

REGULAR MEETING
Chambers of the City Council
Thursday, November 15, 2018

CITY COUNCIL
Municipal Building
7:05 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Lima, Lopes, Markey and Rebeiro.

LATE: No One

ABSENT: Councillors Abreu, Coelho and Council President Morad.

Council President Linda M. Morad called the meeting to order and presided.

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

COMMUNICATION, Councillor Abreu, to Members of the City Council, informing that he will be absent for the Celebration Meeting on Thursday, November 15, 2018, due to a work – related commitment.

Received and Placed on File. (#1864)

COMMUNICATION, Councillor Coelho, to Members of the City Council, notifying that she will be absent for the Celebration Meeting on Thursday, November 15, 2018, due to a work conflict commitment.

Received and Placed on File. (#1865)

COMMUNICATION, Council President Morad, to Members of the City Council, informing that she will be absent for the Celebration Meeting on Thursday, November 15, 2018, due to a family commitment.

Received and Placed on File. (#1866)

CITATIONS, Councillors Lopes, Gomes and Abreu, honoring New Bedford SEYAA 8U All Stars, EASTON ALMEIDA, CHRISTIAN DUARTE, AIVEN AVILA, AUSTIN PARKER, MASON ABREU, GREG LAGUE, JOSIAH RODRIGUEZ, JP MORRIS, JORDAN CORREIA, JASYE JORGE, MAX RODERIQUES and JAYCE JORGE, Players, JAY ALMEIDA, Manager, DAVID ABREU, PAUL DUARTE and CHAD AVILA, Coaches, in recognition of their winning the New England Regional Cal Ripkin Championship – 2018. (TABLED – SEPTEMBER 20, 2018.)

TABLED – September 20, 2018.

Removed from Table and Adopted. (#1605)

CITATION, Councillor Giesta, honoring the NEW BEDFORD BAY SOX, in recognition of their participation in the Community Sweep of Acushnet Avenue on Thursday, June 28, 2018. (TABLED – SEPTEMBER 20, 2018.)

TABLED – September 20, 2018.

Removed from Table and Adopted. (#1607)

CITATION, Councillor Giesta, honoring UMASS Dartmouth Dining Services, in recognition of their generosity in providing lunches to all the volunteers after the Community Sweep of Acushnet Avenue on Thursday, June 28, 2018. (TABLED – SEPTEMBER 20, 2018.)

TABLED – September 20, 2018.

Removed from Table and Adopted. (#1608)

CITATION, Councillor Giesta, honoring MS. CORINN WILLIAMS, Executive Director, Community Economic Development Center, in recognition of her commitment and dedication to her City in organizing the Community Sweep of Acushnet Avenue on Thursday, June 28, 2018. (TABLED – SEPTEMBER 20, 2018.)

TABLED – September 20, 2018.

Removed from Table and Adopted. (#1609)

CITATION, Councillor Giesta, honoring MR. KENNETH RAPOZA, Small Business Tech Assistance Specialist, Community Economic Development Center, in recognition of his commitment and dedication to his City in organizing the Community Sweep of Acushnet Avenue on Thursday, June 28, 2018. (TABLED – SEPTEMBER 20, 2018.)

TABLED – September 20, 2018.

Removed from Table and Adopted. (#1610)

COMMUNICATION, Council President Morad, to City/Clerk of the City Council Dennis W. Farias, calling a SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL for THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2018, at 7:00 p.m., in CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SECOND FLOOR OF CITY HALL, for the celebration and awarding of official City Council Citations and Resolutions.

Received and Placed on File. (#1867)

CITATION, Councillors Dunn and Gomes, honoring SERGEANT MICHAEL CASSIDY, New Bedford Police Department, in recognition of his commitment to the City of New Bedford and its citizens, when off duty he performed life saving measures on a Market Basket employee and saved her life.

Adopted. (#1868)

CITATIONS, Councillor Dunn, honoring CAPTAIN BRIAN MEDEIROS, FIREFIGHTER JASON BEAULIEU, New Bedford Fire Department and Director of Leash Law, EMANUEL MACIEL, in recognition of their contributions to the Southeastern Massachusetts Technical Rescue Team in assisting the victims of Hurricane Florence.

