
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 AND AMENDED ON AUGUST 20 AND SEPTEMBER 24, 2020

THIS MEETING WILL BE LIVE STREAMED ON NB CABLE ACCESS FACEBOOK PAGE

Monday, January 11, 2021

7:01p.m.

PRESENT: 2020 Council President Lopes (remotely), Councillors Abreu (remotely), Baptiste (remotely), Carney (remotely), Coelho (remotely), Dunn (remotely), Giesta (remotely), Gomes (remotely), Lima (remotely), Markey (remotely), and Morad (remotely).

LATE: No One

ABSENT: No One

2020 Council President Joseph P. Lopes called the meeting to order remotely and presided.

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

COMMUNICATION, 2020 City Council President Lopes, notifying of Organizational Meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, January 11, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., via Zoom and live streamed on NB Cable Access Facebook Page:

- a. Organization of the City Council for the year 2021 – Election of President.
- b. Reappointments of Assistant City Solicitors for 2021.
- c. Appointment of Weighers of Merchandise for 2021.
- d. Reappointment of Legal Counsel to the City Council for 2021.

Received and Placed on File – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lime Lopes, Markey and Morad. (#0001)

PRESIDENT PRO TEM LOPES opens the meeting as outgoing President and announces that he will accept nominations from the floor for President of the New Bedford City Council for the Year 2021.

Councillor LIMA Nominates Councillor Lopes.

Councillor DUNN seconds the Nomination.

Councillor GOMES moves to close Nominations.

Councillor LIMA seconds the Motion to Close.

Roll call is taken on Waiving Rule 5 (for a Councillor to serve for two consecutive terms, Yeas 11, Nays 0.)

Councillor Joseph P. Lopes, ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR 2021 by a roll call vote of Yeas 11, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lime Lopes, Markey and Morad.

2021 City Council President Lopes addresses the City Council.

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, submitting the **REAPPOINTMENT** of **ATTORNEY ERIC JAIKES**, New Bedford, MA 02740, as **Assistant City Solicitor** for a **one-year term expiring December 31, 2021**.

Rule 38 and 40 Waived, Reappointment Confirmed – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lime Lopes, Markey and Morad. (#0002)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, submitting the **REAPPOINTMENT** of **ATTORNEY KREG R. ESPINOLA**, New Bedford, MA 02740, as **Assistant City Solicitor** for a **one-year term expiring December 31, 2021**.

Rule 38 and 40 Waived, Reappointment Confirmed – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lime Lopes, Markey and Morad. (#0003)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, submitting the **REAPPOINTMENTS** of **DANIEL MCNAUGHT**, Lakeville, MA; **IAN MCNAUGHT**, New Bedford, MA and **EUGENE MEDEIROS**, Fairhaven, MA as **WEIGHERS OF MERCHANDISE** for a **one-year term expiring December 31, 2021**, from **L & S Industries, Inc.**

Rule 38 and 40 Waived, Reappointments Confirmed – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lime Lopes, Markey and Morad.

(#0004)

WRITTEN MOTION, 2020 Council President Lopes, submitting the **REAPPOINTMENT** of **ATTORNEY DAVID J. GERWATOWSKI**, New Bedford, MA 02745 as **LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL TO THE CITY COUNCIL** for a **one-year term, expiring December 31, 2021**.

Rule 38 and 40 Waived, Reappointment Confirmed – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lime Lopes, Markey and Morad.

(#0005)

On a motion, the Council then adjourned at 7:15 p.m. – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lime Lopes, Markey and Morad.

ATTEST:

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

