



Appointments and Briefings

March 31, 2015 – 7:04 PM – **Minutes**
Chambers of the City Council, Room 214

MEETING: COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS & BRIEFINGS
DATE: MARCH 31, 2015
TIME: 7:08 P.M.
PLACE: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROOM 214, MUNICIPAL BUILDING

PRESENT: COUNCILLORS DAVID ALVES, CHAIRMAN; DEBORA COELHO, VICE-CHAIRPERSON; HENRY BOUSQUET; NAOMI CARNEY; BRIAN GOMES; JOSEPH LOPES; STEVEN MARTINS; LINDA MORAD; DANA REBEIRO; KERRY WINTERSON

ABSENT: COUNCILLOR JAMES OLIVEIRA

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Councillor Alves called the Committee on Appointments & Briefings Committee Meeting to order and took attendance. The Clerk announced that Councillor Oliveira called to say he would not be in attendance due to a prior commitment and Councillor Martins called to say he is on his way.

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Councillor Alves announced the start of Citizens Input Time which is not to exceed the first thirty (30) minutes of the meeting. The only speaker for tonight is:

Attorney George Leontire, 32 William Street, New Bedford, speaking on urging the Gaming Commission to strictly follow the proposal of the Gaming structure and award a Gaming license to Regional C, specifically New Bedford.

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Notice, City Clerk of reference of a Written Motion, Councillor Alves, requesting, that CFO Sky update the Committee on Appointments & Briefings on the City's Performance Measurement Initiative, to offer an overview of the program and the progress that the City has made to date (Ref'd 2/12/15) was received and placed on file by Councillor Morad and seconded by Councillor Lopes. (2)

CFO Ari Sky was recognized and introduced the basis of the Performance measurement Initiative to the Committee. He recognized Christina Mills, 484 Chestnut Street, New Bedford, the Performance Initiative Coordinator for his department. A handout was distributed to the Committee which coincided with the Power Point presentation given by Ms. Mills. A motion was made to receive and place on file the handout given to the Committee by Councillor Morad and seconded by Councillor Lopes.

Ms. Mills explained that this performance measurement initiative would help the city to create one, two, three year plans on where departments are going and where they will be financially in the future.

Councillor Lopes asked how long we would need the consulting services of the Collins Center and he was told that the Collins Center is being used as a consultant in moving the performance measurement initiative program forward. The agreement for the services is year-by-year. The city is paying a fee of \$25,000 per year. We are entering into our second year with the Collins Center.

Councillor Lopes asked where we are with the City State Program that the Council approved prior to the Collins Center involvement. CFO Sky explained that we are using the City State process. However, the departments need the full knowledge of performance management and they need to establish the correct department capability and the performance measurement initiative will do this. Once the performance measurement initiative is completed this will allow each department to appropriately use the City State Program.

Councillor Rebeiro said she was glad the departments are modernizing, especially Inspectional Services. She recognized the difficulty that some businesses were having when applying for permits, etc. she asked if the call center would help with this.

Ms. Mills explained that is a part of the process. The city is now looking to install kiosk computers in various departments so that those individuals coming in to secure permits will be able to do so online. They will also be able to apply for permits and applications and pay bills if you will online as well. All of this information is coming to light as a part of the Collins Center consultation.

Councillor Rebeiro said she likes the open checkbook program the city is instituting. She said she is pleased that it lets people know how their money is being spent, in hopes that the city is taking steps in making and/or advertising this program to the general public.

Councillor Lopes asked about the larger things the consultation is addressing, the bigger projects that are being looked at.

CFO Sky replied that the access databases are important. Getting everyone trained is important and there is a tremendous variance between departments that needs to be addressed. This initiative is helping to address the problems.

Councillor Lopes asked CFO Sky of the savings that the performance initiative will garner. CFO Sky replied that he was unable to give a dollar figure off the top of his head, but this new process will be a system that will allow you to look at each department financially also including staff, staffing issues and help departments to make decisions on what changes can be made to allow departments to run more efficiently. He sees this as an important tool for the future New Bedford and he is behind it 100%.

Councillor Bousquet said he liked where this program is heading. He liked the fact that the city was now going to be run more like a business; holding Department Heads accountable for performance and budget process. He also saw this as a tool to be able to help during the budget-cutting process.