Adopted. (#1869)

CITATIONS, Councillor Lopes, honoring AIDEN SMITH, ILLIAM SANTIAGO, LOUIE FREITAS, ADRIAN CRUZ, NIKKO MORRIS, DYLAN LEUNG, DANNY ROCHA, JORDAN ROMAN, CHRISTIAN DAROSA, NICK ARSENAULT, JR., MASON SOUZA, ASSANTE AURORA, Players and RYAN SMITH, Manager, DANA CONNOR, LOU FREITAS, CHRIS MORRIS and JOHN TABARES, Coaches, SEYAA Team Farland Corp., in recognition of their winning the Little League Baseball City Championship – 2018.

Adopted. (#1870)

CITATION, Councillors Lima, Gomes and Council President Morad, honoring the KENNEDY-DONOVAN CENTER, in recognition of their Special Education School Open House that was held on May 11, 2018.

TABLED. (#1871)

CITATION, Councillor Gomes, Council President Morad, Councillors Lopes, Coelho, Carney and Giesta, honoring JAMES G. DEMELLO, in recognition of his being selected as the Prince Henry Society Man of the Year – 2018.

TABLED. (#1872)

CITATION, Councillor Rebeiro, honoring REVEREND APOSTLE CORDELL A. POLK, United House of Prayer for All People, in recognition of his twenty years as a dedicated community leader and with appreciation for his spiritual guidance.

Adopted. (#1873)

CITATION, Councillor Rebeiro, honoring NATHAN MONTEIRO, MASSACHUSETTS STATE TROOPER, in recognition of his bravery, professionalism and care as a State Trooper and his commitment to improving the City through his volunteerism.

Adopted. (#1874)

CITATION, Councillor Gomes, honoring KIM CAMARA, YesterYear Cyclery, in recognition of his thoughtfulness and kind heart in donating a bicycle to Michael Bessette, in Kim's own words "smiles are worth more than dollars".

Adopted. (#1875)

CITATION, Councillor Gomes, honoring LIBBY DAVENPORT, Founder, in recognition of her 15 years of commitment and dedication to the St. Martin's Episcopal Church Food Bank.

Adopted. (#1876)

CITATIONS, COUNCILLOR Gomes, honoring, BOB SANTOS, LOIS AYOTTE, PHYLLIS SANTOS, JOAN INDIO, PAT CORREIA, JANICE LATHAM, BRUCE GONSALVES, RANCE GILLESPIE, DEIRDRE GILLESPIE, AZALEA GILLESPIE, CHLOE GILLESPIE and TAMMY RAPOSO, in recognition of their contributions to the St. Martin's Episcopal Church Food Pantry.

Adopted. (#1877)

CITATIONS, Councillor Dunn and Council President Morad, honoring MARGARET MACRAMOS, PAYTON PROMISE BOUSQUET and PHOENIX OLIVIER, GIRL SCOUTS OF AMERICA - Troop 68111, in recognition of their winning the Bronze Award for their public service campaign promoting self-esteem and healthy living for pre-teens.

Adopted.

(#1878)

RESOLUTION, Councillor Carney, honoring CHRISTOPHER AZEVEDO, US Army SPC, in recognition of his being named SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS VETERAN OF THE YEAR – 2018, by the Veterans Transition House and for his committed service to his fellow Veterans.

TABLED.

(#1879)

The following resolution was presented by Councillors Lima and Abreu.

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

IN CITY COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 15, 2018

RESOLUTION HONORING DR. MELVIN B. YOKEN CHANCELLOR PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF FRENCH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE AND DIRECTOR OF THE BOIVIN CENTER FOR FRENCH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE ON THE OCCASION OF HIS BEING AWARDED THE FRENCH LEGION OF HONOR

WHEREAS, Chancellor Professor Emeritus Dr. Melvin Yoken, born the son of a glass manufacturer in Fall River, Massachusetts, attended B.M.C. Durfee High School where he first studied the French language, Dr. Yoken is married to Cynthia Stein Yoken; and together they are the proud parents of Andrew, David and Jonathan, and are the proud grandparents of Ryder, Jonah, Tommy, Mason, Eli and Weston; and

