

COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS & BRIEFINGS – JUNE 12, 2018
MEETING @ 7:00 PM, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER – ROOM 214
AGENDA

1. **PETITION, Luisander Caraballo, 9 Vandewater Street, Providence, RI 02908 d/b/a DANNY’S APPLIANCE, 1502 Purchase Street, New Bedford, MA 02740**, requesting that he be granted a Waiver of Residency in accordance with Section 15-18 of the City Code, to obtain a **RENEWAL OF A PAWNBROKERS LICENSE and LICENSE TO DEAL IN JUNK, OLD METALS OR ANY OTHER SECOND HAND ARTICLES.** (Ref’d 5/8/18)

INVITEES: Luisander Caraballo, Petitioner

2. **COMMUNICATION, City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council, to City Council, on behalf of Antonia Cruz d/b/a TRANSPORTE LA TRIXITA, 89 Beetle Street, New Bedford, MA 02746**, hereby submitting a copy of the Application requesting a **NEW 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. (Ref’d 5/8/18)

INVITEES: Antonia Cruz, Applicant

3. **PUBLIC HEARING on an APPLICATION, Khalil Arsanios, D/B/A International Auto Repair, for a SPECIAL PERMIT for Motor Vehicle General Repair and Light Service at 308 Mill Street, New Bedford, MA 02740.** (Application Rec’d 5/23/18) (Duly advertised in The Standard-Times on Wednesday, May 30, 2018 and Wednesday, June 6, 2018.)

INVITEES: Khalil Arsanios, Applicant; David Gerwatowski, Legal Counsel Attorney; Danny Romanowicz, Commissioner, Department of Inspectional Services; Abutters

4. **PUBLIC HEARING on an APPLICATION, Mohammad A. Dadauch, for a SPECIAL PERMIT for Motor Vehicle Sales and Rentals at 297 Belleville Avenue, New Bedford, MA 02746.** (Application Rec’d 5/24/18) (Duly advertised in The Standard-Times on Wednesday, May 30, 2018 and Wednesday, June 6, 2018.)

INVITEES: Mohammad A. Dadauch, Applicant; David Gerwatowski, Legal Counsel Attorney; Danny Romanowicz, Commissioner, Department of Inspectional Services; Abutters

5. **WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Coelho, Lima, Carney, Giesta, Dunn, Lopes, Abreu, Gomes and Markey, requesting that Maria Rosario, Executive Director of the NorthStar Learning Centers, appear before the Committee on Appointments and Briefings to discuss the Learning Center’s programs and their application for CDBG monies for the construction of a new Childhood Program Center.** (To be Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings.) (Ref’d 5/8/18)

INVITEES: Maria A. Rosario, Executive Director, NorthStar Learning Centers

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

6. WRITTEN MOTION, Council President Gomes, requesting that the Director of Parks, Recreation and Beaches, Mary Rapoza, look into installing Expression Swings in parks throughout the City, the recreational swings allow parents and infants or young children to swing together face-to-face in one unit; and further, that we look at Community Development monies to assist in this project. (Ref'd 7/16/15) (9/30/15-send letter to Park Board asking them to fund 3 Game Time Swings for Buttonwood, Hazelwood and Fort Taber; send letter to Community Development to see if funding is available to help with purchase of such swings)
7. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting, that a letter be sent to the owner of the old HESS Gas Station or Speedway franchise located at the corner of Cove Road and Crapo Street, asking for immediate action as to what their intentions are for this location; and further, that City Solicitor McDermott begin the process of making sure that this company is held accountable for the deterioration and underground gas tanks and any other contaminants at said location; and further, that the Department of Inspectional Services and the Treasurer's office inform the City Council if there are any problems at this location or any taxes due. (To be Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings.) (Ref'd 11/10/16) (11/30/16-returned unsigned by the Mayor) (10/19/17-tabled; send letter to Angel Tommervik requesting a copy of the environmental plan; 10/23/17-response received via email, copy all Councillors via email 10/23/17)
8. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting, that the Committee on Appointments and Briefings meet with Derek Santos from New Bedford Economic Development Council, along with members of the Board of Park Commissioners and a representative of the Administration and Mass Development Council for the purposes of discussing the planned Business Park proposal for the Whaling City Golf Course; and further, that Mr. Santos provide the Council with a breakdown of how much this will cost the City to develop, what are the pros and cons with all the losses included, what will be the tax return, and more importantly, why wasn't this discussed on a City-wide basis before this decision was made, with those from the Board of Park Commissioners as well as the taxpayers of the City of New Bedford. (Ref'd 5/23/17)
9. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting, that as Amazon is looking to establish a second headquarters in Massachusetts that the Administration, the City Council and the Economic Development Council reach out to Amazon officials and their corporate office in a joint letter signed by all parties stating that the City of New Bedford, Massachusetts is ready and willing to negotiate with company officials the possibility of locating in the City; and further that company officials be invited to the City of New Bedford for seafood luncheon or dinner and a tour of the City and what we have to offer in making a home for Amazon in New Bedford. (Ref'd 9/14/17)
10. CITIZEN'S INPUT TIME – Not to exceed the first thirty (30) minutes of the meeting.
 - 10a. Theresa Holmes, P.O. Box 5519, speaking on Unsanitary Conditions at a Hathaway Road Hotel in New Bedford. (Ref'd 5/23/18) (5/23/18-tabled)

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