



Committee on Finance

June 20, 2017 – 7:00 PM – **Agenda**

Chambers of the City Council, Room 214

1. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, requesting, on behalf of the New Bedford School Committee, the renewal of a second one-year option on all New Bedford School bus contracts for authorization to ratify the extension of said contracts. (Ref'd 5/23/17)

1a. RELATED MOTION, Councillor Morad, requesting that the School Committee supply to the Committee on Finance a copy of each school bus contract for which the renewal of a one-year option is being requested. (Ref'd 5/23/17)

INVITEES: Pia Durkin, Superintendent, New Bedford Public Schools; Jack Livramento, Transportation Chairman, New Bedford School Committee; Andrew O'Leary, Business Manager, New Bedford Public Schools; Jeffrey Tatro, Transportation Supervisor, New Bedford Public Schools

2. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER that the City accept M.G.L. c.40, §13E, which authorizes a Special Education Reserve Fund to pay for unanticipated or unbudgeted costs for special education, out-of-district tuition or transportation. (Ref'd 6/8/17)

2a. AN ORDER,

INVITEES: Pia Durkin, Superintendent, New Bedford Public Schools; Dr. Lawrence Finnerty, Vice Chairperson, New Bedford School Committee; Andrew O'Leary, Business Manager, New Bedford Public Schools

3. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$620,000.00 from POLICE SALARIES AND WAGES in the amount of \$550,000.00 AND FACILITIES AND FLEET SALARIES AND WAGES in the amount of \$70,000.00, to FIRE SALARIES AND WAGES. (Ref'd 5/23/17)

3a. AN ORDER,

INVITEES: Kenneth Blanchard, DFFM Commissioner; Joseph Cordeiro, Chief, New Bedford Police Department; Michael Gomes, Chief, New Bedford Fire Department; Ari Sky, CFO

4. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting a SIX-MONTH WAIVER OF RESIDENCY for Ryan DeCoste, Raynham, as DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT and place Mr. DeCoste at Grade 10, Step 6 with a salary of \$68,650.00. (Ref'd 5/11/17)

INVITEES: Michael Gomes, Chief, New Bedford Fire Department; Ari Sky, CFO; Sandra Vezina, Director of Personnel

5. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$180,000.00 from FREE CASH to GENERAL GOVERNMENT UNCLASSIFIED – RESERVE FOR APPROPRIATION. (Ref'd 4/27/17) (5/16/17-motion for adoption FAILED yeas 5, nays 4, with Councillors Martins, Morad, Rebeiro and Winterson opposed.)

5a. AN ORDER,

INVITEES: Ari Sky, CFO; Sandra Vezina, Director of Personnel

6. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Morad, requesting, that CFO Ari Sky provide the Committee on Finance the total financial obligation of the City of New Bedford for payment of utilities, to include "Gas, Electric Water,

Sewage etc." as detailed in the Zeiterion Theater contract, as well as any additional charges that were paid by the City of New Bedford, in addition to the \$210,000 Annual Contract Compensation, the request for this information should cover the period of FY 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 to date. (To be Referred to the Committee on Finance.) (Ref'd 6/8/17)

INVITEES: Ari Sky, CFO

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

7. Written Motion, Councillor Bousquet, requesting that the City Council look into establishing a revolving fund for the Department of Parks and Recreation and Beaches, in order to manage the care and maintenance of the proposed Dog Park in the City of New Bedford. (To be Referred to the Committee on Finance) (Ref'd 7/16/15) (Tabled - 8/19/15; 9/9/15; 2/24/16) (5/16/17-No Further Action)
8. COMMUNICATION, City Solicitor Mikaela A. McDermott, to City Council, providing an overview of how the funds in the Judgments, Claims and Settlements line item in the General Government Unclassified account have been spent thus far in FY17; and an overview of the claims and litigation currently pending against the City and finally an estimate of how much additional funding will be needed for Judgment/Claims/Settlements line item for the remainder of FY17. (Copy all Councillors 01/27/2017.) (Ref'd 2/23/17) (5/16/17-No Further Action)