REGULAR MEETING — CITY COUNCIL
Chambers of the City Council — Municipal Building
Thursday, September 24, 2026 — 7:02 p.m.

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PRESENT: Council President Pereira, Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Burgo, Carney, Choquette, Gomes, Lopes, Oliver and Pemberton.

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LATE: Councillor Roy (7:22)

ABSENT: No one.

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Council President Pereira called the meeting to order and presided.

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Prayer led by: Morgan Proudfoot, Lead Pastor, Grace Harbor Church.

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

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HEARING, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy & Verizon New England, Inc for joint location of two jointly owned Poles, one Anchor and one guy on ACUSHNET AVENUE, this work is necessary to provide system improvements and increased reliability to Acushnet Avenue.

Hearing Held.

Petition Placed on File. (#1527)

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AN ORDER,

Adopted and ordered and recorded.

Presented to the Mayor for approval September 28, 2026.

Approved October 07, 2026. (#1528)

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HEARING, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy & Verizon New England, Inc for joint location of one jointly owned Pole on ASHLEY BOULEVARD, this work is necessary to provide service to 297 Ashley Boulevard.

Hearing Held.

Petition Placed on File. (#1529)

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AN ORDER,

Adopted and ordered and recorded.

Presented to the Mayor for approval September 28, 2026.

Approved October 07, 2026. (#1530)

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HEARING, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for location of approximately 53’ Conduit on PURCHASE STREET and approximately 200’ of Conduit and one Manhole on MAXFIELD STREET, this work is necessary to provide service to 1204 Purchase Street.

Hearing Held.

Petition Placed on File. (#1531)

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AN ORDER,

Adopted and ordered and recorded.

Presented to the Mayor for approval September 28, 2026.

Approved October 07, 2026. (#1532)

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HEARING, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for location of approximately 126’ of Conduit and one Handhole on COUNTY STREET, this work is necessary to provide upgraded underground service and increase system reliability on County Street.

Hearing Held.

Petition Placed on File. (#1533)

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AN ORDER,

Adopted and ordered and recorded.

Presented to the Mayor for approval September 28, 2026.

Approved October 07, 2026. (#1534)

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COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER to provide for the payment of unpaid bills of a previous Fiscal Year of the City of New Bedford, the sum set against the WATER ENTERPRISE FUND PURCHASE OF SERVICES is hereby approved to be expended in FISCAL YEAR 2027 in the amount of $25,388.75.

Referred to the Committee on Finance. (#1535)

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AN ORDER,

Referred to the Committee on Finance. (#1536)

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COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER to provide for the payment of unpaid bills of a previous Fiscal Year of the City of New Bedford, the sum set against the WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE FUND PURCHASE OF SERVICES is hereby approved to be expended in FISCAL YEAR 2027 in the amount of $1,011.96.

Referred to the Committee on Finance. (#1537)

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AN ORDER,

Referred to the Committee on Finance. (#1538)

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COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER to provide for the payment of unpaid bills of a previous Fiscal Year of the City of New Bedford, the sum set against the DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE PURCHASE OF SERVICES is hereby approved to be expended in FISCAL YEAR 2027 in the amount of $3,593.00.

Referred to the Committee on Finance. (#1539)

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AN ORDER,

Referred to the Committee on Finance. (#1540)

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COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER to provide for the payment of unpaid bills of a previous Fiscal Year of the City of New Bedford, the sum set against the DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPLIES is hereby approved to be expended in FISCAL YEAR 2027 in the amount of $2,360.43.

Referred to the Committee on Finance. (#1541)

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AN ORDER,

Referred to the Committee on Finance. (#1542)

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COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER to provide for the payment of unpaid bills of a previous Fiscal Year of the City of New Bedford, the sum set against the DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPLIES is hereby approved to be expended in FISCAL YEAR 2027 in the amount of $148.30.

Referred to the Committee on Finance. (#1543)

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AN ORDER,

Referred to the Committee on Finance. (#1544)

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COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER to provide for the payment of unpaid bills of a previous Fiscal Year of the City of New Bedford, the sum set against the ZOO PURCHASE OF SERVICES is hereby approved to be expended in FISCAL YEAR 2027 in the amount of $833.53.

Referred to the Committee on Finance. (#1545)

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AN ORDER,

Referred to the Committee on Finance. (#1546)

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COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER to provide for the payment of unpaid bills of a previous Fiscal Year of the City of New Bedford, the sum set against the LIBRARY SUPPLIES is hereby approved to be expended in FISCAL YEAR 2027 in the amount of $469.26.

Referred to the Committee on Finance. (#1547)

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AN ORDER,

Referred to the Committee on Finance. (#1548)

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COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER to provide for the payment of unpaid bills of a previous Fiscal Year of the City of New Bedford, the sum set against the CABLE ACCESS ENTERPRISE FUND PURCHASE OF SERVICES is hereby approved to be expended in FISCAL YEAR 2027 in the amount of $110.23.

