

REGULAR MEETING

Chambers of the City Council

Thursday, February 08, 2018

CITY COUNCIL

Municipal Building

7:01 p.m.

PRESENT: Council President Morad, Councillors Abreu, Dunn, Carney, Coelho, Giesta, Gomes, Markey, Lima, Lopes and Rebeiro

LATE: No One

ABSENT: No One

Council President Linda M. Morad called the meeting to order and presided.

Prayer Led By: Reverend Doug Cedarburg of Pilgrim United Church of Christ.

Councillor Giesta led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

HEARING, on NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for location of six (6) 4" Conduits, one (1) 6'x10'x8' Manhole and one (1) 5'x7'6'5" Manhole in UNION STREET, West of Pleasant Street.

Hearing Held.

Petition placed on file. (#0128)

AN ORDER,

Adopted and ordered in Book of Location Order Records.

Presented to the Mayor for approval February 12, 2018.

Approved February 14, 2018. (#0129)

HEARING, on NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for location of two (2) 4" Conduits and one (1) 6'x10'x6' Manhole in UNION STREET, East of Acushnet Avenue. (**139 Union Street**)

Hearing Held.

Petition placed on file. (#0130)

AN ORDER,

Adopted and ordered in Book of Location Order Records.

Presented to the Mayor for approval February 12, 2018.

Approved February 14, 2018. (#0131)

COMMUNICATION, Deputy DPI Commissioner Manuel H. Silva, to Right of Way Agent, Eversource, Donna Rosa granting approval for the advance request submitted by Eversource Energy for work to be done at 139 Union Street, acknowledges the time-sensitivity of this project and will permit work to conduct at the specified location

HEARING, on NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for location of two (2) 4" Conduits in POTTER STREET, West of Turner Street.

Hearing held.

Petition placed on file. (#0136)

AN ORDER,

Adopted and ordered in Book of Location Order Records.

Presented to the Mayor for approval February 12, 2018.

Approved February 14, 2018. (#0137)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting RFP and two responses for Purchase of Real Property for the South Public Safety Center and an ORDER requesting the Committee on City Property ratify the RFP process, select the preferred site, commission an appraisal and provide direction regarding Purchase and Sales Agreement.

Referred to the Committee on City Property. (#0138)

City of New Bedford's Request for Proposals for the Purchase of Real Property,

Referred to the Committee on City Property. (#0139)

PROPOSAL – Ahmet F. Dirican, President, Peacefully at Home Wellness and Health, Inc submitting a proposal for a parcel of land at 890 Brock Avenue – Map 15, Lot 154.

Referred to the Committee on City Property. (#0140)

PROPOSAL – John E. Williams, Manager, Clark's Cove Development Co., LLC, submitting a proposal for parcels of land the ES Bolton Street and WS Orchard Street – Map 19, Lot 1 and Map 23, Lots 295, 158 and 294.

Referred to the Committee on City Property. (#0141)

AN ORDER, requesting the Committee on City Property ratify the RFP process, select the preferred site, commission an appraisal and provide direction regarding Purchase and Sales Agreement.

Referred to the Committee on City Property. (#0142)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell to City Council, submitting AN ORDER, disclosing of Michael Watson, Principal, Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School of his employment with Southeastern Massachusetts Educational Collaborative as a teacher in the Sheltered English Immersion Program.

Received and Placed on file. (#0143)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell to City Council, submitting a request from PACE, Inc to enter into a long-term lease agreement with the City for 32 Madison Street, the former T.A. Greene School, now the home of PACE's Head Start child care program.

Referred to the Committee on City Property. (#0147)

RELATED MOTION, Councillor Rebeiro requesting that the Administration and the Committee on City Property take any and every action to keep PACE Head Start Child Care Program at their current location, 32 Madison Street, the former T.A. Greene School, this program serves children throughout New Bedford and is an wonderful asset to have in the area.

Referred to the committee on City Property. (#0148)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell to City Council, submitting a SEWER ABATEMENT REQUEST for Ana Mourao, 366 Church Street, New Bedford, MA, in the amount of \$140.36.

Abatement Granted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval February 12, 2018.

Approved February 14, 2018. (#0149)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell to City Council, submitting a ONE-YEAR WAIVER OF RESIDENCY for PHILLIP STANLEY, Marion, MA as a Plumbing/Gas Inspector under the General Building Fund in the Department of Inspectional Services.

One – Year Waiver of Residency Granted – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

Presented to the Mayor for approval February 12, 2018.

Approved February 14, 2018. (#0150)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting a ONE-YEAR WAIVER OF RESIDENCY for SEAN SILVA, Marketing Assistant at the Buttonwood Park Zoo, who currently lives in Acushnet, MA; Mr. Silva, has been employed by the zoo since March 2017.

One-Year Waiver of Residency Granted – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

Presented to the Mayor for approval February 12, 2018.

Approved February 14, 2018. (#0151)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting a ONE-YEAR WAIVER OF RESIDENCY for WILLIAM SHURTLEFF, Carpenter and Tradesman for the Department of Facilities and Fleet Management, who currently lives in Dartmouth, MA.

One-Year Waiver of Residency Granted – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

Presented to the Mayor for approval February 12, 2018.

Approved February 14, 2018. (#0152)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of CHRISTOPHER A.

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Lima and Morad, on behalf of Eduardo and Natalie Guilherme, requesting that the Traffic Commission consider the installation of Loading Zone signage in front of 45 Bay Street. (To be Referred to the Traffic Commission.)

Referred to the Traffic Commission. (#0155)

COMMUNICATION, Councillors Lima and Morad, submitting a copy of a Traffic Commission petition requesting the installation of Loading Zone signage in front of 45 Bay Street. (To be Referred to the Traffic Commission.)