Councillor Morad commented that she hoped that what they were looking at would not result in betraying level works, meaning everyone in every department. She is in favor of the smaller departments pulling resources such as copiers and payrolls as you said in the past. She's in favor of things that will allow the city to receive more bangs for their buck, but she does not believe, for example, that everyone needs to be trained in utilizing the excel program.

On motion by Councillor Coelho and seconded by Councillor Rebeiro, the Committee VOTED: To take "No Further Action" on this matter at this time. This motion passed on a voice vote.

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Notice, City Clerk of reference of a Written Motion, Councillor Alves, requesting, that representatives of "South Coast Fair Housing, Inc." appear before the Committee on Appointments and Briefings to outline and explain the details of the recently awarded "Fair Housing Initiatives Program – Education and Outreach" Grant they received from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, this is the first time Bristol County has been the beneficiary of this grant program, describing what benefit can it be to our constituents and the residents of our community, expanding fair housing knowledge and encouraging practices that affirmatively further fair housing throughout the Region (Ref'd 11/13/14) was received and placed on file by Councillor Alves and seconded by Councillor Rebeiro. (3)

The Chair recognized Attorney Christina Da Fonseca, of South Coast Fair Housing, 721 County Street, New Bedford, to provide an overview of the program to the Committee.

Attorney Da Fonseca gave a summary of the program, it is the fourth nonprofit that deals with fair housing issues in Massachusetts; it is the first of its kind in Bristol County. The program is open to everyone in the South Coast area. They primarily deal with issues dealing with housing discrimination. The organization received a \$125,000 grant from the Federal Government, primarily for the education outreach in relation to fair housing website development and outreach in the community utilizing languages English, Portuguese and Spanish. They will be doing outreach throughout the community. Today they've received 10 to 15 intakes from the Greater New Bedford area with issues as they relate to fair housing.

Councillor Alves asked what are the kinds of issues have they been dealing with, specifically as it relates to discrimination.

Attorney Da Fonseca told the Committee that they are currently dealing with issues as they relate to the source of income and renting apartments particularly as they apply to Section 8 candidates, some landlords are not accepting such tenants. The second issue they're dealing with are families with children, younger children specifically, as it relates to lead paint in homes. They are being discriminated against or not allowed to live in such residences because of the lead paint and that is against the law. The third issue is people with disabilities who are also discriminated against while looking for housing. They also deal with issues that involve racial, ethnic and gender identity; they also provide assistance

which would allow a renter to become a homeowner and educate them as it relates to first-time home loans.

The Attorney had a flyer that dealt with the Fair Housing initiative and what the program has to offer. A motion was made to receive and place on file the flyer by Councillor Alves and seconded by Councillor Gomes.

Councillor Rebeiro asked the Attorney what organizations she reaches out to. The Attorney said they will reach out to any organization that is interested in having them come and speak and explain the program so they would make themselves available.

On motion by Councillor Alves and seconded by Councillor Rebeiro, the Committee VOTED: To take “No Further Action” on this matter at this time. This motion passed on a voice vote.

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Notice, City Clerk of reference of a Written Motion, Councillor Coelho, requesting that a representative from the Cemetery Board be invited to a Committee on Appointments and Briefings meeting to brief the Committee members on the new regulations at Pine Grove Cemetery, specifically, the change in the purchase of pre-need graves, and further, that Mr. Oliver M. Cabral, owner of Cabral Baylies Square Lamoureux Funeral Home be asked to attend said meeting (Ref'd 08/21/14, 10/14/14 – tabled) was removed from the table and received and placed on file by Councillor Carney and seconded by Councillor Gomes. (4)

Councillor Coelho explained that she was concerned about calls that she had received that people were no longer able to purchase plots in the Cemetery.

Carol Grimes, Cemetery Board Chairperson, 427 Oliver Street, New Bedford, was recognized to discuss the issue. Ms. Grimes explained that the reason they are not selling anymore plots at Pine Grove is due to the lack of space. They are selling spaces as far as relatives are concerned, meaning immediate family, such as a spouse. The Cemetery Board is waiting on a decision by the Department of Public Infrastructure, as to how the property at the old St. Teresa's Church will be used in expanding the Cemetery. She also explained that there has been an increase in cremation burial and although the cremation burials take less space you still have to purchase a plot; but this also allows for the burial of more than one family member in that particular plot.