Referred to the Committee on Finance. (#1549)

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AN ORDER,

Referred to the Committee on Finance. (#1550)

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COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER to provide for the payment of unpaid bills of a previous Fiscal Year of the City of New Bedford, the sum set against the AIRPORT ENTERPRISE FUND SUPPLIES is hereby approved to be expended in FISCAL YEAR 2027 in the amount of $103.84.

Referred to the Committee on Finance. (#1551)

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AN ORDER,

Referred to the Committee on Finance. (#1552)

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COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER that in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the revolving fund under the control of the MIS Department, known as the SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL REVOLVING FUND, whose revenues collected and amount limited to be spent estimated at $30,000.00 is hereby authorized for FISCAL YEAR 2027.

Received and Placed on File. (#1553)

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CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

IN CITY COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

ORDERED, that in accordance with MGL Chapter 44. Section 53½, the revolving fund under the control of the MIS Department, known as the SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL REVOLVING FUND, whose revenues collected and amount limited to be spent estimated at $30,000 is hereby authorized for FISCAL YEAR 2027.

Adopted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval September 28, 2026.

Approved October 07, 2026 (#1554)

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COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the REAPPOINTMENT of KATHRYN DUFF, New Bedford to the PLANNING BOARD; this term will expire in October 2029.

Rule 38 Waived, Reappointment Confirmed, Rule 40 Waived – Yeas 10, Nays 0. (Councillor Roy not present for vote.) (#1555)

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REPORT, Special Committee on Memorials and Dedications, recommending to the City Council APPROVAL of the Memorial Park Bench & Tree Dedication Program Application for a bench and plaque to be located at Fort Taber, replacing an existing bench, in memory of ARTHUR C. BURTON, JR.

Recommendation Followed. (#1556)

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COMMUNICATION, Department of Parks, Recreation and Beaches, submitting a Memorial Park Bench & Tree Dedication Program Application for a bench and plaque to be located at Fort Taber, replacing an existing bench, in memory of ARTHUR C. BURTON, JR.

Referred to the Special Committee on Memorials and Dedications – August 25, 2026.

Memorial Application Approved. (#1323)

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REPORT, Special Committee on Memorials and Dedications, recommending to the City Council APPROVAL of the Memorial Park Bench & Tree Dedication Program Application for a bench and plaque to be located at the corner of Buttonwood Street and Lake Street, to the right of the Italian American Memorial, in memory of CARL NATHO.

Recommendation Followed. (#1557)

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COMMUNICATION, Department of Parks, Recreation and Beaches, submitting a Memorial Park Bench & Tree Dedication Program Application for a bench and plaque to be located at the corner of Buttonwood Street and Lake Street, to the right of the Italian American Memorial, in memory of CARL NATHO.

Referred to the Special Committee on Memorials and Dedications – August 25, 2026.

Memorial Application Approved. (#1324)

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REPORT, Committee on Ordinances, recommending to the City Council APPROVAL of the ORDINANCE, relative to Automated License Plate Readers (“ALPR”) and Mass Location-Tracking Technologies.

Recommendation Followed. (#1558)

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AN ORDINANCE, relative to Automated License Plate Readers (“ALPR”) and Mass Location-Tracking Technologies.

Substitute Ordinance Allowed – Yeas 8, Nays 3. (Councillor Carney, Gomes and Oliver OPPOSED.) (#1559)

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SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE, relative to Automated License Plate Readers (“ALPR”) and Mass Location-Tracking Technologies.

Substitute Ordinance Allowed – Yeas 8, Nays 3. (Councillor Carney, Gomes and Oliver OPPOSED.)

Councillor Oliver made a Motion to amend the Substitute Ordinance by inserting after the words “take effect upon passage”, in Sec. 3, the phrase “ and expire **6 months** from its enactment.” – AMENDMENT FAILED - Yeas 4, Nays 6. (Councillors Carney, Lopes, Oliver and Pemberton IN FAVOR)

Councillor Oliver made a Motion to amend the Substitute Ordinance by inserting after the words “take effect upon passage”, in Sec. 3, the phrase “ and expire **9 months** from its enactment.” – AMENDMENT - FAILED - Yeas 3, Nays 8. (Councillors Carney, Lopes and Oliver IN FAVOR)

Councillor Oliver made a Motion to amend the Substitute Ordinance by inserting after the words “take effect upon passage”, in Sec. 3, the phrase “ and expire **12 months** from its enactment.” – AMENDMENT - FAILED - Yeas 3, Nays 8. (Councillors Carney, Lopes and Oliver IN FAVOR)

Passed to a Second Reading, Yeas 8, Nays 3. (Councillors Carney, Gomes and Oliver OPPOSED.) (#1560)

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COMMUNICATION, Councillor Burgo, submitting a letter from Police Chief Jason Thody containing recommendations for a framework to establish an Ordinance governing Automated License Plate Readers (“ALPR”) and Mass Location-Technologies, balancing City Council oversight with public safety efficiency and the operation effectiveness of covered technology.

