



Appointments and Briefings

August 9, 2016 – 7:00 PM – **Minutes**
Chambers of the City Council, Room 214

MEETING: COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS & BRIEFINGS

DATE: AUGUST 09, 2016

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROOM 214, MUNICIPAL BUILDING

PRESENT: COUNCILLORS HENRY BOUSQUET, CHAIRMAN; IAN ABREU; NAOMI CARNEY; JOSEPH LOPES; STEVEN MARTINS; LINDA MORAD; JAMES OLIVEIRA; DANA REBEIRO (7:05); KERRY WINTERSON

ABSENT: COUNCILLORS BRIAN GOMES, VICE-CHAIRMAN; DEBORA COELHO

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Councillor Bousquet called the Committee on Appointments & Briefings Meeting to order and took attendance. Councillor Bousquet announced he received a phone call from Councillor Gomes stating he would be unable to attend tonight's meeting. The Clerk read a Communication from Councillor Coelho explaining her absence from this meeting. This Communication was received and placed on file by Councillor Morad and seconded by Councillor Abreu.

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Notice, City Clerk of reference of a Public Hearing, on APPLICATION, Jason Oliver of Cove Road Auto Sales, for a SPECIAL PERMIT for Motor Vehicle Sales & Rentals and General Repair at 1421 Cove Road, New Bedford, MA 02744 (Duly advertised in the Standard-Times on Wednesday, July 27, 2016 and Wednesday, August 3, 2016) the hearing was opened on a motion by Councillor Morad and seconded by Councillor Abreu. (1)

Jason Oliver of 432 Gulf Road, Westport, MA the petitioner gave an overview of the business. He explained he currently owns South Dartmouth Motors and was looking to expand his business. He purchased Cove Road Auto Sales and is seeking the proper permit to conduct the business. He hopes to have approximately 20 vehicles on site and offer general maintenance such as breaks, exhaust systems etc. The previous tenant had 20 vehicles on site. His hours of operation will be Monday – Friday, 8 to 5 and Saturday, 8 to 2.

Dan Romanowicz, DIS Commissioner, informed the Committee that he did not know how many vehicles would be allowed because Mr. Oliver has not yet given him a parking plan. In his estimation he believes it will not comfortably accommodate 20 vehicles.

Councillor Lopes expressed concerns over the previous owner and crowdedness of too many vehicles.

The Chair asked if there was anyone who wished to speak in favor of the application:

Dr. Curtis Mellow of Tiverton, RI, who abuts the property in question with the Honey Dew Donuts, spoke in favor of the application. He did offer the following concerns: Parking is an issue and 20 vehicles may be too many; the trash receptacles should be required and storage of used auto parts should be addressed.

A discussion ensued with Mr. Oliver and Councillors as it related to Dr. Mello's concerns. Mr. Oliver said he would dispose of the trash generated on Cove Street at his South Dartmouth location as he has an ABC dumpster at that location. He would have a container on site against the building to store auto parts, but for the most part, the vendor she buys from take them back to refurbish them. What he does not return he offers to scrap metal collectors or disposes of the property himself.

The Chair asked if there was anyone else who would like to speak in favor of the application, or be recorded in favor and there was none. He then asked if there was anyone who would like to be recorded or speak in opposition of the application, there was none. The hearing was closed.

On motion by Councillor Lopes and seconded by Councillor Oliveira, the Committee VOTED: To strike the words and rentals from the Permit Application and to table this matter for thirty (30) days in which to allow Mr. Oliver to get the parking plan to the DIS Commissioner and the Committee. This motion passed on a voice vote.

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On motion by Councillor Morad and seconded by Councillor Abreu, the Committee VOTED: To waive the reading of items two and three and follow the Chairs recommendation and take "No Further Action" on these matters. This motion passed on a voice vote. They are as follows:

Notice, City Clerk of reference of a Written Motion, Councillor Lopes, requesting, that Planning and Community Development, Inspectional Services, and the Mayor's Office work with the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Hazard Mitigation Program, to assist affected homes in the City so that they be eligible to apply for a Federal grant that is administered by FEMA that would cover up to 75 percent of the cost of elevating a home between one or two feet above the flood level for a 100-year storm (Ref'd 8/20/15, 9/30/15- tabled for 60 days) (**NOVEMBER 30TH**) (2)

Notice, City Clerk of reference of a Written Motion, Councillors Carney and Martins, requesting, that Director of Community Services, Cynthia Wallquist and Director of Council on Aging, Debra Lee appear before the Committee on Appointments and Briefings to discuss the closing of the Brooklawn Park Senior Center and its conversion into an Adult Day Care Center. (Ref'd 6/09/16) (3)

Councillor Oliveira made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Councillor Carney.

This meeting adjourned @ 7:16 p.m.

ATTEST:

Denis Lawrence, Jr.,
Clerk of Committees