



Committee on Ordinances

May 11, 2015 – 7:00 PM - **Agenda**

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

1. 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, 03/23/15 – tabled until next meeting, so that the appropriate language and images to be considered be presented to the Committee for review)
 - 1a. Proposed Ordinance, submitted by Legal Counsel Attorney David Gerwatowski.

INVITEES: Legal Counsel Attorney David Gerwatowski

2. Written Motion, Councillors Martins, Morad and Oliveira, requesting that Legal Counsel to the City Council, David Gerwatowski review the current parameters governing the composition of the Airport Commission to determine if said Commission membership can be changed by Ordinance to require a general Aviation Pilot and a representative of the New Bedford Regional Airport Fixed Based Operators be permanent Members of said Commission. (Ref’d 2/26/15)

INVITEES: Legal Counsel Attorney David Gerwatowski; Airport Manager Erick D’Leon

3. Written Motion, Councillor Martins on behalf of Massachusetts Transgender Political Coalition, requesting that the City Council create a Non-Discrimination Ordinance relative to “Gender Identity”, and the City of New Bedford will join a handful of other Cities that have created a local Ordinance protecting individuals who should never be denied equal treatment or opportunity as a result of gender identity; and further, that with an Ordinance regarding discrimination based on gender identity, the City of New Bedford will seek to protect its Citizens and visitors in the enjoyment of their civil rights by ensuring that everyone is free from discrimination and by promoting mutual understanding and respect among all who reside, visit and work within the City. (Ref’d 2/26/15)
 - 3a. Findings of the National Transgender Discrimination Survey and related information. (Ref’d 2/26/15)

INVITEES: Legal Counsel Attorney David Gerwatowski

4. Written Motion, Councillor Bousquet and Council President Lopes, requesting, that the Committee on Ordinances draft an Ordinance encouraging food services, supermarkets, and other users of expanded polystyrene foam to discontinue their use of the product and move to recyclable to recycled paper based materials, expanded polystyrene foam is a tremendous threat to our oceans and its ecosystems, and as a community who makes its living from the ocean we should be concerned for its health. (Ref'd 05/22/14, 11/12/14 – tabled, 2/24/15 – remain in Committee)

INVITEES: Legal Counsel Attorney David Gerwatowski; Environmental Stewardship Director Michele Paul

5. Written Motion, Councillor Martins, requesting that the Committee on Ordinances, establish an Ordinance restricting door-to-door solicitation, aimed at protecting the public from obtrusive and perhaps unscrupulous door-to-door solicitors; and further, that the Ordinance should include a stipulation that solicitors should be licensed on an annual basis by the Chief of Police or his designee; and further that the aim of this Ordinance is to address the real problem in the City with solicitors asking residents for personal information that they have no right to have and companies pretending to be from other companies; and further, that with a license, this will give our public safety officers a broader authority to deal with an increasing problem that other major Cities have already dealt with. (Ref'd 02/12/15)

INVITEES: Legal Counsel Attorney David Gerwatowski; City Solicitor Mikaela McDermott; Chief of Police David Provencher