Councillor Martins expressed his concern that Pine Grove Cemetery, as small as it is, is having an issue with mausoleums being placed in areas that he thought they were not supposed to be placed. He wanted to know if there was a designated area or all one specific area that the mausoleums are supposed to be placed; but they seem to be popping up everywhere. Ms. Grimes explained that there are guidelines in place but that mausoleums could be placed on a plot which consists of six (6) graves.

Councillor Morad explained that she has concerns that the Cemetery Board has not met in the last six (6) months. She has issues she would like to be able to discuss before the Board, but right now there are not enough individuals to hold such a meeting. She asked Ms. Grimes to reach out to DPI Commissioner

Ron Labelle and implore him to make sure that they have a full Cemetery Board as soon as possible. Ms. Grimes said she would.

Councillor Alves asked Ms. Grimes if she had any idea as to when the St. Teresa property would be up and running. He was told that nothing was finalized yet.

On motion by Councillor Coelho and seconded by Councillor Lopes, the Committee VOTED: To take “No Further Action” on this matter at this time. This motion passed on a voice vote.

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Notice, City Clerk of reference of a Written Motion, Council President Lopes, Councillors Martins, Morad, Alves, Winterson, Rebeiro and Bousquet, requesting that the City of New Bedford make much needed improvements to our newly updated City of New Bedford website to include ADA compliance for our City residents that have physical disabilities, and are unable to use the services that our website provides (Ref'd 10/23/14, 11/18/14 - tabled) and a Communication, Council President Lopes, submitting copy of letter from Mr. Phil Zukas, New Bedford, MA, relative to possible improvements to the City of New Bedford Website rendering said website fully compliant with ADA guidelines (Ref'd 10/23/14, 11/18/14 - tabled) were removed from the table by Councillor Lopes and seconded by Councillor Winterson. (5, 5a)

Maria Pina-Rocha, MIS Director, was recognized and she explained there are some problems with the system, for instance, an individual going online from home may not have the appropriate Adobe reader which would not allow an individual to see certain things that are on the website and/or print off certain things that are on the website. Her department is currently looking into the issues and they hope to have it up and running within a two month time period.

On motion by Councillor Lopes and seconded by Councillor Morad, the Committee VOTED: to table this matter for ninety (90) days. This motion passed on a voice vote.

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Notice, City Clerk of reference of a 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) (6)

On motion by Councillor Rebeiro and seconded by Councillor Carney, the Committee VOTED: To waive the reading and table this matter at this time. This motion passed on a voice vote.

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Notice, City Clerk of reference of a 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, 2/24/15 - tabled) was removed from the table by Councillor Gomes and seconded by Councillor Lopes. (7)

Councillor Gomes expressed his concern over the electric bills the constituents are receiving. The 29% increase is very difficult for the average homeowner to swallow. He simply wants someone from NSTAR/EVERSOURCE to listen to the issues and the concerns that the Council has.

Councillor Winterson expressed his concern that Senior Citizens are getting hit the hardest; they are living on fixed incomes. The Council has to make some noise to bring attention to the issue that the 29% increase is not fair and is hurting those that cannot afford it.

Councillor Martins expressed his concern that they have been asking for some time now that a representative from NSTAR/EVERSOURCE appear before them and it seems to be falling on deaf ears. He stated that the Councillors are hearing the residents loud and clear and they are just as frustrated with the increase in rates as everyone else and that these costs come as a slap in the face to businesses and is definitely affecting the senior citizens that are on fixed incomes. He finds it appalling that the company just issued large bonuses and payouts to CEOs and CFOs at NSTAR known as EVERSOURCE.

Councillor Carney expressed her concern on the rate increase as well.

Councillor Rebeiro voiced that there are serious problems with this increase and that it is nothing more than corporate greed. How do we send a message to the utility provider; perhaps a citywide blackout!

On motion by Councillor Gomes and seconded by Councillor Winterson, the Committee VOTED:

To send a letter to Attorney General Maura Healy expressing the Council's continued displeasure of the EVERSOURCE 29% electricity increase, that is a burden on residential customers. This motion passed on a voice vote.

On a Related Motion by Councillor Martins and seconded by Councillor Gomes, the Committee VOTED: To send a letter to Dennis Galvam and the CFO of EVERSOURCE, expressing the Council's disappointment for not showing up at meetings when asked, and that the Council will look to other actions if they do not have someone show up at their next meeting. This motion passed on a voice vote.

