
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 07, 2020, AMENDED ON AUGUST 20, 2020, SEPTEMBER 24, 2020 AND JANUARY 14, 2021

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

Thursday, January 28, 2021

7:01 p.m.

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

LATE: No One

ABSENT: Councillor Gomes

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

Councillor Dunn 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 delayed in appearing at the City Council Meeting of Thursday, January 28, 2021 due to a previously scheduled commitment.

Received and Placed on File - Yeas 10, Nays 0.

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

(#0096)

HEARING, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY for location of nine (9) 5" Conduits and one (1) Manhole in HATHAWAY ROAD, off Nauset Street. (Any questions or concerns, regarding this hearing, please contact the City Council Office, no later than 2:00 p.m. on January 28, 2021.)

Hearing held.

Petition placed on file - Yeas 10, Nays 0.

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

(#0097)

AN ORDER,

Adopted and ordered recorded in Book of Location Order Records – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

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

Presented to the Mayor for approval February 02, 2021.

Approved 10, 2021.

(#0098)

HEARING, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY for location of nine (9) 5" Conduits in NAUSET STREET, North of Hathaway Road. (Any questions or concerns, regarding this hearing, please contact the City Council Office, no later than 2:00 p.m. on January 28, 2021.)

Hearing held.

Petition placed on file - Yeas 10, Nays 0.

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

(#0099)

AN ORDER,

Adopted and ordered recorded in Book of Location Order Records – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

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

Presented to the Mayor for approval February 02, 2021.

Approved 10, 2021.

(#0100)

HEARING, Verizon New England, Inc & NSTAR Electric d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY for joint location of one new (1) Pole (3/95.5) and relocation of one (1) pole (3/96) at 739 Church Street (Any questions or concerns, regarding this hearing, please contact the City Council Office, no later than 2:00 p.m. on January 28, 2021.)

Hearing held.

Petition placed on file - Yeas 10, Nays 0.

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

(#0101)

AN ORDER,

Adopted and ordered recorded in Book of Location Order Records – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

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

Presented to the Mayor for approval February 02, 2021.

Approved 10, 2021.

(#0102)

COMMUNICATION, DPI Commissioner Jamie Ponte, granting permission to Verizon New England, Inc for immediate approval to complete the work required for the installation of a new pole and the relocation of an existing pole due to safety concerns associated with the completion of the new Alma del Mar School located at 739 Church Street.

Received and Placed on File – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

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

(#0103)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER authorizing the City to execute a parking easement from the City of New Bedford to Community Action for Better Housing, Inc. in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00); the purpose of the Easement is to rectify access issues for the new public safety building.

Received and Placed on File – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

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

(#0104)

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

IN CITY COUNCIL

JANUARY 28, 2021

AN ORDER, that the Mayor is hereby authorized on behalf of the City of New Bedford to execute a parking easement from the City of New Bedford to Community Action for Better Housing Inc. in consideration of One Dollar(\$1.00). The easement is shown on Parking Easement Plan, AS-102, Dated 6/24/2019, by The Galante Architecture Group, Inc. A copy of said Easement is attached hereto and made a part thereof.

Adopted – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

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

Presented to the Mayor for approval February 02, 2021.

Approved 10, 2021.

(#0105)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the Reappointment of JEFFREY TEIXEIRA, New Bedford, MA 02740 as a SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER.

Received and Placed on File.

(#0106)

APPLICATION, JEFFREY TEIXEIRA, New Bedford, MA 02740, for REAPPOINTMENT as a SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER.

Reappointment Made and Confirmed - Yeas 10, Nays 0.

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

(#0107)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the Reappointment of EMMANUEL MATIAS, Dartmouth, MA 02747 as a SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER.

Received and Placed on File.

(#0108)

APPLICATION, EMMANUEL MATIAS, Dartmouth, MA 02747, for REAPPOINTMENT as a SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER.

Reappointment Made and Confirmed – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

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

(#0109)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the Reappointment of ALAN KENDALL, New Bedford, MA 02740 as a SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER.

Received and Placed on File.

(#0110)

APPLICATION, ALAN KENDALL, New Bedford, MA 02740, for REAPPOINTMENT as a SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER.

Reappointment Made and Confirmed – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

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

(#0111)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the Reappointment of DAVID HIRSHLAG, Rochester, MA as a SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER.

