



Special City Council Celebration Meeting – Minutes

CITY COUNCIL CALENDAR

Chambers of the City Council Municipal Building

Thursday, July 20, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

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

LATE: No One

ABSENT: Councillors Bousquet, Gomes, Rebeiro, and Winterson.

Council President Morad called the meeting to order and presided.

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

Prayer Led By: The Very Reverend Constantine Bebis

COMMUNICATION, Councillor Winterson, to Members of the City Council, informing that he will be absent for the Special City Council Meeting on Wednesday, July 20, 2016, due to a prior commitment.

Received and Placed on File. (#1238)

COMMUNICATION, Councillor Bousquet, to Members of the City Council, informing that he will be absent for the Special City Council Meeting on Wednesday, July 20, 2016, due to a prior commitment.

Received and Placed on File. (#1239)

COMMUNICATION, Councillor Gomes, to Members of the City Council, informing that he will be absent for the Special City Council Meeting on Wednesday, July 20, 2016, due to a prior commitment.

Received and Placed on File. (#1240)

CITATION, Councillor Abreu, honoring EDWARD PACHECO, Owner of Places to Go, LLC, in recognition of his Community Employment Initiative.

Adopted. (#1241)

CITATION, Councillor Martins and Council President Morad, honoring AUTUMN WILLIAMS, in recognition of her caring concern for an innocent animal and her being a good citizen by saying something.

Adopted. (#1242)

CITATIONS, Councillor Martins & Council President Morad, honoring JASON ALMEIDA, DOUGLAS GLASSMAN, RAYANA GRACE, MONICA LANDIS and VERA VADEBONCOEUR, in recognition of being honored as a SOUTHCOAST 5 EMERGING LEADER.

Adopted.

(#1243)

4. **REMOVED.**

The following Resolution was presented by Councillor Rebeiro.

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

IN CITY COUNCIL

JULY 20, 2016

RESOLUTION HONORING THE THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL JAZZ SERVICE AT THE FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH

WHEREAS, The first Annual Jazz Service at the historic First Unitarian Church, a liberal, progressive religious community in Downtown New Bedford, began thirty-five years ago by Jazz legend Bobby Greene and his band Coleus; and

WHEREAS, The original band members included: Bill Britto, Bobby Greene, Richard Haddocks, John Harrison, Herbie King and Danny Schwartz, the purpose was to feature local musicians with an acoustic blend of music; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, many other great musicians have participated in keeping live music in Downtown New Bedford during the Fourth of July weekend; and

WHEREAS, This event is always free to the public and open to all ages; and

WHEREAS, The thirty-fifth year of this highly respected performance by the New Bedford Jazz Ensemble featured some of the regions finest players, including: John Harrison III, piano, Danny Schwartz, percussion, Tiny Tavares, vocal, Stan Strickland, vocal, sax and flute, Dori Rubbiccio, vocal, Michael Lavoie, acoustic bass and Yoron Israel, drums; and

WHEREAS, The thirty-fifth Annual Jazz Service was in memory of former longtime performers of this event who are now deceased: Bobbie Greene, Herbie King, Rick Britto and Armistead Christian: and

WHEREAS, The 2016 Jazz Service had more than 275 people in attendance, one of their largest crowds ever:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the New Bedford City Council hereby honors the **THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL JAZZ SERVICE AT THE FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH**, thanks them for bringing music to New Bedford, and also thanks the musicians, bakers, volunteers and everyone involved who donated their time and efforts into making this such a successful yearly event.

The following Resolution was presented by Councillors Abreu and Martins.

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

IN CITY COUNCIL

JULY 20, 2016

RESOLUTION HONORING MA’S DONUT SHOP ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR CLOSING AFTER SIXTY-TWO YEARS IN BUSINESS

WHEREAS, The Lemieux family has owned the business since 1954; and

WHEREAS, Eddie Lemeiux, Co-Owner of Ma's Donut Shop, learned to make donuts as a teenager over 50 years ago while working for his grandmother, Florence Gendron, and his uncle, Norman, who both owned the shop before the Lemeiuxes bought it; and

WHEREAS, Husband and wife, Eddie and Sheila Lemeiux, officially purchased the family business in 1984; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Lemeiux, brother of Eddie, worked alongside his family over the last 32 years making the product; and

WHEREAS, Ma's Donuts were not only sold here in New Bedford, but, due to their popularity, were also sold and enjoyed by individuals all throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Each individual donut was made by hand each and every day, producing anywhere from 350-400 dozen every morning for our community; and

WHEREAS, In addition its wide array of donuts, Ma’s Donut Shop also sold a daily assortment of freshly prepared muffins, cheese rolls, linguica rolls, turnovers, danishes, and cinnamon rolls; and

WHEREAS, The Ma’s Donut Shop staff were always known for their excellent customer service each and every day; and

WHEREAS, Ma's Donut Shop, located at 1972 Acushnet Avenue here in New Bedford's north end, became known as a popular community meeting and gathering spot for many generations of our residents:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the New Bedford City Council hereby commends **MA'S DONUT SHOP**, thanks them for providing excellent service to the people of New Bedford for so many decades and wishes **EDDIE AND SHEILA LEMEIUX** many years of health and happiness.

Adopted. (#1245)

On a motion, the Council then adjourned at 8:14pm.

ATTEST:

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