

CELEBRATION MEETING
Chambers of the City Council
Thursday, January 17, 2018

CITY COUNCIL
Municipal Building
7:01 p.m.

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

LATE: No One

ABSENT: No One

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

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

COMMUNICATION, Council President Morad, to City/Clerk of the City Council Dennis W. Farias, calling a SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL for THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., in CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SECOND FLOOR OF CITY HALL, for the celebration and awarding of official City Council Citations and Resolutions.

Received and Placed on File. (#0129)

CITATION, Councillor Gomes and Council President Morad, honoring ANNA PARKER, in recognition of the beautiful evergreen tree that she graciously donated to be dedicated as the 2018 official City Christmas Tree.

Adopted. (#0130)

CITATION, Councillors Carney, Gomes and Council President Morad, honoring KEN RESENDES and JOY TRUDEAU a/k/a Mr. and Mrs. Claus, in recognition of their continued commitment to the City of New Bedford's neighborhoods and for dedicating their time each Christmas to bring smiles and joy to so many children throughout the City.

Adopted. (#0131)

CITATION, Councillor Giesta, honoring JOE and MARIA FONTES, FONTES HOME IMPROVEMENTS, LLC, in recognition of being a New Bedford Business for 25 years.

Adopted. (#0132)

CITATIONS, Councillor Abreu, honoring MR. KEVIN AGRELLA and MR. IVAN BRODY, New Bedford Emergency Medical Services, in recognition of their life-saving measures in delivering a healthy baby girl in the back of their ambulance, en route to the hospital on Thursday, January 10, 2019.

TABLED. (#0133)

CITATION, Councillor Gomes, honoring DISTRICT CHIEF ROBERT FRATES, New Bedford Fire Department in recognition of his distinguished career and his Dedication and Commitment to the Citizens of New Bedford after 39 Years of Service.

TABLED. (#0134)

CITATION, Councillor Gomes, honoring CAPTAIN RICHARD SHEA, New Bedford Fire Department in recognition of his distinguished career and his Dedication and Commitment to the Citizens of New Bedford after 38 Years of Service.

TABLED. (#0135)

CITATION, Councillor Gomes, honoring FIREFIGHTER GARY VARGAS, New Bedford Fire Department in recognition of his distinguished career and his Dedication and Commitment to the Citizens of New Bedford after 23 Years of Service.

TABLED. (#0136)

The following resolution was presented by Council President Morad.

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
IN CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 17, 2019

RESOLUTION HONORING VICTORIA KALISZ MISS NEW BEDFORD OUTSTANDING TEEN – 2018

WHEREAS, Victoria Kalisz is a resident of Acushnet, Massachusetts, and is the daughter of Michael and Marlene Kalisz; and

WHEREAS, Victoria Kalisz, is currently in her Junior year at Fairhaven High School and is a member of the National Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, Victoria Kalisz is an active member of Fairhaven High School Drama Club; and

WHEREAS, Victoria Kalisz’ goal is to obtain an advanced degree in the medical sciences and become a Pediatric Physical Therapist or Radiologist; and

WHEREAS, Victoria Kalisz is the 8th young woman to hold the title of Miss New Bedford Outstanding Teen; and

WHEREAS, Victoria Kalisz, an accomplished dancer and vocalist was the 3rd Runner-up to Miss Massachusetts Outstanding Teen Pageant; and

WHEREAS, During her year as Miss New Bedford Outstanding Teen, Victoria Kalisz has made over 220 appearances; and

WHEREAS, Victoria Kalisz has served as a role model for young girls in the region choosing as her platform “Rise Up: You are Stronger than You Think”; and

WHEREAS, Victoria Kalisz, Miss New Bedford Outstanding Teen is a member of Voices in Time, a community service vocal performance group; and

WHEREAS, Victoria Kalisz volunteers weekly at the Boys and Girls Club of Greater New Bedford’s Art Program (this has become her passion/mission) and also volunteered for the Miss Inspirational Program; and

WHEREAS, Victoria Kalisz, Miss New Bedford Outstanding Teen 2018, created the first Tori Kalisz Courage Award:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the New Bedford City Council hereby honors **VICTORIA KALISZ, MISS NEW BEDFORD OUTSTANDING TEEN – 2018**, congratulates her on her many accomplishments and wishes her much luck and success in the future.

Adopted, to be presented at a later date. (#0137)

CITATION, Councillors, Lima, Gomes and Council President Morad, honoring the KENNEDY-DONOVAN CENTER, in recognition of their Special Education School Open House that was held on May 11, 2018. (TABLED - November 15, 2018.)

TABLED – November 15, 2018.
Removed from the Table and Adopted. (#1871)

CITATION, Councillor Rebeiro, honoring BRIAN RUDOLPH, Head Coach, in recognition of his dedication and leadership to the New Bedford High School Varsity Basketball Team and infusing the “Change the Culture” spirit to the school. (TABLED – May 17, 2018.)

TABLED – May 17, 2018.
Removed from the Table and Adopted. (#0788)

CITATION, Councillor Gomes, Council President Morad, Councillors Lopes, Coelho, Carney and Giesta, honoring JAMES G. DEMELLO, in recognition of his being selected as the Prince Henry Society Man of the Year – 2018. (TABLED – November 15, 2018.)

TABLED – May 17, 2018.
Removed from the Table and Adopted. (#1872)

On a motion, the Council then adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

ATTEST:

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