



Appointments and Briefings

December 15, 2015 – 7:05 PM – **Minutes**
Chambers of the City Council, Room 214

MEETING: COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS & BRIEFINGS

DATE: DECEMBER 15, 2015

TIME: 7:05 P.M.

PLACE: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROOM 214, MUNICIPAL BUILDING

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

ABSENT: COUNCILLORS BRIAN GOMES; JOSEPH LOPES; JAMES OLIVEIRA

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Councillor Alves called the Appointments & Briefings Committee Meeting to order and took attendance. Communications were read into the record for Councillors Gomes, Lopes and Oliveira stating their reasons for not attending this meeting. These communications were received and placed on file by Councillor Bousquet and seconded by Councillor Carney.

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Notice, City Clerk of reference of a Communication, City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council, to City Council on behalf of **Jenny Mejia d/b/a JENNY'S TRANSPORTATION, 88 Sagamore Street, New Bedford, MA 02740** hereby submit 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 11/24/15) was received and placed on file by Councillor Morad and seconded by Councillor Martins. (1)

Ms .Jenny Mejia introduced herself to the Committee and Councillor Morad asked her to tell them about her Livery Business. Ms. Mejia explained that she would like to start a business with two minivans, which she has not yet purchased, to bring children to and from school (from their homes). She explained that she has off-street parking in her home's driveway for the vans. It would be herself and one other employee doing the driving.

On motion by Councillor Morad and seconded by Councillor Bousquet, the Committee VOTED; To recommend to the City Council APPROVAL, of the Application of **Jenny Mejia d/b/a JENNY'S TRANSPORTATION, 88 Sagamore Street, New Bedford, MA 02740**, for 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. This motion passed on a voice vote.

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Notice, City Clerk of reference of a Written Motion, Councillor Lopes, Winterson, Carney, Martins, Morad, Bousquet, Oliveira, Council President Gomes, Alves, Rebeiro and Coelho, requesting that a Representative from Mayor Mitchell's Office, Patrick Sullivan, Director of Planning, Housing and Community Development and Cynthia Wallquist, Director of Community Services , Carl Alves, Executive Director of PAACA and Reverend David Lima, Inter-Church Council meet with the Committee on Appointments and Briefings to discuss the City's Plan for an emergency drop-in shelter for this upcoming winter. (Ref'd 10/22/15) (2)

On motion by Councillor Bousquet and seconded by Councillor Coelho, the Committee VOTED: To 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, Council President Gomes, requesting, that Mayor Mitchell, Parks, Recreation and Beaches Director Mary Rapoza and DPI Commissioner Labelle, post signage notifying the closing time for the new harbor walk and bike path, "CLOSING AT SUNDOWN" AND "NO TRESPASSING" and that anyone violating the Notices will be subject to immediate arrest; and further, that Animal Control issue citations for those violating the pooper scooper law; and furthermore, that surveillance cameras be installed at the highest point along East Rodney French Boulevard for additional security in the day and nighttime hours (Ref'd 10/22/15) was received and placed on file by Councillor Bousquet and seconded by Councillor Coelho. (3)

Mary Rapoza, Director of Recreation and Beaches, informed the Committee that all parks have the "Close at Sundown" policy and that rule would also apply to the Harbor Walk, even though it is not designated as a park, nor is it under her department's jurisdiction. She was unsure if a sign is currently in place stating that the walk closes at sundown.

On motion by Councillor Morad and seconded by Councillor Bousquet, the Committee VOTED: To table this matter at this time. This motion passed on a Roll Call Vote of Yeas 7, Nays 1, Councillor Martins opposed

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Notice, City Clerk of reference of a Written Motion, Councillors Coelho, Winterson, Martins, Carney and Lopes, requesting that Police Chief Provencher and Carl Alves, Executive Director of Positive Action Against Chemical Addiction (PAACA), meet with the Committee on Appointments and Briefings to discuss the drug overdoses happening everyday in our City; and further, that the Committee look into what other Cities and Towns are doing to combat this serious issue. (Ref'd 11/12/15) (4)

A motion was made by Councillor Martins and seconded by Councillor Bousquet, to received and placed on file the Communication of Dr. Brenda Weiss, Health Director. This motion passed on a voice vote.

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

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Notice, City Clerk of reference of a Witten 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, 3/31/15 – tabled, 8/31/15- - tabled for 90 days) and a Communication, Council President Lopes, submitting a copy of letter from Mr. Phil Zukas, New Bedford, MA, relative to possible improvements to the City of New Bedford Website rending said website fully compliant with ADA guidelines.(Ref'd 10/23/14, 11/18/14 – tabled, 03/31/15 – tabled, 8/31/15- tabled for 90 days) (5, 5a)

On motion by Councillor Morad and seconded by Councillor Bousquet, the Committee VOTED: To Table this matter at this time. This motion passed on a voice vote.

Councillor Morad thanked Councillor Alves for his years of service as Appointments & Briefings Chairman prior to adjournment.

Councillor Martins made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Councillor Morad.

This meeting adjourned @ 7:19 p.m.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Committees