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Notice, City Clerk of reference of a Written Motion, Councillor Rebeiro, requesting, that the Department of Public Infrastructure Commissioner, Ronald Labelle be invited to attend the next Committee on Appointments and Briefings meeting to discuss the new LED lights, this Council was assured that the lights would be adjusted after they were installed and now the Council has been told that the Department of Public Infrastructure will not honor this agreement, and the Committee members are requesting that

Commissioner Labelle explain the plan for those areas that need extra lighting (Ref'd 11/25/14) waive the reading and received and place on file by Councillor Gomes and seconded by Councillor Winterson. (8)

Councillor Gomes explained that he had met with DPI Commissioner Ron Labelle and he had concerns over the conversation that took place at the last Appointments & Briefings Meeting as it relates to the installation of the new LED lights. Commissioner Labelle said he would meet with each Councillor individually and would also arrange for a drive around the city to point out the lights which need to have an increase of wattage.

On motion by Councillor Rebeiro and seconded by Councillor Winterson, the Committee VOTED: To take "No Further Action" on this matter at this time. This motion passed on voice vote.

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On motion by Councillor Rebeiro and seconded by Councillor Lopes, the Committee VOTED: To waive the reading and follow the Chairman's recommendation and take "No Further Action" on items nine (9) through twenty-seven (27), with the exception of items 10, 11, 21, 22 and 25 to be severed and remain in Committee. This motion passed on a voice vote. They are as follows:

Notice, City Clerk of reference of a Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, requesting that the City Council's Legislative Counsel and the City Solicitor look into Article II, Section 19-20 through 19-27, with respect to enforcing the requirement that City Employees be residents of the City of New Bedford during the full term of their employment with the City; further, that contracts with the City's Unions (AFSCME, Police, Fire) ensure that every City employee be a resident of the City of New Bedford for the full term of their employment and/or for a MINIMUM OF FIFTEEN years, if so negotiated, (and NOT the presently negotiated 3-4 years) before being allowed to reside in other Cities or Towns; further, that this change, after review by Legislative Counsel and Solicitor, not apply to positions exempted by the code or where Waivers have been granted by the City Council and Mayor when in the best interest of the public to do so, if the Legislative Counsel and City Solicitor so determine to continue exemption (s) after review; and further, that employees presently working for the City that were allowed by Union Contract to reside outside of the City be "Grandfathered In", so as not to cause hardship to said employees and their families. (Ref'd 3/8/12, 12/10/13 – Remain in Committee, 10/14/14 - tabled) REMAIN IN COMMITTEE (10)

Notice, City Clerk of reference of a Written Motion, Councillors Gomes and Duarte, requesting that the City reach out to the Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School for the purpose of refurbishing our trolleys that are now close to two decades old and in need of serious repair work especially on the wood portions of the trolleys and these Councillors feel that Voc-Tech can be of significant help in refurbishing said trolleys which are a beacon within the City and the expertise of the Vocational students to perform this work would be greatly appreciated. (Ref'd 8/16/12, 12/10/13 – Remain in Committee, 03/18/14 – tabled, 09/16/14 - Letters) REMAIN IN COMMITTEE (11)

Notice, City Clerk of reference of a Written Motion, Councillors Alves, Coelho, Morad, Oliveira, Carney, Gomes, Bousquet, Martins, Council President Lopes and Councillor Winterson, requesting, that

the Administration reconsider the current allocation of trash collection containers used for trash collection allocated to duplex (side-by-side) homes which presents a problem different than the standard two-family homes in New Bedford, in that duplex units in most cases are independent with separate access entrances, driveways and in many cases, limited contact with neighbors, yet these facilities are only allocated ONE trash container for the building, making it a problem for placing trash in what would be considered “Your Neighbors” trash container. (Ref’d 06/12/14, 08/12/14 – Letter to the Administration asking for a written response) REMAIN IN COMMITTEE (21)

