

NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

MEETING: COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS & BRIEFINGS
DATE: NOVEMBER 15, 2017
TIME: 7:18 P.M.
PLACE: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROOM 214, MUNICIPAL BUILDING

PRESENT: COUNCILLORS BRIAN GOMES, CHAIRMAN; IAN ABREU; DEBORA COELHO; HUGH DUNN; STEVEN MARTINS; LINDA MORAD; JAMES OLIVEIRA; DANA REBEIRO; KERRY WINTERSON

ABSENT: COUNCILLORS JOSEPH LOPES, VICE-CHAIRMAN; NAOMI CARNEY

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Councillor Gomes called the Appointments & Briefings Committee Meeting to order and took attendance. The Clerk read communications from Councillors Lopes and Carney explaining their absences, these communications were received and placed on file by Councillor Morad and seconded by Councillor Winterson.

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Notice, City Clerk of reference of a PUBLIC HEARING on an APPLICATION, Ana P. Singleton, D/B/A North End Auto Sales, LLC, for a SPECIAL PERMIT for Motor Vehicle Sales and Rentals, General Repairs and Light Service at 1336 Ashley Boulevard, New Bedford, MA 02745 (Application Rec'd 10/13/17) (Duly advertised in The Standard-Times on Thursday, November 2, 2017 and Thursday, November 9, 2017.) was received and placed on file and the hearing was opened by Councillor Morad and seconded by Councillor Winterson. (1)

Attorney Edward J. Sylvia, 558 Pleasant Street, New Bedford, representing the Singletons, gave an overview of the business and the applicant's intent.

Ana & John Singleton of Lakeville were also present to answer questions from the Committee. The business would be open Monday – Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Sunday by appointment only. They would be selling secondhand cars as well as detailing them. No major work would be done on site; they have the space for twenty-eight (28) cars. They would also be offering rental cars. They will start off with two employees, Mr. Singleton is the mechanic and Mrs. Singleton will run the office.

Councillor Oliveira pointed out to the Committee that this was an existing used car lot just south of Pa Raffa's.

Councillor Gomes asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak or be recorded in favor of the petition. There was none. He then asked if there was anyone who would like to speak or be recorded in opposition of the petition, there was none.

Councillor Morad asked Danny Romanowicz, Commissioner of Inspectional Services, if all was approved by the city and she was told yes.

On motion by Councillor Morad and seconded by Councillor Oliveira, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council to APPROVE the APPLICATION, Ana P. Singleton, D/B/A North End Auto Sales, LLC, for a SPECIAL PERMIT for Motor Vehicle Sales and Rentals, General Repairs and Light Service at 1336 Ashley Boulevard, New Bedford, MA 02745. This motion passed on a voice vote.

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Notice, City Clerk of reference of a COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of DONALD R. GAUDETTE, JR, New Bedford, MA to the ELECTION COMMISSION replacing J. Louis LeBlanc, whose term will expire upon Council approval of Mr. Gaudette's appointment; this term will expire April 2019 (Ref'd 10/26/17) was received and placed on file by Councillor Morad and seconded by Councillor Rebeiro. (2)

Donald Gaudette, Jr. was present to answer questions from the Committee. He told the Committee he was a lifelong resident of New Bedford, has been retired for the last four (4) years and he was approached by the Mayor to fill the position.

Mr. Gaudette is well known by the Committee and received praise for his wanting to serve and his service to the United States as a member of the U. S. Military, showing a great deal of skills and leadership qualities. Councillors Winterson, Oliveira, Morad and Gomes all spoke highly of Mr. Gaudette as well as his dad, who was a former City Councillor and State Representative.

On motion by Councillor Winterson and seconded by Councillor Abreu, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council APPROVAL of the APPOINTMENT of DONALD R. GAUDETTE, JR., New Bedford, MA to the ELECTION COMMISSION replacing J. Louis LeBlanc, whose term will expire upon Council approval of Mr. Gaudette's appointment; this term will expire April 2019. This motion passed on a Roll Call Vote of Yeas 9, Nays 0.

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Notice, City Clerk of reference of a COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of EMMANUEL MATIAS, Dartmouth, MA as a SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER (Ref'd 10/26/17) was received and placed on file by Councillor Morad and seconded by Councillor Winterson. (3)

Mr. Matias was not present for this meeting.

Councillor Morad asked if the invite was sent out in a timely manner, she was told it was. She asked that the Clerk's Office reach out to the applicant to see if he is still interested in the appointment.

On motion by Councillor Morad and seconded by Councillor Coelho, the Committee VOTED: To table this matter at this time. This motion passed on a voice vote.

Councillor Oliveira made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Councillor Winterson.

This meeting adjourned @ 7:37 p.m.

ATTEST:

Denis Lawrence, Jr.,
Clerk of Committees