



# Appointments and Briefings

September 30, 2015 – 7:00 PM – **Agenda**  
Chambers of the City Council, Room 214

1. Public Hearing on a Communication/Demolition, New Bedford Historical Commission, to City Council, re: 92 KILBURN STREET, Map 79, Parcel 1 “ the Grinnell Manufacturing Company was established in March 1882 and the was the 4<sup>th</sup> major cotton mill in New Bedford; the company liquidated its assets in 1927 and portions of the mill were dismantled the same year; boiler room of the Grinnell Manufacturing Company building is not longer used as originally intended and has fallen into disrepair, there is asbestos within the boiler unit and part of the roof; the smokestack is a rare survivor of New Bedford’s smokestack skyline, no longer visible today; the boiler room and smokestack are historically significant as being components of the 19<sup>th</sup> century mill complex in the City of New Bedford and the subject building is located in the Hicks-Logan-Sawyer Interim Planning Overlay District (IPOD) established by the City Council in 2008” and therefore, “ the NBHC has determined that the boiler room and smokestack at 92 Kilburn Street are historically significant structures and not preferably preserved.” (Ref’d 8/20/15 Advertised in the Standard-Times on Thursday, September 17, 2015)

***INVITEES: New Bedford Historical Commission Chairperson Diana Henry; Planning and Community Development Director Patrick J. Sullivan; Preservation Planner Anne Louro; DIS Commissioner, Danny Romanowicz; Abutters***

2. Public Hearing, on APPLICATION, Saed Dib, d/b/a Clear Auto Sales 2, for a SPECIAL PERMIT for MOTOR VEHICLE SALES & GENERAL REPAIRS at 832 Rockdale Avenue, New Bedford, MA 02740. (Duly advertised in the Standard-Times on Thursday, September 17, 2015 and Thursday, September 24, 2015)

***INVITEES: DIS Commissioner Dan Romanowicz; Saed Dib; Abutters***

3. Witten Motion, Councillor Lopes, requesting, that Planning and Community Development, Inspectional Services, and the Mayor’s Office work with the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Hazard Mitigation Program, to assist affected homes in the City so that they be eligible to apply for a Federal Grant that is administered by FEMA that would cover up to 75 percent of the cost of elevating a home between one or two feet above the flood level for a 100-year storm (Ref’d 8/20/15)

***INVITEES: Planning and Community Development Director, Patrick J. Sullivan; DIS Commissioner, Danny Romanowicz; Representative of the Mayor, Christina Connelly***

4. Written Motion, Councillor Lopes, requesting that the Director of Parks, Recreation and Beaches meet with the Committee on Appointments and Briefings about establishing a policy and procedure manual for parking at Fort Taber Park, the Fort Taber Community Center, and any Special Events Requests utilizing Fort Taber Park. (Ref’d 7/16/15)

***INVITEES: Parks, Recreation and Beaches Director, Mary Rapoza***

5. Written Motion, Council President Gomes, requesting that the Committee on Appointments & Briefings meet with Parks, Recreation and Beaches Director Mary Rapoza, Police Chief David Provencher, DPI Commissioner Ronald Labelle, and Department of Facilities and Fleet Management Director Kenneth Blanchard, for the purpose of putting together a comprehensive plan of action to deal with summer events being held at Fort Taber and in the south end; and further , that Parks, Recreation and Beaches Director, the Police Chief, DPI and DFFM strictly enforce parks rules and regulations including parks and beaches closing times, furthermore; that the City look into hiring park and beach enforcement officers to enforce the rules and regulations of our parks and beaches. (Ref'd 7/16/15)

***INVITEES: Parks, Recreation and Beaches Director, Mary Rapoza; Police Chief, David Provencher; DPI Commissioner, Ronald Labelle; Department of Facilities and Fleet Management Director, Kenneth Blanchard***

6. Related Motion, Councillor Morad, requesting, that the Department of Parks, Recreation and Beaches Director Mary Rapoza; the Park Board Chairman, the Director of Health Department, Dr. Brenda Weis and Police Chief Provencher, be invited to a Committee on Appointments and Briefings meeting to discuss the procedures for granting permits for events in our parks, to ensure all related facets of the permitted events are in place. (Ref'd 7/16/15)

***INVITEES: Parks, Recreation and Beaches Director, Mary Rapoza; Park Board Chairman, Peter Boswell; Director of Health Department, Dr. Brenda Weis; Police Chief, David Provencher***