Received and Referred to the Committee on Ordinances. (#1561)

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REPORT, Committee on Appointments and Briefings, recommending to the City Council APPROVAL of the APPOINTMENT of BRIAN J. SOUZA, New Bedford, MA to the ELECTION COMMISSION; this term will expire in April 2029.

Recommendation Followed. (#1562)

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COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of BRIAN J. SOUSA, New Bedford, MA to the ELECTION COMMISSION; this term will expire April 2029.

Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings – August 20, 2026.

Appointment Confirmed. (#1299)

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REPORT, Special Committee on Special Permits and Licensing, recommending to the City Council APPROVAL of the APPOINTMENT of GERALD L. RIBEIRO, New Bedford, MA, as a CONSTABLE.

Recommendation Followed. (#1563)

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AN APPLICATION, GERALD L. RIBEIRO, New Bedford, MA, APPOINTMENT as a CONSTABLE.

Referred to the Committee on Special Permits and Licensing – July 16, 2026.

Appointment Confirmed. (#1192)

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REPORT, Special Committee on Special Permits and Licensing, recommending to the City Council APPROVAL of a COMMUNICATION, City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council, to City Council, submitting a PETITION, **Marc DeCambra, Somerset, MA d/b/a Side Quest Complete, 127 West Rodney French Boulevard, New Bedford, MA**, requesting a Waiver of Residency in accordance with Section 15-38 of the City Code, to obtain a **LICENSE TO DEAL IN JUNK, OLD METALS OR ANY OTHER SECONDHAND ARTICLES**.

Recommendation Followed. (#1564)

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COMMUNICATION, City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council, to City Council, submitting a PETITION, **Marc DeCambra, Somerset, MA d/b/a Side Quest Complete, 127 West Rodney French Boulevard, New Bedford, MA**, requesting a Waiver of Residency in accordance with Section 15-38 of the City Code, to obtain a **LICENSE TO DEAL IN JUNK, OLD METALS OR ANY OTHER SECONDHAND ARTICLES**.

Referred to the Special Committee on Special Permits and Licensing – August 25, 2026.

Residency Waiver Granted – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

Presented to the Mayor for approval September 28, 2026.

Approved October 07, 2026. (#1321)

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REPORT, Special Committee on Memorials and Dedications, recommending that the City Council take **"NO FURTHER ACTION"** on the COMMUNICATION, Department of Parks, Recreation and Beaches, submitting a Memorial Park Bench and Tree Dedication Program Application for a bench and plaque to be located along the new pathway on Brownell Avenue, at the foot of Sheldon Street, in honor of FREDDIE MELLO.

Recommendation Followed. (#1565)

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COMMUNICATION, Department of Parks, Recreation and Beaches, submitting a Memorial Park Bench and Tree Dedication Program Application for a bench and plaque to be located along the new pathway on Brownell Avenue, at the foot of Sheldon Street, in honor of FREDDIE MELLO.

Referred to the Special Committee on Memorials and Dedications – July 16, 2026.

NO FURTHER ACTION. (#1230)

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REPORT, Special Committee on Memorials and Dedications, recommending that the City Council take **"NO FURTHER ACTION"** on WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting, that the Special Committee on Memorials & Dedications meet with Rosemary Gill, President & CEO of the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center, to discuss a portrait tribute of Armand Marchand and *George Charbonneau*, founders of the New Bedford Festival Theatre and former New Bedford High School Drama Club teacher; this portrait would hang in the entrance lobby of the Zeiterion Theater as a tribute to a man who gave it all to the art of the theater through his productions and to his legacy in the City of New Bedford.

Recommendation Followed. (#1566)

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WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting, that the Special Committee on Memorials & Dedications meet with Rosemary Gill, President & CEO of the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center, to discuss a portrait tribute of Armand Marchand and *George Charbonneau*, founders of the New Bedford Festival Theatre and former New Bedford High School Drama Club teacher; this portrait would hang in the entrance lobby of the Zeiterion Theater as a tribute to a man who gave it all to the art of the theater through his productions and to his legacy in the City of New Bedford.

Referred to the Special Committee on Memorials and Dedications, as Amended – Yeas 11, Nays 0 – July 17, 2025.