WHEREAS, On completion of his high school studies, Dr. Yoken continued his French studies while attending the University of Massachusetts – Amherst, Middlebury College, the University of Cincinnati, Brown University and the Five College Cooperative Program comprising the University of Massachusetts – Amherst, Smith College, Mount Holyoke College, Amherst College and Hampshire College; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Yoken then taught at Newton High School and later at the University of Massachusetts – Amherst, while working toward his Ph.D.; and

WHEREAS, Having spent four decades teaching successively at Southeastern Massachusetts Technical Institute, Southeastern Massachusetts University and the University of Massachusetts – Dartmouth, Dr. Yoken attained the ranks of Instructor, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Professor, Chancellor Professor and the preeminent rank of which he holds today, Chancellor Professor Emeritus of French Language and Literature; and

WHEREAS, While serving as a faculty member at the University of Massachusetts – Dartmouth, Dr. Yoken graciously offered his academic services as a faculty advisor, alliance member, program representative, board member, president, vice-president and director at several University affiliates like the French Club, Table Française, French and Canadian Studies Program, Claire T. Carney Library Associates and The Center for Jewish Culture; and

WHEREAS, After serving as a board member at the Boivin Center for French Language and Culture from 1985 to 1999, Dr. Yoken became the Boivin Center's Director, a position he retains today as he leads the Center through its fourth decade since its founding in 1985 with a grant from Dr. Omer E. Boivin, a urologist from Fall River; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Yoken holds various professional memberships and is a life member in a variety of professional organizations in disciplines such as the French language, foreign language, literature and teaching, he is moreover a community leader having served the cities of New Bedford, Fall River and other communities; with his lovely wife, Cynthia, serves as a philanthropist, administering scholarships and endowments, sponsoring lecture series and donating personal collections to archives:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the New Bedford City Council hereby sincerely thanks and honors **DR. MELVIN YOKEN ON THE OCCASION OF HIS BEING AWARDED THE FRENCH LEGION OF HONOR, FRANCE'S HIGHEST HONOR, FOR HIS CAREER STUDYING FRENCH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE**, commends him for his exemplary career at the University of Massachusetts - Dartmouth, and thanks him for his professionalism, dedication and passion in his role as a teacher; and further, **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the members of the New Bedford City Council extend their warm and sincere wishes to **DR. MELVIN YOKEN**, for a continued long, happy, productive and healthy retirement.

Adopted, to be presented at a later date.

(#1880)

The following resolution was presented by Councillor Lima, Council President Morad and Councillor Gomes.

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

IN CITY COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 15, 2018

**RESOLUTION HONORING CECILIA FELIX PRINCIPAL OF HOLY FAMILY HOLY NAME SCHOOL
ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT**

WHEREAS, Cecilia Felix, Principal of Holy Family Holy Name School, was born in New Bedford, the daughter of Joseph Felix a factory worker and Elsie Felix a homemaker, she attended Mt. Carmel Elementary School, Holy Family High School and the University of Massachusetts where she received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Portuguese Language and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary Education and after completing her undergraduate studies, Ms. Felix received a Master of Arts Degree in Religious Education from Providence College, Ms. Felix is the sister of Anthony Felix and she resides in New Bedford with her extended family; and

WHEREAS, In 1977, Cecilia Felix started her career at Holy Family Holy Name School as a seventh grade teacher and was appointed Principal in 1989; and

WHEREAS, Through her generosity and in keeping with her faith, Cecilia Felix served as Director of Religious Education at St. Lawrence the Martyr Church, she helped establish the North Street Central Neighborhood Group, and was instrumental in fundraising efforts toward the construction of the Mother Teresa Playground on North Street and in years past, Ms. Felix volunteered her services to a number of organizations including the New Bedford Free Public Library where she was a Trustee; and

WHEREAS, Under Cecilia Felix's leadership at Holy Family Holy Name School, in good spirit, thousands of lives have been touched through community outreach by advocating for children and helping families in need, and because of her knowledge and expertise, Ms. Felix's fellow school principals have sought her advice and counsel; and

