



Appointments and Briefings

June 15, 2017 – 7:00 PM – **Agenda**
Chambers of the City Council, Room 214

1. Citizen's Input Time – Not to exceed the first thirty (30) minutes of the meeting.
 - 1a. Brenda Pires, 82 North Street, New Bedford, MA 02740, speaking on vacant properties in the City and greater utilization of our City Parks

INVITEES: Brenda Pires

2. PUBLIC HEARING, on APPLICATION, Martha Perez, D/B/A Ebenezer Auto Tires & Mechanic Shop, for a SPECIAL PERMIT for Motor Vehicle Sales & Rentals and General Repairs at 1519 Purchase Street, New Bedford, MA 02740. (Duly advertised in The Standard-Times on Thursday, June 1, 2017 and Thursday, June 8, 2017.) (Ref'd 5/9/17)

INVITEES: DIS Commissioner Danny Romanowicz; Martha Perez, Applicant; Abutters

3. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of MANUEL DEBRITO, JR., New Bedford, MA, 02740, to the ELECTION COMMISSION; Mr. DeBrito will be replacing Celeste Paleologos whose term has expired; term will expire April 2021. (Ref'd 5/23/17)

INVITEES: Manuel DeBrito, Jr.

4. RELATED MOTION, Councillor Carney, requesting, that the Personnel Director, Sandy Vezina, meet with the Committee on Appointments and Briefings to inform the Committee Members of the City of New Bedford's hiring practices. (*Related to a Residency Waiver Request*) (Ref'd 10/27/16)

INVITEES: Sandra Vezina, Personnel Director

5. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Abreu, Winterson, Gomes, Lopes and Martins, requesting that Representatives from both Eversource Energy and Spectra Energy come before the Committee on Appointments and Briefings to discuss both the potential economic and social impact the Acushnet LNG Proposal would have on not only New Bedford, but on the surrounding communities as well, since Representatives of the "Southcoast Neighbors United" came before this body and the local media recently to voice their opposition of this project, it is only fair, in the spirit of full transparency, that the Committee invite the proponents of the project as well. (To be Referred to the Committee on Appointments & Briefings, Dennis D. Galvam, Manager of Community Relations & Economic Development for Eversource Energy and Representatives from Spectra Energy) (Ref'd 4/28/16) (5/22/17-tabled 30 days)

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

6. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting, that the Committee on Appointments and Briefings meet with the CEO or Director of CleanSlate Addiction Treatment Center, 92 Grape Street, to discuss neighborhood concerns and security issues around the facility, due to the number of complaints about illegal activity and sales on the premises; and further, that if the Management and Security cannot control what is going on at this facility, that the City request a Police Detail during business hours. (Ref'd 3/23/17)

INVITEES: Brian Coonan, Area Manager, CleanSlate Addiction Treatment Center, New Bedford Location

7. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Coelho, requesting, that a representative from the Department of Facilities and Fleet Management appear before the Committee on Appointments and Briefings to update Committee members on the City's residential and commercial waste collection schedule. (To be Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings.) (Ref'd 2/23/17)

INVITEES: Kenneth F. Blanchard, Director, Department of Facilities and Fleet Management

Chairman Suggests 'No Further Action'

8. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Lopes, requesting that the City of New Bedford and the Office of Labor Relations begin a discussion with the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), so that the City of New Bedford can begin the Municipal Equality Index (MEI) process of self-submission, by which any City can submit themselves to be rated by The Human Rights Campaign, the Municipal Equality Index examines the laws, policies, and services of Municipalities across the Country and rates them on the basis of their inclusivity of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender LGBT community. (Ref'd 05/28/15) (4/12/16-tabled 6 months)
9. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Bousquet, requesting that the Health Director Dr. Brenda Weis, appear before the Committee on Appointments and Briefings to provide the Committee with an update on the Hoarding Task Force activities. (Ref'd 8/18/16)
10. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting, that the City revitalize the park located on the Southwest corner of Hillman Street and Ash Street, refurbishing the basketball court, installing new hoops and backboards, new swings, a fun slide, park benches, fencing, lighting, trees, and of course, the installation of an American flag pole. (To be Referred to the Department of Public Infrastructure, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Beaches and the Department of Planning, Housing and Community Development.) (Ref'd 8/18/16) (9/8/16-returned unsigned by the Mayor)

Chairman Suggests 'Follow Recommended Action'

11. WRITTEN MOTION, Council President Gomes, requesting, that the Committee on Appointments and Briefings, meet with all Veteran agencies that are presently utilizing the Waldron Barracks to provide services to the Veterans of the Greater New Bedford area; and further that all Veteran agencies provide the City Council's Committee on Appointments and Briefings with paperwork for the assistance they provided to Veterans along with the name of the Commanding Officer for each agency of service, that provide Veterans services out of this location. (Ref'd 11/12/15)
12. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Rebeiro, requesting that a representative from DPI come before the Committee on Appointments and Briefings, to explain the dissemination of salt throughout the City for the upcoming winter. (Ref'd 11/22/16)

Chairman Suggests 'Receive and Place on File'

13. COMMUNICATION, Council President Lopes, submitting a letter from Joe Vinagre, owner of Hawthorn Florist and Gift Shop, 87 Dartmouth Street, regarding parking issues in front of said business. (To be Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings.) (Ref'd 5/23/17)