NO FURTHER ACTION. (#1256)

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REPORT, Committee on Appointments and Briefings, recommending that the City Council take **"NO FURTHER ACTION"** on the WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, Carney, Lima, Morad and Markey requesting, that the Committee on Appointments and Briefings meet with the potential developers of two homes located in New Bedford Historical Districts, one at 52 Ash Street and the other at 110 Hawthorn Street; the Ash Street residence was sold to Caldeira, LLC for the potential location of a 21-person rooming house; the Hawthorn Street residence is owned by Jeff A. White of D.W. White Construction, Acushnet, MA, who is negotiating a lease with Fellowship Health Resources (a Rhode Island based company) for a seven-person rooming house; and further, requesting that the owners of both locations attend a meeting to provide detailed plans to the Committee; and further, requesting that representatives of the New Bedford Preservation Society and WHALE (Waterfront Historic Area League) also be invited to attend said meeting, along with residents located within a six-block area; the integrity of the neighborhood's single-family homes is at stake, homes that have been preserved for their historical significance and whaling heritage.

Recommendation Followed. (#1567)

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WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, Carney, Lima, Morad and Markey requesting, that the Committee on Appointments and Briefings meet with the potential developers of two homes located in New Bedford Historical Districts, one at 52 Ash Street and the other at 110 Hawthorn Street; the Ash Street residence was sold to Caldeira, LLC for the potential location of a 21-person rooming house; the Hawthorn Street residence is owned by Jeff A. White of D.W. White Construction, Acushnet, MA, who is negotiating a lease with Fellowship Health Resources (a Rhode Island based company) for a seven-person rooming house; and further, requesting that the owners of both locations attend a meeting to provide detailed plans to the Committee; and further, requesting that representatives of the New Bedford Preservation Society and WHALE (Waterfront Historic Area League) also be invited to attend said meeting, along with residents located within a six-block area; the integrity of the neighborhood's single-family homes is at stake, homes that have been preserved for their historical significance and whaling heritage.

Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings – August 17, 2023.

NO FURTHER ACTION. (#1412)

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REPORT, Committee on Appointments and Briefings, recommending that the City Council take **"NO FURTHER ACTION"** on the WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Pereira, Carney, Baptiste, Markey and Abreu, requesting that the Committee on Appointments and Briefings meet with the New Bedford Port Authority, a representative of Vineyard Wind, a representative of MassCEC, and local business owners to discuss the parking situation in the neighborhood surrounding the New Bedford Marine Commerce Terminal.

Recommendation Followed. (#1568)

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WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Pereira, Carney, Baptiste, Markey and Abreu, requesting that the Committee on Appointments and Briefings meet with the New Bedford Port Authority, a representative of Vineyard Wind, a representative of MassCEC, and local business owners to discuss the parking situation in the neighborhood surrounding the New Bedford Marine Commerce Terminal.

Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings – September 14, 2023.

NO FURTHER ACTION. (#1531)

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PETITION/INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, Art History Architecture New Bedford – AHA, Inc., at 202 Spring Street, New Bedford, MA 02738, for permission to encroach onto a City sidewalk with (4) 17" x 17" x 18" and (4) 21" x 21" x 22" black cube Veratek planters, to be placed near the existing benches on the corner of Union Street and Purchase Street, directly in front of the Star Store building, located at 715 Purchase Street.

Petition Indemnity Granted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval September 28, 2026.

Approved October 07, 2026 (#1569)

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

IN CITY COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

ORDERED, That permission be granted to **Art History Architecture New Bedford – AHA, Inc., at 202 Spring Street, New Bedford, MA 02738**, for permission to encroach onto a City sidewalk with (4) 17” x 17” x 18” and (4) 21” x 21” x 22” black cube Veratek planters, to be placed near the existing benches on the corner of Union Street and Purchase Street, directly in front of the Star Store building, located at 715 Purchase Street, New Bedford, MA 02740.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, That said permission is hereby granted subject to the Petition Indemnity Agreement of **Art History Architecture New Bedford – AHA, Inc., at 202 Spring Street, New Bedford, MA 02738,** to the City of New Bedford, approved by the City Council on September 24, 2026, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part thereof, and subject to the approval of the Department of Inspectional Services. (Submitted by Councillor Baptiste.)

Adopted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval September 28, 2026.

Approved October 07, 2026. (#1570)

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COMMUNICATION, Department of Parks, Recreation and Beaches submitting a Memorial Park Bench and Tree Dedication Program Application for a tree, two benches and two plaques, one bench and plaque near the Buttonwood Senior Center placing the pond and the other bench and plaque near Lawler Library facing Rockdale Avenue in honor of JEAN B. BENNETT, a Founding Member of The Friends of Buttonwood Park.

Referred to the Special Committee on Memorials and Dedications. (#1571)

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COMMUNICATION, Department of Parks, Recreation and Beaches submitting a Memorial Park Bench and Tree Dedication Program Application for a bench and plaque near the West Beach Boat Ramp, closer to Fort Tabor, in honor of RAMSEY RAFFERTY.

