



Council Meeting – **Late File Agenda**

CITY COUNCIL CALENDAR

Chambers of the City Council Municipal Building

Thursday, April 23, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.

L1. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting a request from KG New Bedford, LLC for a public referendum to be held in the City of New Bedford on June 23, 2015, in accordance with requirements of the Massachusetts Expanded Gaming Act.

L2. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Martins and Winterson, requesting, that the City Council send a letter to Governor Charlie Baker, Representative Brian Dempsey, House Ways and Means Chair, Senator Karen Spilka, Senate House Ways and Means Chair, Senator Mark Montigny and our local State Legislative Delegation, asking that they restore the monies in the budget for the S.A.F.E. (Student Awareness of Fire Education) Program that was cut from Cities like New Bedford; and further, this program has been in existence since FY96, and helps train children to reduce their anxiety levels so they are able to react to stressful situations and gives Fire, Schools, Health and Police Departments a solid partnership in working together; and further, child fire deaths have dropped about 70% since the program launched and for the fifteen full years that the S.A.F.E. program has been in effect, the average number of child deaths per year is 5.5, compared to an average number of eighteen before the program existed.

L3. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Oliveira, Rebeiro, Bousquet, Lopes, Coelho, Carney, Alves and Morad, requesting that the City Council support MCOA's (Massachusetts Councils on Aging) proposal to raise the EOEI (Executive Office of Elder Affairs) Formula Grant to \$9.00 per elder in FY16, an increase from \$8.00 per elder in FY15, said increase would award the New Bedford Council on Aging by \$18,765.00 from \$150,120 to \$168,885; and that a letter be sent to our State Legislative Delegation asking for their support of Line item #9110-9002 and their continued support of this item as it makes its way through the House Ways & Means Committee; and further, requesting that a similar letter of support be sent to Senator Mark Montigny to work with his colleagues to match that figure in the Senate's budget.