



Appointments and Briefings

April 20, 2017 – 7:00 PM – **Revised Agenda**
Chambers of the City Council, Room 214

1. Written Motion, Council President Gomes, requesting, that the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (DOT), meet with the Committee on Appointments and Briefings, for the purpose of discussing replacing the signage along Route 18 North and South, which has become old and has sustained reflective deterioration especially in the nighttime hours; and further, to also discuss possible signage changes that would announce attractions, placed at main intersections along with the present directions on the signage; and further, that our State Representative for that area be requested to attend said meeting along with a representative from the Mayor's Administration. (Ref'd 5/14/15) (10/28/15-tabled)

INVITEES: State Representative Antonio F. D. Cabral; Mary-Joe Perry, District Highway Director, District 5, Massachusetts Department of Transportation; State Representative William M. Straus; Representative, Mayor's Office

2. Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, requesting, that the Committee on Appointments and Briefings meet with Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) for the purpose of discussing the immediate action to be taken on Exit 15 Downtown New Bedford, on both Exits off of 195, east and west; and further, immediate action has to be taken on both these exits due to the present conditions, this is not the first time the issue of these two exits have been addressed, they have been in deplorable condition for some time; and further, these are the exits that welcome you to the City of New Bedford, also requesting that MassDOT fix all the lights on North Front Street, between Kenyon Street and Cedar Grove Street, on Belleville Avenue, between Kenyon Street and Cedar Grove Street located on the support wall under 195 east and west, on Logan Street, between Acushnet Avenue and Purchase Street, located on the support wall under Rt. 18, north and south of JFK Memorial Highway, these areas are very dark and are the responsibility of the MassDOT. (To be Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings, with a request that a letter be sent to Massachusetts Department of Transportation (DOT). (Ref'd 10/13/16)

INVITEES: Mary-Joe Perry, District Highway Director, District 5, Massachusetts Department of Transportation

3. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of CAROL PIMENTAL, New Bedford, MA to the NEW BEDFORD HOUSING AUTHORITY, replacing Cynthia Edwards, whose term has expired; this term will expire December 2021. (Ref'd 3/23/17)

INVITEES: Cynthia Edwards; Carol Pimental; Representative, Mayor's Office

4. Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, requesting, an increase in Police patrols especially on weekends in Hazelwood Park, on the West Beach side of the park due to the amount of complaints from residents from the south and north side abutting the park of drug activity, inappropriate activity, including persons openly urinating on residential properties; and further, that the Police Chief consider using motorcycle Police patrols in these Park areas due to the fact that motorcycle patrols can get through the whole entire park; and further, that the Department of Parks, Recreation and Beaches consider putting up signage on both sides of the park reminding visitors of the rules and regulations of our City Parks. (To be Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings, Police Chief Cordeiro and the Department of Parks, Recreation and Beaches.) (Ref'd 8/18/16) (9/8/16-returned unsigned by the Mayor) (3/13/17-Follow Recommended Action, letters sent)

INVITEES: Joseph Cordeiro, Chief of Police; Mary Rapoza, Director of Parks Recreation and Beaches

5. Written Motion, Councillor Bousquet and Council President Morad, requesting, that Den DeMarinis, Chairperson of the Commission for Citizens with Disabilities and Cynthia Wallquist, Director of the Department of Community Services, appear before the Committee on Appointments and Briefings to provide an overview of the projects and initiatives the Commission is currently undertaking. (Ref'd 8/18/16) (3/13/17-tabled)

INVITEES: Den DeMarinis, Chairperson of the Commission for Citizens with Disabilities; Cynthia Wallquist, Director of the Department of Community Services

6. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting that Mr. Dennis Galvam or a Representative of NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy, come before the Committee on Appointments and Briefings to explain to the Council and City Residents the high cost of delivery charges appearing on the electrical bills and their request to the State Regulators for a rate increase. (To be Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings.) (Ref'd 3/9/17)

INVITEES: Dennis Galvam, Representative, NSTAR Electric Company / Eversource Energy