Notice, City Clerk of reference of a Written Motion, Councillors Alves, Coelho, Morad, Carney and Gomes, requesting that the Administration provide the City Council with the names of City and Non-City individuals that were members of the “Trash Committee” that advised the Mayor and the Administration as to the new garbage pick-up service/system and who developed the rules, requirements and guidelines which were used in the development of the program implemented this week, and that the list be provided to the Chairman of the Committee on Appointments and Briefings within ten days so those members can be invited to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings meeting at which the Trash program is scheduled to be discussed to brief the Council members on the process of being utilized and how it was developed and further, that this request be followed-up by the Council Clerk within ten days.(Ref’d 06/26/14, 08/12/14–Letter to the Administration asking for a written response) REMAIN IN COMMITTEE (22)

Notice, City Clerk of reference of a Written Motion, Councillor Morad requesting, that six months from approval of the revised Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Ordinance and implementation of Chapter 17, Section 17-18, Non-Criminal Disposition of Violations of Certain Ordinances, that the City Council Committee on Appointments and Briefings be provided with a detailed listing of every fine issued in conjunction with said revised Ordinance and fee schedule, to include specific violation, a photograph of said violation and the final disposition of the item. (Ref’d 07/17/14) REMAIN IN COMMITTEE (25)

Notice, City Clerk of reference of a 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, 2/24/15 - tabled) NO FURTHER ACTION (9)

Notice, City Clerk of reference of a Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, requesting, that the Committee on Appointments and Briefings meet with the Administration, Vice President of Berklee College of Music’s Outreach Program called City Music, along with Berklee College of Music’s Satellite Program Coordinator and Professor Jackie Santos for the purpose of finalizing the Berklee College of Music’s Satellite Program at St. Mary’s Home, located on Kempton Street, which has been in the works for some time now and Berklee College of Music is ready to locate a satellite program here in the City of New Bedford; and further, that during said meeting that a date of opening be discussed. (Ref’d 02/14/13, 03/18/14 – tabled, 04/22/14 – remain tabled until the availability of Mr. Curtis-Warner has been established – freq. out of the Country) NO FURTHER ACTION (12)

Notice, City Clerk of reference of a Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, requesting, that a Representative from the Mayor's Office, Temporary City Planner Jill Maclean and Preservation Planner Anne Louro, meet with the Committee on City Property to discuss exactly what the future plans are at this present time to address the Congdon House at Hazelwood Park that has for some time gone with no plans of action, which is only deteriorating more and more as year pass, there is a historical significance to this building that should be preserved for the City of New Bedford. (Ref'd 04/11/13, 07/15/14 - tabled) NO FURTHER ACTION (13)

Notice, City Clerk of reference of a Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, requesting that the Committee on Appointments and Briefings meet with a Representative from the Administration, Tax Title Attorney Blair Bailey and City Treasurer Renee Fernandes-Abbott to discuss the new Side Yard program that was announced earlier this week, which in this Councillor's opinion is a duplication of the Abutter's Lot program that has been in place since the 1900's with every Administration utilizing said program; and further, that Tax Title Attorney Blair Bailey provide the City Council with a list of abutting lots that were sold between the time of implementation of the Abutter's Lot program to present time, along with an explanation from the Administration as to why the City Council wasn't notified of the change of said program. (Ref'd 5/23/13, 10/14/14 – letter to Treasurer) NO FURTHER ACTION (14)

Notice, City Clerk of reference of a Written Motions, Councillors Lopes, Martins, Alves, Gonsalves, Oliveira, Lawrence, Bousquet and Council President Duarte, requesting that the Committee on Appointments and Briefings, meet with a Representative of the Mayor's Office and the Director of Parks and Recreations, Mary Rapoza, to discuss the feasibility of establishing a "Crowd funding" campaign as a means of soliciting private funds to maintain the level of year round programs across our City. (Ref'd 06/13/13, 07/15/14 – tabled) NO FURTHER ACTION (15)

Notice, City Clerk of reference of a Written Motion, Councillor Martins, requesting that the Director of Public Health, Dr. Brenda Weis, be invited to the next Committee on Appointments and Briefings meeting to discuss the new posted position in the Health Department, Code Enforcement Inspector; said posting states that the Inspector will also be doing some "outreach" and Landlords have spoken to this Councillor about outreaching which is important in the City; and further, requesting that the Health Department should create an awareness campaign to all living in the City about "Trash Violations" and develop a plan to also outreach to tenants who are not following the City's Ordinance. (Ref'd 12/19/13, 02/19/14 - tabled) NO FURTHER ACTION (16)