WHEREAS, Through the Diocese of Fall River, Cecilia Felix has been awarded the Marian Medal, and in celebration of her selfless service during her four-decade plus tenure at Holy Family Holy Name School as a teacher and Principal, Ms. Felix was honored as The Standard-Times 2017 SouthCoast Educator of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Cecilia Felix, a kind woman who is dedicated to serving people in need, has built a team of dedicated and hard working professionals at Holy Family Holy Name School to whom she leaves a legacy of charity and love of humankind, and through her leadership and training are ready to continue the good work that she has prepared them for during her tenure at Holy Family Holy Name School; and

WHEREAS, On July 01, 2018, after a distinguished forty-one year career at Holy Family Holy Name School, it is with great sadness, but with the utmost respect that her loving family, colleagues and fellow Holy Family Holy Name School colleagues will give Cecilia Felix their best wishes for a long, happy and healthy retirement:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the New Bedford City Council hereby sincerely thanks and honors **CECILIA FELIX, PRINCIPAL OF HOLY FAMILY HOLY NAME SCHOOL, ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT FROM HOLY FAMILY HOLY NAME SCHOOL**, commends her for her exemplary career as a teacher and Principal, and thanks her for her commitment, dedication and passion in her role as **PRINCIPAL OF HOLY FAMILY HOLY NAME SCHOOL**.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the New Bedford City Council extends our warm and sincere best wishes to **CECILIA FELIX**, for a long, happy and healthy retirement.

Adopted, to be presented at a later date.

(#1881)

The following resolution was presented by Council President Morad.

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

IN CITY COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 15, 2018

**RESOLUTION HONORING THE NEW BEDFORD FESTIVAL THEATRE
ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, The New Bedford Festival Theatre was founded in 1990, when after seven years of successful summer performances, the management of the Zeiterion Theatre announced that they would no longer include summer productions as part of the Theatre's yearly schedule; and

WHEREAS, The New Bedford Festival Theatre has become a true treasure for live theatre in the Greater New Bedford area showcasing a wide range of productions and enhanced the cultural life of the Greater New Bedford Community, developed and encouraged dramatic arts while entertaining audiences and prides itself on providing excellence in theatre; and

WHEREAS, The New Bedford Festival Theatre has staged wonderful theatre productions for the last thirty summer seasons, entertaining an estimated 300,000 theatregoers who have enjoyed productions of the most popular and well-known Broadway shows, earning the prestigious New England Theatre Conference Moss Hart Award for the Best Theatrical Production in New England in 2008, for "Les Miserables" and in 2012, for "Hairspray", and

WHEREAS, Over the past thirty seasons, under the direction of Artistic Director George Charbonneau and Executive Producer Armand Marchand, the New Bedford Festival Theatre has staged a variety of the most beloved, popular and spectacular Broadway productions, appealing to diverse audiences, to include productions such as "Singin' in the Rain", "Hair", "Crazy for You", "Oklahoma", "Cats", "A Chorus Line", "Gypsy", "The Sound of Music", "Mary Poppins", "Grease", "My Fair Lady" and "West Side Story"; and

WHEREAS, The New Bedford Festival Theatre has embraced hundreds of local performers, technical support personnel, local businesses and volunteers, providing them with an opportunity to experience all aspects of producing a successful major theatrical production; and

WHEREAS, For the past twenty two years, the New Bedford Festival Theatre has offered a successful apprentice program, the Summer Theatre Academy, providing opportunities for high school students to be mentored by professional production staff and resulting in so many of the students continuing their education in the field of theatre at the University level; and

WHEREAS, On Saturday, November 10, 2018, the New Bedford Festival Theatre will host a celebration gala, 'Having The Time Of Your Life', to reflect upon the numerous successful accomplishments of the organization and to kick off the New Bedford Festival Theatres' thirtieth season with the announcement of the 2019 summer production of "Mamma Mia" which is certain to be another successful performance:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the New Bedford City Council hereby proudly honors the **NEW BEDFORD FESTIVAL THEATRE ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY,** commends the leadership of this wonderful organization for their creative vision and thanks them for their commitment and dedication to local theatre and the performing arts.

Adopted, to be presented at a later date.

(#1882)

On a motion, the Council then adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

ATTEST:

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