Received and Placed on File.

(#0112)

APPLICATION, DAVID HIRSHLAG, Rochester, MA 02770, for REAPPOINTMENT as a SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER.

Reappointment Made and Confirmed – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

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

(#0113)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the Reappointment of HORACIO FERREIRA, Dartmouth, MA 02748 as a SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER.

Received and Placed on File.

(#0114)

APPLICATION, HORACIO H. FERREIRA, Dartmouth, MA 02748, for REAPPOINTMENT as a SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER.

Reappointment Made and Confirmed – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

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

(#0115)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the Reappointment of NILTON CORDONIZ, New Bedford, MA 02746 as a SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER.

Received and Placed on File.

(#0116)

APPLICATION, NILTON CORDONIZ, New Bedford, MA 02746, for REAPPOINTMENT as a SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER.

Reappointment Made and Confirmed – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

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

(#0117)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the Reappointment of FRANK STEPHENS, New Bedford, MA 02740 as a SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER.

Received and Placed on File.

(#0118)

APPLICATION, FRANK STEPHENS, New Bedford, MA 02740, for REAPPOINTMENT as a SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER.

Reappointment Made and Confirmed – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

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

(#0119)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the Reappointment of DAVID SIMOES, New Bedford, MA 02746 as a SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER.

Received and Placed on File. (#0120)

APPLICATION, DAVID SIMOES, New Bedford, MA 02746, for REAPPOINTMENT as a SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER.

Reappointment Made and Confirmed – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

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

(#0121)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the Reappointment of TYLER G. TRUDELLE, New Bedford, MA 02746 as a SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER.

Received and Placed on File. (#0122)

APPLICATION, TYLER G. TRUDELLE, New Bedford, MA 02746, for REAPPOINTMENT as a SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER.

Reappointment Made and Confirmed – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

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

(#0123)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the Reappointment of RICHARD M. PIMENTEL, Acushnet, MA 02743 as a SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER.

Received and Placed on File. (#0124)

APPLICATION, RICHARD M. PIMENTEL, Acushnet, MA 02743, for REAPPOINTMENT as a SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER.

Reappointment Made and Confirmed – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

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

(#0125)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the Reappointment of VINCENT RODRIGUES, New Bedford, MA 02745 as a SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER.

Received and Placed on File. (#0126)

APPLICATION, VINCENT RODRIGUES, New Bedford, MA 02745, for REAPPOINTMENT as a SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER.

Reappointment Made and Confirmed – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

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

(#0127)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the Reappointment of JUSTIN DION, East Taunton, MA 02718 as a SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER.

Received and Placed on File. (#0128)

APPLICATION, JUSTIN DION, Taunton, MA 02718, for REAPPOINTMENT as a SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER.

Reappointment Made and Confirmed – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

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

(#0129)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the Reappointment of DAVID ST. AUBIN, New Bedford, MA 02745 as a SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER.

Received and Placed on File. (#0130)

APPLICATION, DAVID ST. AUBIN, New Bedford, MA 02745, for REAPPOINTMENT as a SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER.

Reappointment Made and Confirmed – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

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

(#0131)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the Reappointment of PAUL GORDON, Acushnet, MA 02743 as a SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER.

Received and Placed on File.

(#0132)

APPLICATION, PAUL GORDON, Acushnet, MA 02743, for REAPPOINTMENT as a SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER.

Reappointment Made and Confirmed – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

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

(#0133)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the Reappointment of WILLIAM T. CAMBRA, Dartmouth, MA 02747 as a SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER.

Received and Placed on File.

(#0134)

APPLICATION, WILLIAM T. CAMBRA, Dartmouth, MA 02747, for REAPPOINTMENT as a SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER.

Reappointment Made and Confirmed – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

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

(#0135)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the reappointment of KEVIN E. PAULSON, Dartmouth, MA 02747 as a SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER.

Received and Placed on File.

(#0136)

APPLICATION, KEVIN E. PAULSON, Dartmouth, MA 02747, for REAPPOINTMENT as a SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER.

Reappointment Made and Confirmed – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

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

(#0137)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the Appointment of DANIEL J. PERKINS, SR., Wareham, MA 02644 as a SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER.

Received and Placed on File.

