



Committee on Ordinances

November 19, 2015 – 7:30 PM - **Agenda**

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

1. Written Motion, Councillor Lopes, Rebeiro, Martins, Winterson, Bousquet and Alves, requesting, that the Committee on Ordinances draft and approve an Ordinance that would exempt all City Council support staff from the City's policy requiring the Mayor's approval/signature on any requisition form or any other type of paperwork; and further, that the City Council President sign off on such positions; support staff is to include employees in the City Council Office, Clerk of Committees Office, and the position of City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council.(Ref'd 8/20/15)

INVITEES: Dennis Farias, City Clerk; Attorney David Gerwatowski

2. Written Motion, Councillors Bousquet, Lopes, Winterson, Alves, Martins, Coelho, Carney, Morad and Council President Gomes and Councillor Rebeiro, requesting on behalf of dog owners in New Bedford, that the City encourage leash law adherence, and severely penalize dog owners who fail to properly restrain their pets in the event of an aggressive attack on another person or pet in the City. (Ref'd 8/20/15)

INVITEES: Emanuel Maciel, Animal Control Director

3. Written Motion, Councillor Lopes, Martins, Winterson, Morad, Council President Gomes, Alves, Bousquet and Carney, requesting, that the Committee on Ordinance revise and update Chapter 9, Section 4200 of the City Code, relative to Body Art. (Ref'd 10/22/15)

INVITEES: Attorney David Gerwatowski

4. Communication, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDINANCE amending Chapter 2 of the City Code by inserting Section 2-241 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE. (Ref'd 1/22/15)

4a. AN ORDINANCE,

INVITEES: Representative of the Mayor, Christina Connelly; Attorney David Gerwatowski

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 an 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 2/12/15, 5/11/15-tabled until Atty. Gerwatowski looks into the CORI issue and possibly enacting an

Ordinance that creates some evidence about trespassing and making it easier when private property owners call the Police)

INVITEES: David Provencher, Chief of Police; Dennis Farias, City Clerk; Attorney David Gerwatowski

6. Written Motion, Councillors Bousquet, Lopes and Martins, requesting that the Committee on Ordinances and the Board of Health explore the possibilities of placing tobacco, herbal vapor Hookah Bar establishments under The Smoke-Free Workplace Law, M.G.L., Ch.270, §22. (Ref'd 04/09/15)

INVITEES: Dr. Brenda Weis, Director of the Health Department

Chairman suggests taking “No Further Action” on the following item:

7. Communication, City Planner Jill Maclean, to City Council, regarding a 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, 03/23/15 - tabled)