



Committee on Ordinances

August 30, 2016 – 7:00 PM - **Agenda**

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

1. Public Hearing, on a Written Motion, Councillor Martins, requesting, on behalf of Mr. Pedro Fernandes, Lusitano Food Products LLC, that 127 Hathaway Street, Plot 103/Lot 13, be REZONED from Mixed-Use Business to Residential “C”. (Ref’d 6/23/16) (Duly advertised in the Standard-Times on Wednesday, August 17, 2016 and Wednesday, August 24, 2016)
 - 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 August 10, 2016 to discuss the proposed rezoning request for the rezoning of a lot on Hathaway Street identified as being Plot 103/Lot 13 from Mixed-Use Business to Residential “C”. A motion was made to recommend that the City Council approve the rezoning of the Hathaway Street Lot, changing the zoning from a MUB zone to a RC zone; the Planning Board voted to send an **UNFAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION** to the Ordinance Committee. (Ref’d 8/11/16)

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

2. Written Motion, Councillor Lopes, Bousquet, Martins, Winterson, Council President Morad, Carney and Coelho, requesting that the Committee on Ordinances review the City of Boston’s Ordinance regarding Recreational Vehicles and further, that the Committee also review a draft Ordinance written by the Police Department for the City of New Bedford on Recreational Vehicles. (Ref’d 4/28/16)
 - 2a. AN ORDINANCE, from the City of Boston regarding Recreational Vehicles. (Ref’d 4/28/16)
 - 2b. AN ORDINANCE, (draft form), from the New Bedford Police Department regarding Recreational Vehicles. (Ref’d 4/28/16)

INVITEES: Joseph Cordeiro, Chief of Police; Hank Turgeon, New Bedford Police Union President

CHAIRMAN SUGGESTS “NO FURTHER ACTION” ON THE FOLLOWING:

3. Written Motion, Councillor Martins on behalf of Massachusetts Transgender Political Coalition, requesting that the City Council create a Non-Discrimination Ordinance relative to “Gender Identity”, and the City of New Bedford will join a handful of other Cities that have created a local Ordinance protecting individuals who should never be denied equal treatment or opportunity as a result of gender identity; and further, that with an Ordinance regarding discrimination based on gender identity, the City of New Bedford will seek to protect its Citizens and visitors in the enjoyment of their civil rights by ensuring that everyone is free from discrimination and by promoting mutual understanding and respect

among all who reside, visit and work within the City. (Ref'd 2/26/15, 5/11/15 – table for 90 days, ask Gerwatowski to draft some preliminary language, 12/14/15- remain in Committee)

- 3a. Findings of the National Transgender Discrimination Survey and related information. (Ref'd 2/26/15, 5/11/15 – table for 90 days, ask Gerwatowski to draft some preliminary language, 12/14/15- remain in Committee)

4. Written Motion, Councillors Alves and Martins, in an effort to better support local businesses in the City, pay real estate taxes and hire our residents, and in light of the number of street vendors and peddlers that have infected our streets selling flowers, plants and miscellaneous items without a valid license and are in violation of the current City Peddlers Ordinance, requesting, that the Committee on Ordinances review any and all similar Ordinances currently in effect in such communities as Haverhill and Somerville, and any other community in the Commonwealth that has one, to see what we can do to improve our City Ordinances to address the issue of unlicensed or out of town peddlers on our City streets. (Ref'd 6/25/15, 9/15/15- table to March 2016 so NBPD has time to enforce the licensees and that enforcement is being properly addressed, 12/14/15- Remain in Committee, 4/19/16-table)