Referred to the Special Committee on Memorials and Dedications. (#1572)

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COMMUNICATION, Department of Parks, Recreation and Beaches submitting a Memorial Park Bench and Tree Dedication Program Application for a bench and plaque at Buttonwood Park, donated by the Laurie and John Bullard.

Referred to the Special Committee on Memorials and Dedications. (#1573)

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COMMUNICATION, Manuel DeBrito, Board of Election Commissioners, to City Council, submitting the State Election Warrant for **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026,** this warrant has been signed by the majority of the City Council and will be posted on the 7th day prior to the Election date as mandated by M.G.L. c43, §44A, a copy of this warrant will be posted at each polling location.

Received and Placed on File. (#1574)

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CITATION, Councillor Gomes, honoring MARCI PINA-CHRISTIAN, in recognition of her nineteen years of outstanding service and many contributions to the City of New Bedford and its citizens with sincere thanks and gratitude.

Adopted, to be presented at a later date. (#1575)

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CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

IN CITY COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

RESOLUTION HONORING DEOLINDA "DOLLY" MENDES
MISS NEW BEDFORD 2026

WHEREAS, The Miss New Bedford Pageant is the official preliminary to the Miss America Pageant, which is the largest single source of scholarships for young women in the world; and

WHEREAS, Since 1954, when the New Bedford Jaycees began sponsoring the Miss New Bedford Pageant, the young women who compete for the crown of Miss New Bedford have always been intelligent, articulate, talented, hardworking and wonderful ambassadors of young women, who are motivated to succeed by choosing platforms that make a great contribution to our local community and promote public service; and

WHEREAS, For over seventy years, The Miss New Bedford Pageant has advanced the continued education of pageant contestants through the generous granting of scholarship awards and has provided an arena for young women from the Greater New Bedford area the opportunity to advocate for causes that are of importance to them; and

WHEREAS, Dolly Mendes is the 72nd young woman to hold the title of Miss New Bedford; she was educated in New Bedford Public Schools, attending Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School and is a senior nursing student at Rhode Island College and an Emergency Technician at St. Luke's Hospital with a goal of becoming a pediatric emergency room nurse; and

WHEREAS, During her year as Miss New Bedford, Dolly Mendes has received over $3,500.00 in scholarships through the Miss New Bedford Scholarship Organization which she used to further her education; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her reign as Miss New Bedford 2026 Dolly Mendes has made 180 appearances, is actively involved in the community and through her Community Service Initiative "Next Gen-Gen Navigators" has had the opportunity to work with elementary, middle school and high school students in the New Bedford Public Schools, with the goal of empowering students and giving back to the community that raised her while remaining involved with her Church group in various activities; and

WHEREAS, As Miss New Bedford 2026, Dolly Mendes volunteered with the United Way of Greater New Bedford, the YWCA, the Cape Verdean Association, the New Bedford Public Schools Wraparound Program, On Stage Academy of Performing Arts, "Youth Opportunities Unlimited" (Y.O.U.) and has filmed segments of the Miss New Bedford Insider Cable Show; and

WHEREAS, As she ends her reign as Miss New Bedford 2026, Dolly Mendes will be forever grateful to the Miss New Bedford Scholarship Program, an organization that contributed to her growth as a young woman and her confidence to pursue her dreams.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the **New Bedford City Council** hereby honors **DOLLY MENDES,** for her year of service as **MISS NEW BEDFORD 2026,** thanks her for representing our City so well, congratulates her on her many accomplishments during her year long reign and wishes her continued luck and success in the future.

Adopted, to be presented at a later date. (#1576)

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CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

IN CITY COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

RESOLUTION HONORING ADDISON KOHLER
MISS NEW BEDFORD'S TEEN 2026

WHEREAS, Addison Kohler was educated in Fairhaven and is presently a Junior at the Massachusetts Connection Academy and is currently Miss New Bedford's Teen; and

WHEREAS, Addison Kohler, is the fifteenth young woman to be crowned Miss New Bedford Teen, has served our community well as a role model and active volunteer and has truly enjoyed being part of the Miss New Bedford Scholarship Organization and making a difference; and

WHEREAS, As Miss New Bedford's Teen, Addison Kohler represented New Bedford in the Miss Massachusetts Teen Pageant this past June, where she impressed the judges with her enthusiasm and self-confidence, and was selected as second runner-up to Miss Massachusetts Teen; and

WHEREAS, Addison Kohler, Miss New Bedford's Teen has spent her year of service expanding her "Childhood First" Community Service Initiative into the Greater New Bedford area, collecting and donating toys for St. Luke's Hospital for the benefit of children undergoing care; and