(#0138)

APPLICATION, DANIEL J. Perkins SR., Wareham, MA 02644, for APPOINTMENT as a SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER.

Reappointment Made and Confirmed – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

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

(#0139)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Council President Lopes, Councillors Giesta, Carney and Lima, requesting, that Department of Public Infrastructure Commissioner Jamie Ponte (or his designee) come before the Special Committee on Infrastructure and Redevelopment to discuss the City's "Streetscan" program and how DPI utilizes the Pavement Condition Index (PCI), which is a numerical rating that grades the severity of distresses observed on the pavement surface of our streets/roads. (To be Referred to the Special Committee on Infrastructure and Redevelopment and DPI Commissioner Jamie Ponte.)

Referred to the Special Committee on Infrastructure and Redevelopment and DPI Commissioner Jamie Ponte – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

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

(#0140)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Abreu, Council President Lopes, Councillors Baptiste, Carney and Giesta, requesting, that the New Bedford City Council send a letter to Southeastern Regional Transit Authority (SRTA), the Administration and New Bedford Health Department to discuss the feasibility of implementing a free public transportation plan for all City residents, especially our Seniors who do not have access to adequate transportation, to receive the COVID-19 vaccination when all of the MASS Covid-19 vaccination sites are all fully open and operational. (To be Referred to SRTA, the Mitchell Administration, New Bedford Health Department and Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods).

Referred to SRTA, the Mitchell Administration, New Bedford Health Department and Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

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

(#0141)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Morad and Markey, requesting that City Solicitor Mikaela McDermott, Environmental Stewardship Director Michele Paul and Chief Financial Officer Ari Sky appear before the Committee on Finance to brief the Committee on the status of outside counsel representing the City of New Bedford in the proposed Parallel Products development in the New Bedford Business Park; and further the Committee on Finance be briefed on the City's plan of action with regard to Final Environmental Impact Report that Parallel Products recently filed with the Massachusetts Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs. (To be Referred to the Committee on Finance.)

Referred to the Committee on Finance- Yeas 10, Nays 0.

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

(#0142)

WRITTEN MOTION, Council President Lopes, Councillors Abreu and Lima, requesting that the Mitchell Administration work with the City's public safety units (Fire Department, Emergency Medical Services and Emergency Management) in regard to implementing a City-wide after hours and weekend COVID-19 testing program for City residents; the lead public safety unit would be the Fire Department and they would work in conjunction with EMS and Emergency Management to implement said COVID-19 testing program for City residents.

Referred to the Mitchell Administration – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

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

Presented to the Mayor for approval February 02, 2021.

RETURNED UNSIGNED February 16, 2021.

(#0143)

WRITTEN MOTION, Council President Lopes, requesting that the New Bedford Port Authority provide the members of the City Council with status report for aquaculture farming in New Bedford.

Referred to the Committee on Fisheries, City Solicitor, and Acting Port Authority Director – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

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

(#0144)

PETITION, **EDWARD W. BOLDOC, WESTPORT, MA 02790 d/b/a Cojo's Toy World, 763 Purchase Street**, requesting that he be granted a Waiver of Residency in accordance with Section 15-18 of the City Code, to obtain a **LICENSE TO DEAL IN JUNK, OLD METALS OR ANY OTHER SECOND HAND ARTICLES**.

Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

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

(#0145)

PETITION, **JASON J. AGUIAR, SWANSEA, MA 02777-4947 d/b/a Cojo's Toy World, 763 Purchase Street**, requesting that he be granted a Waiver of Residency in accordance with Section 15-18 of the City Code, to obtain a **LICENSE TO DEAL IN JUNK, OLD METALS OR ANY OTHER SECOND HAND ARTICLES**.

Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

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

(#0146)

COMMUNICATION, Councillor Morad submitting a copy of an email and spreadsheet for the Excess and Deficiency (E&D) for the Greater New Bedford School District as a July 1, 2020. (Copy all Councillors via email January 13, 2021; To be Received and Placed on File.)

Received and Placed on File – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

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

(#0147)

COMMUNICATION, Councillor Giesta, submitting a copy of a letter regarding the large turnover of employees at the New Bedford Port Authority. (To be Referred to the Committee on Fisheries.)

Referred to the Committee on Fisheries – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

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

(#0148)

On a motion, the Council then adjourned at 7:45 p.m. – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

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

ATTEST:

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

On a motion, the Council then adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

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