



Appointments and Briefings

May 17, 2016 – 7:00 PM – **Agenda**
Chambers of the City Council, Room 214

1. Communication, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of TIM WALSH, New Bedford, MA as the New Bedford Housing Authority representative to the COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE; this term will expire April 2018. (Ref'd 4/14/16)

INVITEES: Tim Walsh

2. Communication, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of SYLVIA GOMES, New Bedford, MA to the COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE; this term will expire April 2018. (Ref'd 4/14/16)

INVITEES: Sylvia Gomes

3. Communication, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of JESSICA BAILEY, New Bedford, MA to the COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE; this term will expire April 2019. (Ref'd 4/14/16)

INVITEES: Jessica Bailey

4. Communication, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of ARTHUR MOTTA, New Bedford, MA to the COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE; this term will expire April 2017. (Ref'd 4/14/16)

INVITEES: Arthur Motta

5. Communication, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of ROSS NUNES, New Bedford, MA to the COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE; this term will expire April 2017. (Ref'd 4/14/16)

INVITEES: Ross Nunes

6. Communication, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of JANINE DASILVA, New Bedford, MA as the Historical Commission Representative to the COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE; this term will expire April 2019. (Ref'd 4/14/16)

INVITEES: Janine DaSilva

7. Communication, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of PAUL PACHECO, New Bedford, MA as the Conservation Commission Representative to the COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE; this term will expire April 2019. (Ref'd 4/14/16)

INVITEES: Paul Pacheco

8. Communication, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of COLLEEN DAWICKI, New Bedford, MA as the Planning Board Representative to the COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE; this term will expire April 2018. (Ref'd 4/14/16)

INVITEES: Colleen Dawicki

9. Communication, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of DIANE BERUBE, New Bedford, MA as the Board of Parks Representative to the COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE; this term will expire April 2017. (Ref'd 4/14/16)

INVITEES: Diane Berube

10. Written Motion Councillors Coelho and Lopes, requesting that the Committee on Appointments and Briefings look into the possibility of installing a Handicap Ramp at Ft. Taber Beach to allow for wheelchair bound persons to have direct access to the shoreline, and that Ms. Zelinda Pereira, Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts/Southeastern Office, a representative from the Department of Parks, Recreation and Beaches and a representative from the Harbor Development Commission be invited to attend meeting. (Ref'd 10/10/15, 10/28/15 – Committee send a letter to Cynthia Wallquist asking her to provide a status as to where her office is in securing a grant to fund the handicap access ramps at East and West Beaches – tabled)

INVITEES: Mary Rapoza, Director of Parks Recreation and Beaches; Zelinda Pereira, Director of Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts Southeastern Office; Patricia A. Lareau, Vice Chairman of Harbor Development Commission; Cynthia Wallquist, Representative from Commission for Citizens with Disabilities

11. Written Motion, Councillor Lopes, requesting that the Director of Parks, Recreation and Beaches meet with the Committee on Appointments and Briefings about establishing a policy and procedure manual for parking at Fort Taber, the Fort Taber Community Center, and any Special Events Requests utilizing Fort Taber Park. (Ref'd 7/16/15, 9/30/15 – tabled to January 2016)

INVITEES: Mary Rapoza, Director of Parks Recreation and Beaches

12. Written Motion, Council President Gomes, requesting that the Committee on Appointments and Briefings meet with Parks, Recreation and Beaches Director Mary Rapoza, Police Chief David Provencher, DPI Commissioner Ronald Labelle, and Department of Facilities and Fleet Management Director Kenneth Blanchard, for purpose of putting together a comprehensive plan of action to deal with summer events being held at Fort Taber and in the south end; and further, that Parks, Recreation and Beaches Director, the Police Chief, DPI and DFFM strictly enforce park rules and regulations including parks and beached closing times, furthermore; that the City look into hiring park and beach enforcement officers to enforce the rules and regulations of our parks and beaches. (Ref'd 7/16/15, 9/30/15 – tabled to January 2016)

INVITEES: Mary Rapoza, Director of Parks Recreation and Beaches; David Lizotte, Acting Police Chief; Ronald Labelle, DPI Commissioner; Kenneth Blanchard, Department of Facilities and Fleet Management Director

13. Related Motion, Councilor Morad, requesting that the Department of Parks, Recreation and Beaches Director Mary Rapoza; the Park Board Chairman, the Director of the Health Department, Dr. Brenda Weis and Police Chief Provencher, be invited to a Committee on Appointments and Briefings meeting to discuss the procedures for granting permits for events to our parks, to ensure all related facets of the permitted events are in place. (Ref'd 7/16/15, 9/30/15 – tabled to January 2016)

INVITEES: Mary Rapoza, Director of Parks Recreation and Beaches; Peter Boswell, Park Board Chairman; Dr. Brenda Weis, Director of Health Department; David Lizotte, Acting Police Chief

14. 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 new harbor walk and bike path, “CLOSING AT SUDOWN” 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, 12/15/15 – tabled)

INVITEES: Christina Connelly, Representative of the Mayor; Mary Rapoza, Director of Parks Recreation and Beaches; Ronald Labelle, DPI Commissioner; David Lizotte, Acting Police Chief; Emanuel Maciel, Animal Control Director

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

15. Related Motion, Councillor Morad, that the Committee on Appointments and Briefings refer to the School Committee that the School Department conduct and pay for a study to develop a second entrance and exit to the Pulaski School and further that all Elementary, Middle and High Schools throughout the City be studied to determine traffic flows and safety of all our schools; and further to have a study funded through the 2016 School Department Budget or MSBA. (Ref'd 3/10/15, 6/9/15 – table, 10/28/15 – Refer to School Committee)
16. 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 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, 12/15/15 – tabled- tabled, 1/25/15- table for 60 days ask Cynthia Wallquist to provide the Committee with a written update on the homeless issue in the City, after the new home has opened and the homeless count has taken place.)
17. Written Motion, Councillors Coelho, Martins, Winterson, Oliveira, Lopes, Alves, Rebeiro, Carney and Bousquet, requesting, that representatives from Grandparents Raising Grandchildren be invited to a meeting of the Committee on Appointments and Briefings to discuss the overdose crisis in the City and the impact it has on families and grandchildren how addiction effects the entire family, also to discuss possible solutions. (Ref 12/17/15)

18. Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, requesting, ONCE AGAIN, that the School Department consider the implementation of school uniforms throughout the New Bedford School System; and further, requesting that members of the School Committee appear before the Committee on Appointments and Briefings for the purpose of discussing the implementation of the school uniforms and to also discuss security measure proposed by the City Council, such as an emergency silent alarm system and what, if any security measures have been put in place throughout the New Bedford Schools. (Ref'd 10/24/13, 9/16/14 – tabled, 3/10/15 – tabled, 6/9/15 – tabled, 11/10/15 – remain in Committee)

19. 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, 12/15/15 – tabled)