Referred to the Traffic Commission. (#0156)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Gomes, Lopes and Morad, requesting, that the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods meet with *Erik Rousseu*, SRTA Bus Management, *Sgt. Scott Liberty and Scott Downing*, Traffic Commission, to discuss the possibility of re-routing the Ft. Rodman bus route that is presently traveling south on Brock Avenue, west on Portland Street to East Rodney French Boulevard to South Rodney French Boulevard, then back onto Brock Avenue north, this route has been implemented due to the fact that the UMASS entrance is where the bus used to take a U-turn and proceed north on Brock Avenue; and further, requesting that SRTA use an alternate route other than traveling through a residential area such as Portland Street, the alternate route being requested is that the Fort Rodman bus travel south to the University of Massachusetts, take a left onto South Rodney French to the entrance of Fort Taber, where a bus stop sign will be placed at the corner of South Rodney French Boulevard and West Rodney French Boulevard, southwest corner, then make a U-turn back east to Brock Avenue north; this alternative route would not only eliminate the Portland Street residential area, but also give an opportunity for bus transportation to bring people right to the gate of Fort Taber; and further, that a letter be sent to SRTA Bus Management requesting the alternative route.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods as Amended. (#0157)

PETITION, **Joao P. Gomes, 24 Fitch Terrace, Randolph, MA 02368 d/b/a TOO GOOD TO PASS CONSIGNMENT, 1670 Acushnet Avenue, 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.**

Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings. (#0158)

COMMUNICATION, City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council, to City Council, on behalf of **JOSEPH VARGAS, 60 Highland Drive, Centerville, MA, 02672 d/b/a AIRPORT TAXI LLP, 730 Barnstable Road, Hyannis, MA, 02601**, hereby submits a copy of the Application requesting a **RENEWAL of a Private Livery License**, under the provisions of M.G.L. 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 expired 01/12/2018.)**

Livery License Renewal Granted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval February 12, 2018.

Approved February 14, 2018.

(#0159)

CITATION, Councillor Gomes, honoring CAPTAIN RICARD REZENDES, New Bedford Police Department, in recognition of his promotion within the New Bedford Police Department and his commitment to protect and serve the Citizens of New Bedford.

Adopted, to be presented at a later date. (#0163)

COMMUNICATION, Council President Morad submitting a copy of a letter addressed to Clube Madeirense S.S. Sacramento, Inc., thanking the Members for the invitation to the Installation of Officers Banquet held on January 27, 2018.

Received and Placed on File. (#0164)

COMMUNICATION, City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council, to the City Council, notifying that the Office of the City Clerk has received Meeting Minutes from the Zoning Board of Appeals for meetings held on September 28, and December 14, 2017; Community Preservation Committee for meetings held on November 28, and December 20, 2017; Board of Assessors for meetings held on January 19, and January 26, 2018.

Received and Placed on File. (#0165)

PETITION/INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, COMPLETE LABOR AND STAFFING, LLC, for Permission to Erect and Maintain a Projecting Sign at 256 Union Street, New Bedford, MA 02740. Provisionally Granted, subject to Approval of the Building Commissioner and subject to Ratification by Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval February 12, 2018.

Approved February 14, 2018. (#0166)

PETITION/INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, CHOCOLATE COM PIMENTA, for Permission to Erect and Maintain a Projecting, Illuminated Sign at 1277 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford, MA 02746. Provisionally Granted, subject to Approval of the Building Commissioner and subject to Ratification by Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval February 12, 2018.

Approved February 14, 2018. (#0167)

CONSTABLE BOND, ABEL C. LEITE, New Bedford, MA 02745 in the amount of \$5,000.00 with the Western Surety Company.

Approved.

Presented to the Mayor for approval February 12, 2018.

Approved February 14, 2018. (#0168)

ANNUAL REPORT, Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School, submitting a copy of the Annual Report for 2017.

Received and Placed on File. (#0169)

APPLICATION, **JLC Construction**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **28 Rockland Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on February 06, 2018, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval on February 12, 2018.

Approved February 14, 2018. (#0172)

APPLICATION, **JLC Construction**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **467 Mill Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on February 06, 2018, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval on February 12, 2018.

Approved February 14, 2018. (#0173)

APPLICATION, **Farland Corp. Inc.**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **Lantern Lane into Audrey Lane**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on January 29, 2018, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval on February 12, 2018.

Approved February 14, 2018. (#0174)

APPLICATION, **JLC Construction**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **28 Rockland Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on February 06, 2018, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval on February 12, 2018.

Approved February 14, 2018. (#0175)

APPLICATION, **JLC Construction**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **467 Mill Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on February 06, 2018, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval on February 12, 2018.

Approved February 14, 2018. (#0176)

APPLICATIONS, **Eversource Gas**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on February 06, 2018, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council as follows:

18 Clarendon Street (#0177)

223 Carroll Street (#0178)

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval February 12, 2018.

Approved February 14, 2018.

APPLICATIONS, **ABC Disposal Service**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on January 26, 2018, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council as follows:

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| 87 Willard Street | (#0180) |
| 85 Oaklawn Street | (#0181) |
| 67 Phillips Avenue | (#0182) |
| 774 Purchase Street | (#0183) |
| 106 Illinois Street | (#0184) |
| 54 Sunset Street | (#0185) |
| 30 Adams Street | (#0186) |

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval February 12, 2018.

Approved February 14, 2018.

On a motion, the Council then adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

ATTEST:

DENNIS W. FARIAS, CITY CLERK/
CLERK OF THE CITY COUNCIL