

NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

MEETING: COMMITTEE ON CITY PROPERTY
DATE: FEBRUARY 20, 2020
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROOM 214, MUNICIPAL BUILDING

PRESENT: COUNCILLORS WILLIAM BRAD MARKEY, CHAIRMAN; NAOMI CARNEY, VICE CHAIRPERSON; IAN ABREU; DEREK BAPTISTE; DEBORA COELHO; MARIA GIESTA; BRIAN GOMES; SCOTT LIMA

ABSENT: COUNCILLORS HUGH DUNN; JOSEPH LOPES; LINDA MORAD

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Councillor Markey called the City Property Committee Meeting to order and took attendance. The Clerk read Communications from Councillors Dunn, Lopes and Morad explaining their absences from this meeting. These Communications were received and placed on file by Councillor Coelho and seconded by Councillor Abreu.

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Notice, City Clerk of reference of a PUBLIC HEARING, CONTINUED, on AN ORDER for the Discontinuance of a portion of ANTONIO L. COSTA AVENUE. (01/23/2020 – Public Hearing Opened in Council) (01/23/2020 – Public Hearing Continued to the 02/20/2020 City Property Committee Meeting.) (Ref'd 01/23/2020) and a PUBLIC HEARING, CONTINUED, on AN ORDER for the Discontinuance of the remaining portion of JOAQUIM F. PINA AVENUE. (01/23/2020 – Public Hearing Opened in Council) (01/23/2020 – Public Hearing Continued to the 02/20/2020 City Property Committee Meeting.) (Ref'd 01/23/2020). (1, 2)

The Chair declared the Public Hearing open and asked Attorney Blair Bailey to address the Committee.

Attorney Bailey briefly reviewed with the Committee the history and reasoning behind leasing some of these properties and putting them out to bid with the hopes that these properties could then receive private investment and receive the repairs they need. Eastern Fisheries is one company that responded to a bid, but there is now a water main leak that is also affecting the adjacent properties. DPI is working to address the problem, but at this time, both the City and Eastern Fisheries request that this matter be Tabled until the issue can be resolved.

Councillor Gomes asked Attorney Bailey if there was a specific time frame that either the City or Eastern Fisheries are requesting. Attorney Bailey replied that they do not, at this time, know how long the repairs may take.

The Chair asked if anyone would like to speak in favor or be recorded in favor and there was no one.

The Chair asked if anyone would like to speak in opposition or be recorded in opposition, there was no one. The Chair declared the Hearing closed.

The Chair asked the Clerk to ensure that both Michael Livingstone and Attorney Bailey are invited back when this item returns to the agenda.

On motion by Councillor Gomes and seconded by Councillor Lima, the Committee VOTED: To table these matters at this time. This motion passed on a voice vote.

Councillor Abreu made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Councillor Giesta.

This meeting adjourned @ 7:13 p.m.

ATTEST:

Dennis W. Farias, City Clerk
Clerk of the Council