



# Committee on Ordinances

March 23, 2015 – 7:00 PM - **Agenda**

City Hall, 133 William Street, City Council Chamber, Room 214

1. Communication, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDINANCE, amending Chapter 17 Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, by adding Section 17-28 Chapter 40U of the Massachusetts General Laws. (Ref'd 01/22/15)
  - 1a. AN ORDINANCE, amending Chapter 17 Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, by adding Section 17-28 Chapter 40U of the Massachusetts General Laws. (Ref'd 01/22/15)
  - 1b. AN ORDINANCE, amending Chapter 6, Buildings and Other Structures. (Ref'd 01/22/15)
  - 1c. Public Hearing, on AN ORDINANCE, amending Chapter 9, Comprehensive Zoning. (Ref'd 01/22/15, duly advertised in the Standard-Times on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 and Tuesday, March 17, 2015)
  - 1d. AN ORDINANCE, amending Chapter 12, Health and Sanitation. (Ref'd 01/22/15)

***INVITEES: City Solicitor Mikaela McDermott; DIS Commissioner Dan Romanowicz; Health and Sanitation Director Dr. Brenda Weis; Legal Counsel Attorney David Gerwatowski***

2. Report, Committee on Ordinances, recommending to the City Council ADOPTION of the Proposed Ordinance AS AMENDED, Amending Chapter 6, BUILDINGS and OTHER STRUCTURES. (Ref'd 02/12/15)
  - 2a. AN ORDINANCE, Amending Chapter 6, Building and Other Structures, Article VII, Prevention and Abatement of Nuisances, Chronic Problem Properties. (Ref'd 02/12/15)
  - 2b. Communication, City Solicitor McDermott, submitting to City Council for consideration, three additional amendments to the Problem Properties Ordinance enacted by the Committee on Ordinances on January 20, 2015. (Ref'd 2/12/15)

***INVITEES: Mayor Jon F. Mitchell; Assistant City Solicitor John E. Flor; Police Chief David Provencher; DIS Commissioner Dan Romanowicz; Greater New Bedford Landlord Association Members; Area Landlords; Legal Counsel Attorney David Gerwatowski***

3. Written Motion, Councillor Gonsalves, on behalf of the Buttonwood Park Zoo, that City Code Chapter 4, Section 4-5, Relative to Beekeeping, be amended to allow the Zoo to develop an exhibit on Beekeeping. (Ref'd 04/11/13, 12/12/13, 04/29/14 – tabled, 09/17/14 – tabled, 10/22/14 – tabled for 60 days-December, 2/23/15 – NFA (asked to keep this in Committee because it goes with two other items still pending))

- 3a. Written Motion, Councillor Alves, requesting, that the Committee on Ordinances meet with Michael Patenaude to discuss the potential benefits of allowing bee keepers to operate in the City of New Bedford. (Ref'd 05/08/14, 9/17/14 – tabled, 10/22/14 – tabled for 60 days-December, 2/24/15 – remain in Committee)
- 3b. Communication, Councillor Martins, submitting an Ordinance from the City of South Bend, Indiana, regarding Honey Bee Keeping Regulations. (Ref'd 08/21/14, 09/17/14 – tabled, 10/22/14 – tabled for 60 days-December, 2/24/15 – remain in Committee)

***INVITEES: Animal Control Officer Emanuel Maciel; DIS Commissioner Dan Romanowicz; Buttonwood Park Zoo Director Keith Lovett; Health Director Dr. Brenda Weis; Michael Patenaude; Patrick Rogers; Maria Vasquez***

4. Written Motion, Councillors Martins and Morad, requesting, that the Committee on Ordinances amend Chapter 15-72, FOOD TRUCKS, by including the enclosed attachment, relative to ice cream trucks. (Ref'd 06/26/14, 2/24/15 – remain in Committee)

***INVITEES: City Solicitor Mikaela McDermott; Health and Sanitation Director Dr. Brenda Weis; Legal Counsel Attorney David Gerwatowski***

5. Written Motion, Councillors Alves, Gomes, Council President Lopes, Councillors Martins, Rebeiro, Winterson, Carney, Oliveira, Coelho and Bousquet, requesting that Legal Counsel Gerwatowski draft an Ordinance that would recognize and confirm the City Seal that has been used for over the past 50-100 years, recognizing and illustrating in detail the proud legacy and the history of our City, as the acknowledged world leader in/Whale Oil that lit up the world for years, and that also recognized our City as the hub of the textile industry and that the City Council acknowledges and declares that it should be recognized and acknowledged as the “Official Seal of the City of New Bedford” and is to be used on all official stationary and publications of the City. (Ref'd 12/18/14, 1/20/15 – tabled, 2/23/15 – remain tabled)

***INVITEES: Legal Counsel Attorney David Gerwatowski***

6. Communication, City Planner Jill Maclean, to City Council, regarding Zoning Request Changes, associated with fees and Abutter Notification. (Ref'd 05/8/14, 06/23/14 – table pending notification, 2/24/15 – remain in Committee)

***INVITEES: City Planner Jill Maclean; City Solicitor Mikaela McDermott; Legal Counsel Attorney David Gerwatowski***