



# *Special City Council Celebration Meeting* – Minutes

*CITY COUNCIL CALENDAR*

Chambers of the City Council Municipal Building

*Thursday, October 20, 2016 – 7:02 p.m.*

PRESENT: Council President Morad, Councillors Abreu, Carney, Coelho, Lopes, Martins, Oliveira, and Winterson.

LATE: Councillor Gomes 7:15 p.m. and Councillor Bousquet 7:35 p.m.

ABSENT: Councillor Rebeiro

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Council President Morad called the meeting to order and presided.

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Prayer Led By: Reverend Rebecca Blair, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

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

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COMMUNICATION, Councillor Rebeiro to Members of the City Council, informing that she will be absent for the Special City Council Meeting on Thursday, October 20, 2016, due to an out of town commitment.

Received and Placed on File.

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CITATIONS, Councillor Martins, honoring the New Bedford Housing Authority Baseball Team, Members JOEY POENTE, JARED ACHORN, SETH ALLAIRE, JAIDEN BUTLER, KYLE CHARBONNEAU, NICK DEXTRADEUR, JACOB FERREIRA, KYLE LANCASTER, IAN MEDEIROS, MATT MORRIS, ISAIAH OSTIGUY, BRUCE PICHE, BEN PLOURDE, CHRIS REZENDES, JACK SEFRINO, Head Coach, ANTHONY POENTE, JR., Assistant Coaches, JON PLOURDE, CHRIS DEXTRADEUR, JIMMY LANCASTER, KARL ACHORN, MARK MORRIS and BRIAN SEFRINO, in recognition of their winning the Greater New Bedford Pony League Championship - 2016.

Adopted.

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CITATION, Councillors Abreu, Bousquet, Carney, Coelho, Gomes, Lopes, Martins, Council President Morad, Councillors Oliveira, Rebeiro and Winterson, honoring the EDITORS, PHOTOGRAPHERS, REPORTERS and ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF of The Standard-Times in recognition of being honored as THE 2016 NEW ENGLAND NEWSPAPER OF THE YEAR by the New England Newspaper and Press Association.

Adopted.

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CITATIONS, Councillor Bousquet, honoring United States Army Brotherhood of Tankers, 4th Battalion, Burt's Knights, Abrams Company Members, JIM BAGDON, PAUL SOUZA, WIL COREY, PAT BOWEN, JIM NORIAN, TOM MASTERSON, CHRIS LEBLANC, STEVE MILLER, DAVE WIESNER, PAUL BEAULIEU, GREGG

POMERLEAU, JORDAN ROULLIER, BILL HIGGINS, BRIAN MESSIER, JUAN RAMOS, JOHN KOSTKA, CHUCK KENNEALLY and JOHN DELCORE, in recognition of their volunteer service and tremendous gift of restoring our three tank memorials to City Veterans.

Adopted.

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CITATION, Councillor Gomes, honoring DR. MICHAEL J. ROCHA, in recognition of the New Bedford Wellness Initiative, making our community a healthier place for all.

Adopted.

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CITATION, Councillor Lopes, honoring the NEW BEDFORD YOUNG MARINES, in recognition of their National Anti-Drug Effort and Awareness Campaign, Red Ribbon Week, October 22 – October 29, 2016. (Adopted, to be presented at a later date.)

Adopted, to be presented at a later date.

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**CITY OF NEW BEDFORD  
IN CITY COUNCIL  
OCTOBER 20, 2016**

**RESOLUTION HONORING SPINNER PUBLICATIONS, INC.,  
ON THE OCCASION OF THE CELEBRATION OF THEIR 35TH ANNIVERSARY**

**WHEREAS**, The origin of Spinner Publications, Inc., began in the fall of 1980, when Joseph Thomas met Professor Donna Huse who was teaching a class on community reporting at the University of Massachusetts; Professor Huse was looking for photographs to accompany student stories while Joseph Thomas was looking for written words to accompany his photographs, both of them hoping to tell the history of the region through photographs; and

**WHEREAS**, What started as a University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth magazine turned into a book, “Spinner Volume 1: The People and Culture of Southeastern Massachusetts”, which was published in 1981, the first of five volumes, detailing the oral history of the region supported by period photographs that present local history in a dramatic and entertaining way; and

**WHEREAS**, In November 1983, Spinner Publications, Inc., a community based nonprofit corporation was formed with New Bedford native Joseph Thomas serving as Publisher and Executive Director, working from a basement office on Union Street for many years before moving to the current location on William Street, where Joseph Thomas and two employees, Jay Avila and Susan Grace continue the Spinner Publications mission of recording, preserving and promoting the history and culture of Cities and Towns of Southeastern New England through the publication of pictorial images; and

**WHEREAS**, The Spinner Archives, is acclaimed as New England’s most extensive photographic collection, with over one million images of the South Coast region dating back to 1860, and includes historical collections from area

newspapers, professional photographers and collectors who have donated their holdings to create an illustrative account which tells the stories of the City, individuals, the land, families and their work; and

**WHEREAS**, Spinner Publications has published over 40 major book titles and numerous small publications, employing hundreds of local artists, writers, photographers, historians and educators; and

**WHEREAS**, Spinner Publications has also developed and implemented an oral history magazine curriculum for children grades 5 to 12, that allows students to interview parents or elders and utilize new learning techniques that foster the art of writing; and

**WHEREAS**, Spinner Publications has won many awards that are testimony to the organization’s dedication to excellence in celebrating the heritage of Southeastern Massachusetts and include honors from The Massachusetts Cultural Council’s Commonwealth Award, The Fontera Award and the Benjamin Franklin Award, to name just a few; and

**WHEREAS**, The talented team of local writers and editors under the direction of Publisher Joseph Thomas has recently released “A Picture History of New Bedford, Volume 2”, which tells the history of our City from 1602 to the present day, in a publication of more than 1,200 photographs and 100,000 words and has been widely acclaimed as an outstanding pictorial depiction of the history of our City; and

**WHEREAS**, On November 5<sup>th</sup> the community will join Spinner Publications, Inc., at the Fort Taber Community Center for an evening celebration to commemorate the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this wonderful community based organization that continually brings the reader face to face through photographs with our past:

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, That the New Bedford City Council hereby commends and congratulates **SPINNER PUBLICATIONS, INC.**, a true treasure of our community, on the occasion of its 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, extends our thanks to Publisher and Executive Director Joseph Thomas for his commitment and dedication to the history of New Bedford and Southeastern Massachusetts and eagerly anticipates **SPINNER PUBLICATIONS, INC.**, pictorial history chronicles continuing for many years to come.

Adopted.

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On a motion, the Council then adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

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ATTEST:

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