laura Moss, LA Jolla, CA on behalf of ECO ATM, INC. 10121 Barnes Canyon Road, San Diego, CA 92121** to place an ECO ATM machine inside the Stop & Shop located at **438 Dartmouth Street**. (Ref'd 12/18/14)

INVITEES: Laura Moss

11. Communication, City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council, to City Council, on behalf of **PAUL RODRIGUES, 10 Shirley Street, #C3, New Bedford, MA, 02746 d/b/a ROGER LIVERY, 10 Shirley Street #C3, New Bedford, MA, 02746**, hereby submits 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 11/13/14)

INVITEES: Paul Rodrigues