



Memorials & Dedications

June 27, 2017 – 6:30 PM - **Agenda**

City Hall, 133 William Street, Councillor William Saltzman Antechamber,
Room 213, Municipal Building

1. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Carney and Abreu, on behalf of Arthur Garty, Steven Peters, Lee Vulgaris, and Dennis Maniatis, members of the Greek Veterans Memorial Committee, requesting that the City designate an area in Clasky Common Park on the west corner of Pearl and Pleasant Streets to place a Veteran's Memorial monument honoring the Greek American War Veterans. (To be Referred to the Special Committee on Memorial and Dedications, Board of Park Commissioners; and that the Greek Veterans Committee, Christopher Gomes Veterans Agent, and Mary Rapoza, Director of Parks, Recreation and Beaches be invited to said meeting.) (Ref'd 11/10/16) (11/30/16-returned unsigned by the Mayor)

INVITEES: Arthur Garty, Member, Greek Veterans Memorial Committee; Christopher Gomes, Director & Veterans' Agent, Veterans' Services; Dennis Maniatis, Member, Greek Veterans Memorial Committee; Steven Peters, Member, Greek Veterans Memorial Committee; Mary Rapoza, Director, Parks, Recreation and Beaches; Lee Vulgaris, Member, Greek Veterans Memorial Committee

2. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, Alves, Carney, Bousquet, Coelho, Council President Lopes, Martins, Morad, Oliveira and Winterson, requesting that the Special Committee on Memorials and Dedications look into establishing a permanent memorial honoring the late Fernando Garcia, longtime community activist, philanthropist and businessman whose commitment to local education and to Bristol Community College made a lasting impact on the Greater New Bedford area. (Ref'd 6/12/14) (2/22/17-tabled)
3. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting, that the City Council go on record in support of sending a letter to Congressman William Keating and the National Park Service, requesting that the Federal Government designate Ft. Taber Park as a National Veterans Memorial Park. (Ref'd 9/23/14)

INVITEES: Representative, Congressman Keating's Office

4. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting that the Special Committee on Memorials and Dedications meet with the Administration for the purpose of discussing a suitable site for a Memorial honoring the late Senator Edward M. Kennedy, for his 47 Years of Service of Dedication and Representation to our Country, Commonwealth and our City while serving in the United States Senate, seeing that Senator Kennedy's ties to the City of New Bedford were infused by his many actions to help this City and its Citizens and the people who were dedicated to and supported the Senator; further, in this Councillor's opinion, a suitable location for a dedication would be the completion of the hurricane dike walkway reflecting the late Senator's love for the City, and for the ocean; further that this recommendation be forwarded to the Special Committee on Memorials and Dedications to work with the Army Corps of Engineers; and further requesting that, if the hurricane dike walkway is not feasible, then the Committee, along with the Administration, look for another location to memorialize the late Senator Edward M. Kennedy. (Ref'd 9/10/09; 5/22/12-tabled, letters mailed; 5/20/13-tabled until we get federal approval confirmation to build this memorial in the Whaling National Historic Park; 9/15/14 - tabled)

INVITEES: Christina Connelly, Representative, Mayor's Office

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

5. Written Motion, Councillors Coelho, Gonsalves, Duarte, Bousquet, Lopes, and Oliveira, requesting, that the City Council move to establish a "Wall of Remembrance" at City Hall in honor of deceased City activists who throughout their lives made an attempt to better the lives of their fellow Citizens and improve the quality of life in

New Bedford, that their efforts and the work they did be recognized and honored. (Ref'd 1/12/12; 7/30/14 – letter, tabled)