



Appointments and Briefings

February 09, 2016 – 7:00 PM – **Minutes**
Chambers of the City Council, Room 214

MEETING: COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS & BRIEFINGS

DATE: FEBRUARY 09, 2016

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROOM 214, MUNICIPAL BUILDING

PRESENT: COUNCILLORS HENRY BOUSQUET, CHAIRMAN; IAN ABREU; NAOMI CARNEY; DEBORA COELHO; JOSEPH LOPES; STEVEN MARTINS; LINDA MORAD; JAMES OLIVEIRA (7:13); DANA REBEIRO (7:11); KERRY WINTERSON

ABSENT: COUNCILLORS BRIAN GOMES, VICE-CHAIRMAN

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Councillor Bousquet called the Committee on Appointments & Briefings Meeting to order and took attendance. The Clerk read a Communication from Councillor Gomes explaining his absence from the meeting. This Communication was received and placed on file by Councillor Morad and seconded by Councillor Carney.

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Councillor Bousquet announced the start of Citizens Input Time which is not to exceed the first half hour of this meeting. The first person scheduled to speak at Citizens Input Time was Cheryl Lizotte, who was not in attendance. (1a)

The next speaker Raymond Morin, 67 Larch Street, New Bedford, MA spoke on additional lighting design for motor vehicles in an effort to slow down on the amount of rear end collisions. (1b)

The next speaker Joyce Rowley of 49 Orchard Street, New Bedford, Ma, spoke on her petition and the care of Ruth the Elephant and Buttonwood Park.

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Notice, City Clerk of reference of a Public Hearing, on APPLICATION, Francisco Rosales, d/b/a Universal Auto Sales, for a SPECIAL PERMIT for MOTOR VEHICLE SALES & GENERAL REPAIRS & LIGHT SERVICE at 1519 Purchase Street, New Bedford, MA 02740. (Duly advertised in the Standard-Times on Wednesday, January 27, 2016 and Wednesday, February 3, 2016) The hearing was opened. (2)

Francisco Rosales, 222 State Street, New Bedford was present and gave a brief overview of his car lot plan.

Councillor Abreu asked if the applicant (who did not speak very good English) would have English speaking individuals on staff and he was told yes he would.

Councillor Morad asked Commissioner Romanowicz if there were any concerns. She was told there was none and that the applicant was doing what was required by the Building Department as it relates to his establishment.

Councillor Carney asked how many vehicles would be on the lot. Mr. Rosales said 10, but Commissioner Romanowicz explained he would not be able to have more than 8 vehicles on the lot given the size and the permit conditions.

Councillor Oliveira asked what block the lot was on and he was told next door to the former Lebanese Kitchen.

The Chair asked if there was anyone who would like to speak on behalf or be recorded in favor of the permit, there was none. He then asked if there was anyone who would like to speak or be recorded in opposition of the permit, there was none. Hearing was closed.

On motion by Councillor Martins and seconded by Councillor Lopes, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council to Grant Permission for the SPECIAL PERMIT for MOTOR VEHICLE SALES & GENERAL REPAIRS & LIGHT SERVICE at 1519 Purchase Street, New Bedford, MA 02740. This motion passed on a voice vote.

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Notice, City Clerk of reference of a Public Hearing, on APPLICATION, Leonardo Massa d/b/a Drive Time, for a SPECIAL PERMIT for MOTOR VEHICLE SALES & RENTALS & GENERAL REPAIRS at 1680 Purchase Street, New Bedford, MA 02740. (Duly advertised in the Standard-Times on Wednesday, January 27, 2016 and Wednesday, February 3, 2016) The hearing was opened. (3)

Leonardo Massa, 592 Orchard Street, New Bedford, MA was present and gave an overview of his car lot plan. He was worked for a number of years at that location for other owners; after two owners he decided to buy the property himself and start his own business.

Councillor Morad asked Commissioner Romanowicz if all was in place for the business. She was told yes; it is an existing car lot and all is in line for such an operation.

The Chair asked if there was anyone who would like to speak or be recorded in favor of the permit, there was none. He then asked if there was anyone who would like to speak or be recorded in opposition of this permit, there was none. Hearing was closed.

On motion by Councillor Morad and seconded by Councillor Lopes, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council to Grant Permission for the SPECIAL PERMIT for MOTOR VEHICLE SALES & RENTALS & GENERAL REPAIRS at 1680 Purchase Street, New Bedford, MA 02740. This motion passed on a voice vote.

Councillor Lopes made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Councillor Morad.

This meeting adjourned @ 7:41 p.m.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Committees