7. Written Motion, Council President Gomes, requesting that the Director of Parks, Recreation and Beaches, Mary Rapoza, look into installing Expression Swings in parks throughout the City, the recreational swings allow parents and infants or young children to swing together face-to-face in one unit; and further, that we look at Community Development monies to assist in this project. (Ref'd 7/16/15)

***INVITEES: Parks, Recreation and Beaches Director, Mary Rapoza; Planning and Community Development Director, Patrick J. Sullivan***

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-tables, 2/24/15-tabled)

***INVITEES: Eversource Representative, Dennis Galvam***

9. Written Motion, Councillors Winterson and Gomes, 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, 2/24/15-tabled, 03/31/15-letters to Atty. General Healey and Eversource Rep. Dennis Galvam)

***INVITEES: Eversource Representative, Dennis Galvam***

10. Written Motion, Councillor Rebeiro, requesting, that a representative from NSTAR Electric Company be invited to attend a Committee on Appointments and Briefings meeting to discuss creating a line of communication between whomever is in charge of repair crews and City Council, so we can provide constituents a time estimation of when repairs will be completed once they have been reported. (Ref'd 11/25/14, 03/31/15- table)

*INVITEES: Eversource Representative, Dennis Galvam*

11. Written Motion, Council President Gomes, requesting, that Eversource Energy remove the utility pole in front of 361 Bedford Street, the pole has been there for nearly ten years and has since been replaced; and further, requesting, that the Committee on Appointments and Briefings meet with Eversource Energy representatives to discuss the dozens of poles across the City that have been left in neighborhoods after being replaced, to work out a plan of action to have these abandoned poles removed from the City in the next year. (Ref'd 8/19/15)

*INVITEES: Eversource Representative, Dennis Galvam*

*Chairman suggests "No Further Action" as these matters are over a year old and more*

12. 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 06/26/14, 0820/14-tabled for 60 days, 10/14/14-tabled for another 60 days (**DECEMBER**))
13. Written Motion, Council President Lopes, Councillors Winterson and Gomes, requesting that the Committee on Appointments and Briefing review 501 Code of Massachusetts Regulations (CMR) Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, to allow for the establishment of New Bedford Harbor Master under the New Bedford Police Department, and allow for the duties and responsibilities of the New Bedford Harbor Master to follow under the direction of the New Bedford Police Department's Port Security Unit, said consolidation will ensure the continuity in the Chief Law Enforcement entity in the City, under the control and authority of the Chief of Police. (Ref'd 10/23/14, 11/18/14-11/18/14-tabled)
14. Written Motion Councillor Lopes, requiting, that the Committee on Appointments and Briefings meet with members from Turowski 2 Architecture and Daedalus Projects, Inc., to discuss the progress being made on the MSBA Preliminary Design Program Submission for the "New" Hannigan School project.(Ref'd 01/22/15, 3/10/15-tabled)
15. Written Motion, Councillor Oliveira and Council President Gomes, requesting the New Bedford Economic Development Council and Matt Morrissey, the Wind Energy Center Senior Advisor, provide an update on the status of Cape Wind and its impact of building an off shore and industry as there is a need to clarify the intended future use of the soon to be completed \$100MILLION Marine Commerce Terminal that was built for New Bedford to lead the nation in wind energy production. (Ref'd 03/26/15)
16. Written Motion, Councillor Alves, requesting that representatives of KG Urban Enterprises, the developer for the proposed Casino in New Bedford, be invited to appear before the Committee on Appointments and Briefings to

update and outline their plans for a Casino in the City and to discuss the economic benefits of such a Casino project at the Cannon Street Site that they had developed with the Administration; and further, to do so at a public, televised session, so that we can be educated and informed not only as City Councillors, but also to advise the residents of the City as to the benefits in anticipation of the required referendum vote by the Gaming Commission. (Ref'd 04/06/15)

17. Written Motion, Councillors Bousquet, Coelho, Alves, Morad and Gomes, requesting that a letter be sent to the EPA, DEP and OSHA, to request that a visit be made to the owner of F and B Rubberized, 37 Washburn Street, New Bedford, MA, to review equipment placement, safety and environmental compliances with the owner's management team; and further, that the Department of Inspectional Services and the Department of Public Infrastructure also consider a visit to their location.