



Appointments and Briefings

August 24, 2017 – 7:00 PM – **Agenda**
Chambers of the City Council, Room 214

1. PUBLIC HEARING on a COMMUNICATION/DEMOLITION New Bedford Historical Commission, to City Council, re: BUILDING DEMOLITION REVIEW OF 899 PLEASANT STREET, (MAP 58/LOT 302), a Circa 1876 Carriage House – advising that “the Humphrey House and its carriage house are contributing resources within the North Bedford National Register District; the carriage house is a rare surviving outbuilding from the period in which prominent citizens built their homes just outside the village center and it also reflects the transition of the North Bedford District from an area of large estates to an area of mixed business and residential uses; because these buildings’ original purpose is now obsolete, these structures are prone particularly to neglect and demolition; the proposed reuse of this vacant property would introduce professional offices in this area of the City which the Master Plan identifies as a commercial corridor, one particularly visible from a Downtown gateway area, due to the site’s high visibility, the retention and preservation of the carriage house would provide a more attractive and historically authentic streetscape for visitors and neighboring residents; to accommodate the City’s parking requirements, the carriage house necessitates removal or relocation; the Commission encourages the applicant to pursue the initial submitted plan to the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals which demonstrated the relocation of the carriage house and its adaptive reuse as a separate office space, and furthermore to consider the available option from the Planning Board to seek a Special Permit which would allow a reduction in the parking requirement, if according to the Ordinance, the Board “finds that the reduction is not inconsistent with public health and safety, or that the reduction promotes a public benefit.”, “in light of these findings, the New Bedford Historical Commission has determined that the structure at 899 Pleasant Street is a historically significant and a Preferably Preserved structure.” (Ref’d 7/20/17)
 - 1a. COMMUNICATION, Mr. Michael Josek, Architectural Consulting Group, agent for the project at 899 Pleasant Street, to Council President Lopes, regarding the Demolition Review of 899 Pleasant Street on the July 20, 2017 City Council Agenda. (To be Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings; Copy all Councillors 07/19/2017.) (Ref’d 7/20/17)
 - 1b. RELATED MOTION, Councillor Morad, requesting, that the Chairperson of the Historical Commission provide to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings the documentation that was supplied to members of the Historical Commission for their consideration related to the demolition petition of 899 Pleasant Street and that a draft of the July 10, 2017 minutes be provided to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings; and further, that both these requests for information be supplied within the next fourteen (14) days. (Ref’d 7/20/17)
 - 1c. COMMUNICATION, New Bedford Historical Commission to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings, submitting the requested documentation supplied to the Historical Commission members related to their consideration of a demolition request for 899 Pleasant Street (Map 58 Lot 302). (Copy all Councillors 7/31/2017) (Ref’d 7/27/2017)

INVITEES: Dr. Mofteh El-Ghadi, 899 Pleasant Street LLC, Property Owner; New Bedford Historical Commission Chairperson Diana Henry; Michael Josefek, Architectural Consulting Group, Inc., Property Owner Agent; Preservation Planner Anne Louro; DIS Commissioner, Danny Romanowicz; Planning and Community Development Director Patrick J. Sullivan; Abutters

2. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of JILL MARIE USSACH, New Bedford, MA, to the Cemetery Board, replacing Martha Crowley who has resigned; this term will expire December 2018. (Ref'd 7/20/17)
INVITEES: Jill Marie Ussach
3. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of MELISSA BRANCO, New Bedford, MA to the COMMISSION FOR CITIZENS WITH DISABILITIES, replacing Kimberly Bettencourt whose term has expired; this term will expire May 2020. (Ref'd 7/20/17)
INVITEES: Melissa Branco
4. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of PETER BLANCHARD, New Bedford, MA to the CONSERVATION COMMISSION, replacing Robert Morris whose term has expired; this term will expire April 2018. (Ref'd 7/20/17)
INVITEES: Peter Blanchard
5. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of ALEXANDER JARDIN, New Bedford, MA, as an Alternate Member to the HISTORICAL COMMISSION, replacing Elsie Souza whose term has expired in February 1998 and has moved to Florida; this term will expire February 2019. (Ref'd 7/20/17)
INVITEES: Alexander Jardin
6. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of MARCUS CHUMACK, New Bedford, MA to the HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION, replacing Robert Schilling whose term has expired; this term will expire December 2019. (Ref'd 7/20/17)
INVITEES: Marcus Chumack
7. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of BETHANY FAUTEUX, New Bedford, MA, to the HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION, replacing Irma Perez, whose term has expired; this term will expire April 2019. (Ref'd 7/20/17)
INVITEES: Bethany Fauteux
8. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of PATRICK E. ROGERS, New Bedford, MA to the WATER BOARD, replacing Richard Emken whose term has expired; this term will expire April 2018. (Ref'd 7/20/17)
INVITEES: Patrick E. Rogers
9. COMMUNICATION, City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council, to City Council, on behalf of **Rene A. Depina Dos Reis, 813 Belleville Avenue, New Bedford, MA 02745** and **Liberio DeMelo, 70 Sharp Street, Dartmouth, MA 02747, d/b/a B & R TRANSPORTATION, INC., 303 Coggeshall Street, New Bedford, MA 02740**, hereby submits a copy of the Application requesting a **RENEWAL OF A PRIVATE LIVERY LICENSE**, under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 159A, Section 1, and amendments thereto, and M.G.L. Chapter 270, Section 22 (Smoke Free Workplace Law) and all other laws applicable to such operation to carry passengers for hire over the streets of New Bedford. (**Current License expires July 21, 2017.**) (Ref'd 7/20/17)
INVITEES: Liberio DeMelo, Applicant; Rene A. Depina Dos Reis, Applicant
10. PETITION, **Kevin Sousa, 67 James H. Luther Drive, Taunton, MA 02780 d/b/a GAMES TO GOLD, 105 Nauset Street, New Bedford, MA 02746**, requesting that he be granted a Waiver of Residency in accordance with Section 15-18 of the City Code, to obtain a **LICENSE TO DEAL IN JUNK, OLD METALS OR ANY OTHER SECOND HAND ARTICLES**. (Ref'd 6/8/17) (7/24/17-tabled and letter sent to Mr. Sousa informing

him this matter will be placed on a future agenda one more time and if he does not attend, the Committee will take 'No Further Action' on this matter)

INVITEES: Kevin Sousa, Petitioner

Chairman Suggests 'No Further Action'

11. Citizen's Input Time – Not to exceed the first thirty (30) minutes of the meeting.
 - 11a. Brenda Pires, 82 North Street, New Bedford, MA 02740, speaking on vacant properties in the City and greater utilization of our City Parks. (Ref'd 6/15/17) (6/15/17-tabled)

Chairman Suggests 'No Further Action' and 'Report Out to the Full City Council'

12. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of POLICE CHIEF JOSEPH CORDEIRO as HARBORMASTER for a term of five (5) years in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 109 of the Acts of 2014; and requesting a WAIVER OF RESIDENCY as required under Chapter 109. (CHARTER RULED by Council President Lopes - March 9, 2017.) (Ref'd 3/23/17)
13. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the REAPPOINTMENT of LINDA ROSS, New Bedford, MA, to the ELECTION COMMISSION; this term will expire April 2021. (Ref'd 7/20/17)
- 13a. COMMUNICATION, Maria Tomasia, Chairperson, Board of Election Commissioners to Mayor Mitchell, regarding the attendance record for Linda Ross. (Copy all Councillors 06/27/2017.) (Ref'd 7/20/17)
14. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Abreu, Carney, Gomes, Council President Lopes, Councillors Martins, Morad, Oliveira and Winterson, requesting, once again, that Park Board Chairperson, Peter Boswell and Director of Parks, Recreation and Beaches, Mary Rapoza, appear before the Committee on Appointments and Briefings to address the status of the Military Museum and the alleged rumor that the Park Department is considering charging the Military Museum a rental fee for the building. (To be Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings.) (Ref'd 1/12/17)