Notice, City Clerk of reference of a Written Motion, Councillors Coelho, Alves, Morad, Carney, Martins, Gomes and Bousquet, given that the New Bedford Harbor Trustee Council decided in 2010, to **NOT** fund recreational project in the final round of its grants, projects like the 2.1 million for Riverside Park in the City's North End, which included the restoration of the 1.5 miles of North End shoreline, the installation of a pedestrian walkway, a boat house and boat ramp among other projects, requesting, that members of the New Bedford Harbor Trustee Council be invited to a Committee on Appointments and Briefings meeting to discuss what, if any future plans or recommendations they have for that site and to update the City Council on said matter. (Ref'd 01/23/14, 07/15/14 – letters to HTC/invite Mayor, CFO) NO FURTHER ACTION (17)

Notice, City Clerk of reference of a Written Motion, Council President Lopes, Councillors Martins, Bousquet, Winterson, Rebeiro, Morad, Gomes, Coelho and Carney, requesting that Mr. Joseph Mulvey,

Real Estate Specialist with the United States Postal Service, meet with the Committee on Appointments and Briefings, to discuss the future of the Downtown New Bedford Post Office. (Ref'd 02/13/14, 03/18/14 – Letters, 10/14/14 - tabled) NO FURTHER ACTION (18)

Notice, City Clerk of reference of a Communication, Mr. Joseph Mulvey, Real Estate Specialist to the United States Post Office, to and from Mayor Mitchell, regarding the future of the Downtown New Bedford Post Office. (Ref'd 2/13/14, 03/18/14 – rpf, 10/14/14 – tabled) NO FURTHER ACTION (18a)

Notice, City Clerk of reference of a Written Motion, Councillor Alves, at the request of the Trustees of the Bethel AME Church and on behalf of our Pastor, Reverend Irma Thibodeaux, officers and members of this historic Church, that the City Council look into what action or assistance the City can provide to ensure the Church is not forced to close, and that the Council follow up on many of the promises that have been made to the Church Trustees and Pastor by former Administrations for assistance; and further, that the Committee on Appointments and Briefings invite Department of Public Infrastructure Commissioner, Ronald Labelle, Tax Title Attorney Blair Bailey, as well as representatives of Bethel AME Church to discuss the matter. (Ref'd 02/13/14, 09/16/14 – letters to DPI and Traffic, 10/14/14 – tabled) NO FURTHER ACTION (19)

Notice, City Clerk of reference of a Communication/Email, Councillor Alves, submitting, request from Toni Pires, Trustee, Bethel AME Church, requesting assistance with issues and concerns at Church. (Ref'd 02/13/14, 09/16/14 – letters to DPI and Traffic, 10/14/14 – tabled) NO FURTHER ACTION (19a)

Notice, City Clerk of reference of a Written Motion, Council President Lopes, requesting that the Committee on Appointments and Briefings invite a local representative from Viridian Power to discuss their municipal green energy program. (Ref'd 05/22/14,10/14/14 – tabled) NO FURTHER ACTION (20)

Notice, City Clerk of reference of a Communication, Councillor Alves, submitting copy of letter from Mr. Manuel Carvalho to Standard -Times, regarding the contract between the City and ABC Disposal Service, Inc.(Ref'd 06/26/14,08/12/14 – Letter to the Administration asking for a written response) NO FURTHER ACTION (23)

Notice, City Clerk of reference of a Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, requesting, that a meeting be held with Health Department Director Dr. Brenda Weis and a Representative of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, to discuss what is being done to address the present bedbug problem that has plagued many housing complexes throughout the City; and further, to discuss strategies that have been put in place to address this issue which has affected many elderly and families across New Bedford. (Ref'd 07/15/14, 08/12/14 - tabled) NO FURTHER ACTION (24)

Notice, City Clerk of reference of a Communication, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ACT that would extend the term of Mayor from two (2) years to four (4) years; because it would amend the City's Charter, the Act also would need to be approved by the State Legislature. (Ref' 08/21/14) NO FURTHER ACTION (26, 26a)

Notice, City Clerk of reference of a 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, **2/24/15 – tabled, called and sent letter to see if he still wants it, 3/3/15**) NO FURTHER ACTION (27)

Councillor Gomes made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Councillor Winterson.

This meeting adjourned @ 8:59 p.m.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Committees