WHEREAS, Addison Kohler, Miss New Bedford's Teen has read to elementary students promoting inclusion of all students with physical and mental differences, and has partnered with Youth Opportunities Unlimited (Y.O.U.), the United Way of Greater New Bedford, the YWCA, On Stage Academy of Performing Arts and New Bedford Public Schools Wraparound Services; and

WHEREAS, Addison Kohler, Miss New Bedford's Teen 2026, has won over $700.00 in scholarships through her participation in the New Bedford Scholarship Program; and

WHEREAS, As Miss New Bedford's Teen 2026, Addison Kohler has participated in 153 events within our community and was honored at the Massachusetts State House for her fundraising and work promoting her Community Service Initiative which included advocating for additional funding for pediatric healthcare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the **New Bedford City Council** hereby honors **ADDISON KOHLER, MISS NEW BEDFORD'S TEEN 2026,** congratulates her on her achievements during her reign, thanks her for representing New Bedford so well and wishes her great success in all her future endeavors.

Adopted, to be presented at a later date. (#1577)

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CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

IN CITY COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

RESOLUTION HONORING MARCI PINA-CHRISTIAN FOR A LIFETIME OF SERVICE, LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY ADVOCACY

WHEREAS, Marci Pina- Christian has devoted her life to serving the people of New Bedford, strengthening neighborhoods, connecting residents with resources, creating opportunities for young people, and building a more inclusive and compassionate community; and

WHEREAS, Marci Pina-Christian earned a degree in Business Administration from the University of Massachusetts Amherst, with a minor in Psychology, and began her career in the private sector before returning to New Bedford, where she discovered her passion for community engagement through her work with the New Bedford YWCA, later teaching English at Keith Middle School for five years before beginning a distinguished career in public service with the City of New Bedford in 2007, and for nearly two decades with the City of New Bedford's Department of Community Services, Marci Pina-Christian served in positions of increasing responsibility and ultimately retired in 2026, as a Program Director, having led programs that touched countless lives throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, Marci Pina-Christian played a significant role in revitalizing the New Bedford Human Relations Commission and supporting its evolution into the Human Rights Commission, strengthening its relationships with statewide civil and human rights organizations and establishing an annual Human Rights Day recognizing those who advance human and civil rights in our community and also helped establish the official City of New Bedford Juneteenth commemoration and annual flag ceremony, creating a lasting civic recognition of an important part of American and African American history; and

WHEREAS, Marci Pina-Christian was instrumental in establishing Prostate Cancer Awareness Week in New Bedford, helping bring education and resources to the community concerning the disproportionate impact of prostate cancer on Black and Brown men; and

WHERAS, For nearly two decades, Marci Pina-Christian has been a dedicated leader of New Bedford's annual Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. program, helping bring nationally recognized leaders and voices to the City while creating opportunities for young people through student essay and creative expression contests; and

WHEREAS, Through her Cable Access program, Neighborhood Update, Marci Pina-Christian became a trusted source of information about City services, programs, and community resources, producing 131 programs and helping residents navigate critical resources and changing requirements throughout the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Marci Pina-Christian's leadership has extended beyond municipal government, including her service on the Advisory Council on Race and Equity under former Attorney Maura Healey and her appointment by Governor Healy to the Advisory Council on Black Empowerment; and

WHEREAS, Following the death of her beloved husband, Armsted Christian, Marci honored his memory and legacy by recruiting a committee to establish the Armsted Christian Endowed Scholarship Committee at Berklee College of Music and under Marci Pina-Christian's leadership, the Scholarship Committee has continued to honor Armsted's legacy through annual jazz concerts that raise funds for the scholarship and celebrate the music that was so central to his life; and

WHEREAS, The City Council of New Bedford recognizes that Marci Pina-Christian's legacy is measured not only by the programs she helped create or the positions she held, but by the people she encouraged, the young people she inspired, the resources she connected to those in need, and the opportunities she helped create for other to succeed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IR RESOLVED, That the **New Bedford City Council** hereby recognizes and honors **MARCI PINA-CHRISTIAN FOR A LIFETIME OF SERVICE, LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY ADVOCACY,** her mentorship and commitment to the people of New Bedford and wishes her many more years of health, happiness and success.

Adopted, to be presented at a later date. (#1578)

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WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Baptiste, requesting, on behalf of Our Lady of the Assumption Church, that the following street(s) BE CLOSED: MADISON STREET, from Seventh Street to South Sixth Street AND SOUTH SIXTH STREET, from Madison Street to Joli Gonsalves Memorial Way, on FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2026, FROM 6:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M., for the purpose of a Candlelight Vigil in memory of the people killed and injured in the bus crash on Fogo Island, Cape Verde on September 05, 2026.

GRANTED PROVISIONALLY BY THE 2026 CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT RYAN J. PEREIRA ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2026, TO BE RATIFIED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2026.

Received and Action of the City Council President Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval September 28, 2026.

