



Appointments and Briefings

October 28, 2015 – 7:00 PM – **Agenda- Revised**
Chambers of the City Council, Room 214

1. Citizen's Input Time – Not to exceed the first thirty (30) minutes of the meeting.
 - 1a. Cheryl Lizotte, 371 County Street Apt#7, New Bedford, MA 02740, speaking on "Pedophiles"
 - 1b. Joyce Rowley, 49 Orchard Street, New Bedford, MA 02740, speaking on the Buttonwood Park Zoo
 - 1c. Sandra Andrade-Penn, 21 Margin Street, New Bedford, MA 02744, speaking on the Drugs on Holly/Wing Streets
 - 1d. Roland Gendron, 141 Adelaide Street, New Bedford, MA 02745, speaking on the P.O.W. / MIA Flag (Flying)

INVITEES: Cheryl Lizotte; Joyce Rowley; Sandra Andrade-Penn; Roland Gendron

2. Written Motion, Councillors Martins and Morad, requesting, that Department of Inspectional Services Commissioner Romanowicz be invited to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings to discuss permitting procedures and enforcement for signs and flags on City sidewalks. (Ref'd 08/21/14, 10/14/14 – tabled, 11/18/14 – remain tabled)

INVITEES: Danny Romanowicz, DIS Commissioner; Ronald Labelle, DPI Commissioner

3. Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, requesting, that the City take immediate action to repair New Bedford tourism radio 1620AM, which broadcasts City attractions and events, and hasn't been working for some time and can be an asset to the tourism of the City of New Bedford; and further, once this broadcasting system is repaired, that signage also be requested on the State level, to be placed on Route 195 East and West approaching New Bedford for the purpose of increasing tourism for the City, at the present time signage is only located on Route 140 South, before Exit 7. (Ref'd 06/12/14, 09/16/14 - tabled)

INVITEES: Rep. of the Mayor Christina Connelly; Marketing and Tourism Director Dagny Ashley

4. Written Motion, Council President Gomes, requesting, that the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (DOT), meet with the Committee on Appointments and Briefings, for the purpose of discussing replacing the signage along Route 18 North and South, which has become old and has sustained reflective deterioration, especially in the nighttime hours; and further, to also discuss possible signage changes that would announce attractions, placed at main intersections along with the present

directions on the signage; and further, that our State Representative for that area be requested to attend said meeting along with a representative from the Mayor's Administration. (Ref'd 05/14/15)

INVITEES: Ronald Labelle, DPI Commissioner; Rep. of the Mayor Christina Connelly; Antonio F. D. Cabral, State Representative; Representative from Senator Montigny's Office; Representative from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (DOT)

5. Written Motion, on behalf of Jeanne Costa, resident of New Bedford, requesting, that the City consider Out Door Fitness Equipment to be located in parks across the City, in an effort to promote good health and continue wellness for the City residents; and further, that the City Council support this initiative with funds generated from the Community Preservation Act. (Ref'd 7/16/15)

INVITEES: Mary Rapoza, Director of Parks Recreation and Beaches

6. Written Motion, Councillors Coelho and Lopes, requesting, that the Committee on Appointments and Briefings look into the possibility of installing a Handicap Ramp at Ft. Taber Beach to allow for wheelchair bound persons to have direct access to the shoreline, and that Ms. Zelinda Pereira, Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts/ Southeastern Office, a representative from the Department of Parks, Recreation and Beaches and a representative from the Harbor Development Commission be invited to attend meeting. (Ref'd 9/10/15)

INVITEES: Mary Rapoza, Director of Parks Recreation and Beaches; Zelinda Pereira, Director of Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts Southeastern Office; Patricia A. Lareau, Vice Chairman of Harbor Development Commission

7. Communication, Council President Gomes, submitting information from Randy Jones, Lion Landscaping regarding his plan to help the youth of our City.(Ref'd 9/10/15)

INVITEES: Randy Jones, Lion Landscaping

8. Written Motion, Councillor Rebeiro, requesting that Lynn Coish of Operation Clean Sweep and Mary Lou Nicholson of the Organization Local Beach Clean Ups meet with the Committee on Appointments and Briefings to educate the Council and Citizens about the adverse effects of balloon releases on our ocean life specifically seals, sea turtles and birds. (Ref'd 9/24/15)

INVITEES: Lynn Coish, Operation Clean Sweep; Mary Lou Nicholson, Organization Local Beach Clean Ups

9. Written Motion, Council President Gomes, requesting that the City of New Bedford and the Office of Tourism and Marketing immediately obtain the abandoned billboard at the Whale's Tail Parking Lot for the purpose of utilizing the billboard for City attractions and events; and further, that the Department of Public Infrastructure assist in any repairs needed in order to make the billboard a vibrant source of information for the attractions and destinations within the City.(Ref'd 5/14/15)

INVITEES: Rep. of the Mayor Christina Connelly; Marketing and Tourism Director Dagny Ashley

10. Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, requesting, that the Committee on Appointments and Briefings meet with all parties responsible for the New Year's Eve celebration in Downtown New Bedford, for the purpose of bringing back the First Night concept to Downtown New Bedford on New Year's Eve; and further, to discuss bringing back many activities after 9:00 p.m. to the Downtown and Historical area

which will benefit businesses and bring back the festive concept that Downtown New Bedford once had on New Year's Eve. (Ref'd 01/08/15)

INVITEES: Marketing and Tourism Director Dagny Ashley

11. Communication, Councillor Lopes, submitting a copy of a communication from South End Youth Athletic Association of New Bedford, to Mary Rapoza, Director of Parks, Recreation and Beaches, regarding securing a permit for Lot 13 adjacent to their complex located at Clegg Field 221 Brock Avenue. (To be Referred to the Committee on Appointments & Briefings, and that Mary Rapoza, Director of Parks, Recreation and Beaches, Shad Samagaio, SEYAA President and Jeff Cardoza, SEYAA Vice-President be invited to said meeting.) (Ref'd 10/08/15)

INVITEES: Mary Rapoza, Director of Parks, Recreation and Beaches; Shad Samagaio, SEYAA President; Jeff Cardoza, SEYAA Vice-President; James C. Marshall, Station Manager Cable Access

Chairman suggests "Following the Recommended Action" on the following items:

12. Related Motion, Councillor Morad, that the Committee on Appointments and Briefings refer to the School Committee that the School Department conduct and pay for a study to develop a second entrance and exit to the Pulaski School and further that all Elementary, Middle and High Schools throughout the City be studied to determine traffic flows and safety of all our schools; and further to have a study funded through the 2016 School Department Budget or MSBA. (Ref'd 03/10/15, 6/9/15-tabled)

Chairman suggests taking "No Further Action" on the following items:

13. Written Motion, Councillor Alves, requesting that the Committee on Appointments & Briefings seek to work with the Communities of Fall River, Taunton and surrounding Towns who would potentially benefit from the South Coast Rail Service to see if we could get our State's Legislative Delegation and the Massachusetts Lottery Commission to authorize, develop and market a "Temporary Issue Lottery Ticket" specifically to raise monies that would be used to fund in the development of the South Coast Rail; and further, that the sales or distribution could be limited to the South Coast area so that primarily the residents of the area would be the ones supporting the sales and funding for the rail service. (Ref'd 12/18/14)
14. Communication, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ACT, authorizing the City of New Bedford to grant 25 Additional Liquor Licenses for the Sale of All Alcoholic Beverages to be drunk on the premises of certain restaurants. (Ref'd 04/09/15)
- 14a. AN ACT,