

**NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS**

**MEETING: COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS & BRIEFINGS**  
**DATE: FEBRUARY 11, 2019**  
**TIME: 7:00 P.M.**  
**PLACE: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROOM 214, MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**PRESENT: COUNCILLORS DEBORA COELHO, CHAIRPERSON; NAOMI CARNEY, VICE CHAIRPERSON; IAN ABREU; BRIAN GOMES; SCOTT LIMA; JOSEPH LOPES; WILLIAM BRAD MARKEY; LINDA MORAD; DANA REBEIRO**

**ABSENT: COUNCILLORS HUGH DUNN; MARIA GIESTA**

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Councillor Coelho called the Appointments & Briefings Committee Meeting to order and took attendance. The Clerk read Communications from Councillors Dunn and Giesta explaining their absences from tonight's meeting. These Communications were received and placed on file by Councillor Morad and seconded by Councillor Rebeiro.

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Notice, City Clerk of reference of a COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell to City Council, requesting a ONE-YEAR WAIVER OF RESIDENCY for BRUCE HEBBEL, who is in consideration for the position of Environmental Project Manager for the Department of Environmental Stewardship, who currently resides in Marion, MA, (Ref'd 12/13/18) was received and placed on file by Councillor Morad and seconded by Councillor Lopes. (1)

Bruce Hebbel, from Marion, Ma was present and addressed the Committee. Councillor Abreu asked Mr. Hebbel what brought him to be interested in becoming the Environmental Project Manager for the City. He was told that he has a similar business that is located in the City of New Bedford. He saw this as an opportunity and applied for the position. He has been involved in environmental work since 1992. He has worked with the Army Corps of Engineers on issues with the hurricane barrier in the city. He would take the first thirty (30) days of this position to get up to speed on city issues and move on from there.

Councillor Lima asked Mr. Hebbel about the environmental issues as it relates to the Buttonwood Pond, he stated there is an issue with eco-restoration which is the result of the geese feces in the pond, and that until you can remove the geese, the pond will continue with this issue.

On motion by Councillor Lopes and seconded by Councillor Morad, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council to Grant a ONE-YEAR WAIVER OF RESIDENCY for BRUCE HEBBEL, who is in consideration for the position of Environmental Project Manager for the Department of Environmental Stewardship, who currently resides in Marion, MA. This motion passed on a voice vote.

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Notice, City Clerk of reference of a COMMUNICATION, City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council, on behalf of **Pedro A. Medeiros, 1629 Padanaram Avenue, New Bedford, MA 02744, d/b/a PETER'S BUS, INC., 1629 Padanaram Avenue, New Bedford, MA 02744**, hereby submits a copy of the Application requesting a **RENEWAL of a PRIVATE LIVERY LICENSE**, to carry passengers for hire over the streets of New Bedford (**Current License expired 09/14/18**) (Ref'd 11/20/19) was received and placed on file by Councillor Morad and seconded by Councillor Carney. (2)

Pedro A. Medeiros was not present.

On motion by Councillor Abreu and seconded by Councillor Lima, the Committee VOTED: To table this matter at this time. This motion passed on a voice vote.

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COMMUNICATION, City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council, to City Council, on behalf of **Albert Williams III, 1 Deerfield Lane, Fairhaven, MA 02719 d/b/a ELITE TRANSPORTATION, INC., 1 Deerfield Lane, Fairhaven, MA 02719**, hereby submitting a copy of the Application requesting a **NEW PRIVATE LIVERY LICENSE** to carry passengers for hire over the streets of New Bedford (Ref'd 1/10/19) was received and placed on file by Councillor Lopes and seconded by Councillor Carney. (3)

Albert Williams, III, Fairhaven, MA was present and answered questions from the Committee. Councillor Markey asked Mr. Williams about his operation. He told the Committee that he has a transit business in Fairhaven; he does medical transportation and is contracted with GATRA. He owns and operates fifteen (15) vehicles which will be parked at his Fairhaven property.

Councillor Morad asked Mr. Williams how long he has been in business and she was told twenty-five (25) years. The hours of operation are Monday-Friday, 5 am to 5 pm; Saturday until noon and Sunday until 10 am. Fairhaven is the only other place he currently has his business.

On motion by Councillor Gomes and seconded by Councillor Markey, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council APPROVAL on behalf of **Albert Williams III, 1 Deerfield Lane, Fairhaven, MA 02719 d/b/a ELITE TRANSPORTATION, INC., 1 Deerfield Lane, Fairhaven, MA 02719**, of the Application for a **NEW PRIVATE LIVERY LICENSE** to carry passengers for hire over the streets of New Bedford. This motion passed on a voice vote.

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Notice, City Clerk of reference of a COMMUNICATION, City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council, to City Council, on behalf of **Victor Garcia, 18 Walker Street, Apt 2W, New Bedford, MA 02746 d/b/a Victor Garcia, 18 Walker Street, Apt 2W, New Bedford, MA 02746**, hereby submitting a copy of the Application requesting a **NEW PRIVATE LIVERY LICENSE** to carry passengers for hire over the streets of New Bedford (Ref'd 1/24/19) was received and placed on file by Councillor Morad and seconded by Councillor Lima. (4)

Victor Garcia was not present at the meeting.

On motion by Councillor Abreu and seconded by Councillor Rebeiro, the Committee VOTED: To table this matter at this time. This motion passed on a voice vote.

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Councillor Morad asked that the applicants on the two tabled items be called and asked if they were still interested in receiving their licenses and inform them of the next meeting.

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

This meeting adjourned @ 7:13 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Denis Lawrence, Jr.,  
Clerk of Committees