Approved October 07, 2026. (#1579)

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WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Baptiste, requesting, on behalf of Buddy Andrade, that the following street(s) be CLOSED: RUSSELL STREET, from Purchase Street to Acushnet Avenue AND MANNY COSTA WAY, from Acushnet Avenue to South Second Street, (Joseph J. Monte Park) ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2026, FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M., for the purpose of GO GREEN CAMPAIGN – HARVEST FAMILY FUN DAY - NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP. (PLEASE NOTE: RAIN DATE – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2026.)

Permission Granted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval September 28, 2026.

Approved October 07, 2026. (#1580)

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WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Baptiste, requesting, on behalf of AHA! New Bedford, that the following street(s) be CLOSED: PURCHASE STREET, from Union Street to William Street, ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2026, FROM 7:30 A.M. TO 9:00 P.M., for the purpose of the Nice Bike Show. PLEASE NOTE: A RAIN DATE OF SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2026, HAS BEEN ADDED

Permission Granted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval September 28, 2026.

Approved October 07, 2026. (#1581)

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CONSTABLE BOND, RICKY NUNEZ, New Bedford, MA, in the amount of $5,000.00 with the NGM Insurance Company.

Approved.

Presented to the Mayor for approval September 28, 2026.

Approved October 07, 2026. (#1582)

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CONSTABLE BOND, JOSEPH C. LATIMER, New Bedford, MA, in the amount of $5,000.00 with the NGM Insurance Company.

Approved.

Presented to the Mayor for approval September 28, 2026.

Approved October 07, 2026. (#1583)

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APPLICATION, **Harriet Norcross Eppel,** for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **227 - 229 Cedar Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on September 08, 2026, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval September 28, 2026.

Approved October 07, 2026. (#1584)

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APPLICATIONS, **PODS,** for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on September 21, 2026, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council as follows:

34 Court Street (#1585)

359 - 361 Brock Avenue (#1586)

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval September 28, 2026.

Approved October 07, 2026.

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APPLICATION, **JLC Construction,** for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **50 North Second Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on September 08, 2026, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval September 28, 2026.

Approved October 07, 2026. (#1587)

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APPLICATION, **Haugland Energy Group,** for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **County Street, working between Middle Street and Morgan Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on September 09, 2026, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval September 28, 2026.

Approved October 07, 2026. (#1588)

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APPLICATION, **JLC Construction,** for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **435 Sawyer Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on September 10, 2026, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval September 28, 2026.

Approved October 07, 2026. (#1589)

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APPLICATION, **Frank Corp. Environmental,** for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **1265 Purchase Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on September 11, 2026, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval September 28, 2026.

Approved October 07, 2026. (#1590)

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APPLICATION, **Danella Line Services,** for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **34 New Plainville Road**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on September 11, 2026, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval September 28, 2026.

Approved October 07, 2026. (#1591)

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APPLICATION, **JLC Construction,** for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **160 Crapo Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on September 14, 2026, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval September 28, 2026.

Approved October 07, 2026. (#1592)

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APPLICATION, **RJ Canessa Excavating,** for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **47 Lemos Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on September 14, 2026, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval September 28, 2026.

Approved October 07, 2026. (#1593)

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APPLICATION, **Dirty Diggin Construction,** for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **NS Pitman Street 38±E. X Lancaster Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on September 16, 2026, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval September 28, 2026.

Approved October 07, 2026. (#1594)

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APPLICATION, **RJ Canessa Excavating,** for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **273 Pitman Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on September 17, 2026, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval September 28, 2026.

Approved October 07, 2026. (#1595)

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APPLICATION, **Soil X,** for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **Blue Lane Project – Macarthur Drive @ Hillman Street, Herman Melville Blvd., Elm Street Merrill's Wharf, Walnut Street (see permit)**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on September 17, 2026, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval September 28, 2026.

Approved October 07, 2026. (#1596)

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APPLICATION, **Dirty Diggin Construction,** for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **NS Braley Road - Plot 136/Lot 541**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on September 18, 2026, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval September 28, 2026.

Approved October 07, 2026. (#1597)

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APPLICATION, **Mike Andrade Excavation LLC,** for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **WS Acushnet Avenue – Plot 132-I/Lot 40**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on September 21, 2026, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval September 28, 2026.

Approved October 07, 2026. (#1598)

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APPLICATION, **JLC Construction,** to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **50 North Second Street,** provisionally granted by the City Clerk on September 08, 2026, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval September 28, 2026.

Approved October 07, 2026. (#1599)

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APPLICATION, **Haugland Energy Group,** to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **County Street, working between Middle Street and Morgan Street,** provisionally granted by the City Clerk on September 09, 2026, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval September 28, 2026.

Approved October 07, 2026. (#1600)

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APPLICATION, **JLC Construction,** to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **435 Sawyer Street,** provisionally granted by the City Clerk on September 10, 2026, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval September 28, 2026.

