



Committee on Ordinances

January 26, 2016 – 7:00 PM - **Agenda**

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

1. Public Hearing, continued on a Written Motion, Councillor Bousquet, requesting, on behalf of Mr. Helio Medeiros, that 170 Reynolds Street, New Bedford, Plot 91/Lot 45, be REZONED, from Residence “C” to MIXED-USE BUSINESS.(Ref’d 11/12/15, 12/14/15- hearing continued to 1/26/16, duly advertised in the Standard-Times on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 and Tuesday, December 8, 2015)
- 1a. Communication, Acting City Planner Jennifer Clarke to Councillor Steven Martins, Chairman, Committee on Ordinances, notifying that the Planning Board held a public hearing on January 13, 2016 to discuss the proposed rezoning request for the rezoning of a lot on Reynolds Street identified as being Map 91 Lot 45 from Residence C (RC) zone to a Mixed Use Business (MUB) zone. A motion was made to recommend that the City Council approve the rezoning of the Reynolds Street lot, changing the zoning from an RC zone to a MUB zone, The Planning Board voted to send a **FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION** to the Ordinance Committee (Ref’d 11/12/15, 12/14/15- hearing continued to 1/26/16)

INVITEES: City Solicitor, Mikaela McDermott; Patrick Sullivan, Director of Planning and Community Development; Legal Counsel Attorney David Gerwatowski; Abutters

2. Related Motion, Councillor Morad, requesting that the Committee on Ordinances review the current laws related to the granting and renewal of Private Livery Licenses in the City to ensure that policies are in place in order to ensure the public’s safety and benefit by enforcing timely renewals by livery license holders; and further, that the City Clerk and the Chief of Police be invited to attend the Committee on Ordinances meeting in order to provide their input as it relates to this issue.(Ref’d 6/25/15, 10/19/15- table for 60 days, 12/14/15- remain in Committee)

INVITEES: Dennis Farias, City Clerk; David Lizotte, Acting Chief of Police

3. Written Motion, Councillor Martins, requesting, that the Committee on Ordinances consider crafting an Ordinance relative to regulating the displaying of the American flag on all City properties, in order that the City of New Bedford will conform to the accepted National standard for the ratio of flag size proportionate to flag pole height, the Purchasing Department and/or Chief Procurement Officer shall oversee the proper procurement and distribution at the request of Department Heads; and further, the same office shall maintain an inventory of all flag poles of the City of New Bedford in order to insure proper sizing, the standard to be followed by all Departments shall be as follows; Flag pole height 15’ – 20’ – 3x5 flag size; Flag pole height 25’ – 4x6’ flag size; Flag pole height 30’ – 5x8’ flag size; Flag pole height 35’ – 40- - 6x10’ flag size; 45’ – 8x12’ flag size and Flag pole height – 60’ - 10x15- flag size. (Ref’d 12/17/15)

INVITEES: Debra Travers, Purchasing Agent

4. Written Motion, Councillors 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, 11/19/15- tabled)

INVITEES: Dennis Farias, City Clerk; Attorney David Gerwatowski

5. Written Motion, Councillors Bousquet, Lopes, Winterson, Alves, Martins, Coelho, Carney, Morad and Council President Gomes and Councillor Rebeiro and Oliveira, 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, 11/19/15- tabled)

INVITEES: Emanuel Maciel, Animal Control Director

6. 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)
- 6a. AN ORDINANCE,

INVITEES: Representative of the Mayor, Christina Connelly; Attorney David Gerwatowski; City Solicitor, Mikaela McDermott