

REGULAR MEETING

CITY COUNCIL

THIS MEETING IS BEING HELD REMOTELY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GOVERNOR OF MASSACHUSETTS' MARCH 12, 2020 ORDER SUSPENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN MEETING LAW G. L. C. 30A, SECTION 20 AND THE CITY COUNCIL'S VOTE TO WAIVE RULE 21A ON APRIL 7, 2020.

Thursday, April 23, 2020

7:05p.m.

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

LATE: No One

ABSENT: Councillor Gomes

Council President Joseph P. Lopes called the meeting to order and presided.

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

COMMUNICATION, Councillor Gomes, to members of the City Council notifying that he will be unable to attend the Regular City Council Meeting on Thursday, April 23, 2020, due to a prior commitment.

Received and Placed on File.

(#0495)

HEARING, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for location of one (1) 4" Conduit in ORCHARD STREET, South of Swift Street. (If there are have any questions or concerns, regarding this hearing, please contact the City Council Office, no later than 3:00 p.m. on April 23, 2020.)

Hearing Held.

Petition placed on file.

(#0496)

AN ORDER,

Adopted and ordered recorded in Book of Location Order Records.

Presented to the Mayor for approval April 27, 2020.

Approved April 30, 2020.

(#0497)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the REAPPOINTMENT of ESTELLA RIBEIRO, Fairhaven, MA to the HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION; this term will expire April 2022; also requesting a WAIVER OF RESIDENCY for Ms. Ribeiro.

Referred to the Special Committee on Waivers of Residency.

(#0498)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the REAPPOINTMENT of ROSS NUNES, New Bedford, MA to the COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE; this term will expire April 2023.

Rule 38 Waived and Reappointment Confirmed – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

(#0499)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the REAPPOINTMENT of ANTHONY JOHN POENTE, JR., Dartmouth, MA as a CONSTABLE.

Received and Placed on File.

(#0500)

APPLICATION, ANTHONY JOHN POENTE, JR., North Dartmouth, MA 02747, for APPOINTMENT as a CONSTABLE.

Confirmed.

(#0501)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the REAPPOINTMENT of HERVE WILLIAM VANDAL, JR., New Bedford, MA as a CONSTABLE.

Received and Placed on File.

(#0502)

APPLICATION, HERVE WILLIAM VANDAL, Jr., New Bedford, MA 02746, for APPOINTMENT as a CONSTABLE.

Confirmed.

(#0503)

WRITTEN MOTION, Council President Lopes, Councillors Giesta, Lima, Abreu and Carney, requesting that the Mitchell Administration and the City of New Bedford waive all interest and penalties on excise assessments, water and sewer bills which had a due date starting on or after March 10, 2020, if payments are made before June 30, 2020. (To be Referred to Mayor Mitchell.)

Referred to Mayor Mitchell.

Presented to the Mayor for approval April 27, 2020.

RETURNED UNSIGNED May 11, 2020. (#0504)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Carney, requesting that a moratorium for Fiscal Year 2021 be put in place for the Capital Improvement Projects.

TABLED.

(#0505)

COMMUNICATION, City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council, to City Council, on behalf of **Edward M. Pacheco, 188 Hixville Road, Dartmouth, MA 02747 d/b/a PLACES TO GO, LLC, 1 Wamsutta Street, New Bedford, MA 02740**, hereby submitting a copy of the Application requesting a **RENEWAL OF A PRIVATE LIVERY LICENSE** to carry passengers for hire over the streets of New Bedford. **(Term of License July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021.)**

Livery License Renewal Granted.

Presented to the Mayor for Approval April 27, 2020.

Approved April 30, 2020. (#0506)

COMMUNICATION/DEMOLITION, New Bedford Historical Commission, to City Council, re: BUILDING DEMOLITION REVIEW – 23 ROBESON STREET (Map 71/Lot 45) Circa 1903 two-story wood framed residence-partial demolition of east façade bay, the building is a contributing property (NBE.419) within the Acushnet Heights National Register District, this area is characterized by its late 19th and early 20th century residences developed on the rise of County Street overlooking the inner harbor; the building is associated with the political and social history of the City, as it was constructed in 1903 by Thomas Desmond, a local leading Attorney and a City Solicitor for several years, the Desmond Family also constructed the abutting properties at 17 and 27 Robeson Street, this house is locally known as the longtime residence of former Senator, Councillor and Mayor George Rogers; the building is architecturally significant as it embodies the distinctive characteristics of the Queen Anne style, the subject building is part of a group of buildings which share identical architectural features including cut shingles, arched openings, swag motifs and full bays with stained glass windows and the property owner has indicated that he will follow the Historical Commission's recommendations to mitigate the partial demolition of the façade wall; therefore, **in light of these findings, the New Bedford Historical Commission has determined that the building at 23 Robeson Street is Historically Significant but the east façade bay is not a Preferably Preserved Historic Structure.**

Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings.

(#0507)

COMMUNICATION, Council President Lopes, submitting a copy of email from the Massachusetts Department of Revenue certifying the amount of excess and deficiency as of July 1, 2019 for the Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School District. (To be Received and Placed on File.)

Received and Placed on File.

(#0508)

COMMUNICATION, Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc, submitting a copy of a Notice of a Waterways License Application, pursuant to MGL Chapter 91 for Harborview LLC, for a site located at 226 Popes Island. (To be Received and Placed on File.)

Received and Placed on File.

(#0509)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting that the corner of BEDFORD AND PLEASANT STREETS be closed on SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2020 from 8 A.M. – 2 P.M. for the purpose of a neighborhood cleanup.

Permission Granted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval April 27, 2020.

Approved April 29, 2020. (#0510)

APPLICATION, **W.C. Smith & Son**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **1651 Phillips Road**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on April 6, 2020, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval April 27, 2020.

Approved April 29, 2020. (#0511)

APPLICATION, **R.J. Canessa Excavating**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **138 Aquidneck Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on April 6, 2020, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval April 27, 2020.

Approved April 29, 2020. (#0512)

APPLICATION, **R.J. Canessa Excavating**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **204 Rockdale Avenue**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on April 6, 2020, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval April 27, 2020.

Approved April 29, 2020. (#0513)

APPLICATION, **W.C. Smith & Son**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **1651 Phillips Road**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on April 6, 2020, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval April 27, 2020.

Approved April 29, 2020. (#0514)

APPLICATION, **R.J. Canessa Excavating**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **138 Aquidneck Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on April 6, 2020, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval April 27, 2020.

Approved April 29, 2020. (#0515)

APPLICATION, **R.J. Canessa Excavating**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **204 Rockdale Avenue**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on April 6, 2020, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval April 27, 2020.

Approved April 29, 2020. (#0516)

APPLICATIONS, **Eversource Gas**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on April 9, 2020, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council as follows:

Brook Street (Collette Street & Earle Street) (#0517)

389 Davis Street (#0518)

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval April 27, 2020.

Approved April 29, 2020.

APPLICATION, **Vaz Construction**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on April 6, 2020, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council as follows:

441 Pleasant Street

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval April 27, 2020.

Approved April 29, 2020. (#0519)

On a motion, the Council then adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

ATTEST:

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