Approved October 07, 2026. (#1601)

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APPLICATION, **Frank Corp. Environment,** to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **1265 Purchase Street,** provisionally granted by the City Clerk on September 11, 2026, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval September 28, 2026.

Approved October 07, 2026. (#1602)

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APPLICATION, **Danella Line Services,** to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **34 New Plainville Road,** provisionally granted by the City Clerk on September 11, 2026, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval September 28, 2026.

Approved October 07, 2026. (#1603)

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APPLICATION, **JLC Construction,** to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **160 Crapo Street,** provisionally granted by the City Clerk on September 14, 2026, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval September 28, 2026.

Approved October 07, 2026. (#1604)

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APPLICATION, **RJ Canessa Excavating,** to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **47 Lemos Street,** provisionally granted by the City Clerk on September 14, 2026, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval September 28, 2026.

Approved October 07, 2026. (#1605)

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APPLICATION, **Dirty Diggin Construction,** to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **NS Pitman Street 38±E. X Lancaster Street,** provisionally granted by the City Clerk on September 16, 2026, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval September 28, 2026.

Approved October 07, 2026. (#1606)

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APPLICATION, **RJ Canessa Excavation,** to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **273 Pitman Street,** provisionally granted by the City Clerk on September 17, 2026, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval September 28, 2026.

Approved October 07, 2026. (#1607)

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APPLICATION, **Soil X,** to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **Blue Lane Project - Macarthur Drive @ Hillman Street, Herman Melville Blvd., Elm Street Merrill's Wharf, Walnut Street (see permit),** provisionally granted by the City Clerk on September 17, 2026, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval September 28, 2026.

Approved October 07, 2026. (#1608)

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APPLICATION, **Dirty Diggin Construction,** to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **NS Braley Road – Plot 136/Lot 541,** provisionally granted by the City Clerk on September 18, 2026, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval September 28, 2026.

Approved October 07, 2026. (#1609)

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APPLICATION, **Mike Andrade Excavation LLC,** to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **WS Acushnet Avenue – Plot 132-I/Lot 40,** provisionally granted by the City Clerk on September 21, 2026, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval September 28, 2026.

Approved October 07, 2026. (#1610)

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APPLICATIONS, **Eversource Gas**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on September 08, 2026 subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council as follows:

67 – 69 Carroll Street (#1611)

78 – 80 Branscomb Street (#1612)

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval September 28, 2026.

Approved October 07, 2026.

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APPLICATIONS, **Eversource Gas**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on September 08, 2026 subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council as follows:

28 Duncan Street (#1613)

217 Bellevue Street (#1614)

99 Perry Street (#1615)

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval September 28, 2026.

Approved October 07, 2026.

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APPLICATIONS, **Eversource Gas**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on September 16, 2026 subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council as follows:

98 Cottage Street (#1616)

357 Wood Street (#1617)

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval September 28, 2026.

Approved October 07, 2026.

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APPLICATIONS, **Eversource Gas**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on September 18, 2026 subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council as follows:

Kilburn Street, 70A Kilburn Street to North Fron Street (#1618)
Intersection of Purchase Street @ Clark Street (#1619)
Sycamore Street, Pleasant Street to State Street (#1620)
Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.
Presented to the Mayor for approval September 28, 2026.
Approved October 07, 2026.

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APPLICATIONS, **Eversource Gas**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on September 21, 2026 subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council as follows:

248 Chestnut Street (#1621)
228 Eugenia Street (#1622)
Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.
Presented to the Mayor for approval September 28, 2026.
Approved October 07, 2026.

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APPLICATION, **Cran-Marsh, Inc.,** for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **359 Park Street,** provisionally granted by the City Clerk on September 10, 2026, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.
Presented to the Mayor for approval September 28, 2026.
Approved October 07, 2026. (#1623)

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APPLICATION, **EL Harvey,** for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **206 Tinkham Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on September 14, 2026, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.
Presented to the Mayor for approval September 28, 2026.
Approved October 07, 2026. (#1624)

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PETITION, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy, for location of approximately 60’ of Conduit on MACARTHUR DRIVE, this work is necessary to provide improved service to MacArthur Drive.

Received and Hearing Ordered for Thursday, October 08, 2026.

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PETITION, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy, for location of approximately 65’ of Conduit on MIDDLE STREET, this work is necessary to provide service to 370 Middle Street.

Received and Hearing Ordered for Thursday, October 08, 2026.

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PETITION, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy, for location of approximately 12’ of Conduit on BELLEVILLE AVENUE, this work is necessary to provide improved service to 106 Belleville Avenue.

Received and Hearing Ordered for Thursday, October 08, 2026.

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On a motion, the Council then adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

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ATTEST:

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