



Council Meeting *Organizational Meeting- Minutes*

CITY COUNCIL CALENDAR

Chambers of the City Council Municipal Building

Monday, January 04, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors- Elect Abreu, Bousquet, Carney, Coelho, Gomes, Lopes, Martins, Morad, Oliveira, Rebeiro, and Winterson.

LATE: No One.

ABSENT: No One.

Reverend Leona Fisher, Pastor in the Name of Jesus Church led the Assembly in Prayer.

Councillor at Large Brian K. Gomes led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

COMMUNICATION, City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council, notifying of Organizational Meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, January 04, 2016, at 6:30 p.m., in City Council Chambers, for the following purpose:

1. Temporary Organization of the City Council and Election of City Council President Pro Tem.
2. Election Commission Reporting the Election of Municipal Officials.
3. **Adjournment** for Swearing In of Elected Officials.
4. **Reconvene** for Organization of the City Council for the Year 2016.
5. Election of President of the City Council for 2016.
6. Drawing for Seats (if applicable).
7. Appointments of Assistant City Solicitors for 2016.
8. Appointment of Attorney David J. Gerwatowski as Legislative Counsel to the City Council for 2016.

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(#0001)

The meeting was called to order by City Clerk/Clerk of City Council Dennis W. Farias, who announces that Nominations will be in order for the Election of a Temporary President.

Councillor-Elect Martins Nominated Councillor-Elect Bousquet. Councillor-Elect Coelho seconded the motion.

On a motion of Councillor-Martins nominations were closed. Councillor-Elect Lopes seconded the motion.

On a roll call vote- Yeas 10, Nays 0, Councillor- Elect Bousquet was elected Temporary President and Dennis W. Farias, City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council, appointed Councillor-Elect Winterson and Councillor-Elect Martins to escort President Pro Tem Bousquet to the Chair.

President Pro Tem Bousquet called a recess in the order that the Councillors-Elect may proceed to the Zeiterion Theatre to be sworn in.

President Pro Team Bousquet reconvened the Council in the City Council Chambers, Municipal Building at 8:43 p.m., with all the Councillors present and the Temporary President Bousquet presiding.

President Pro Tem Bousquet announced that he would accept nominations for the election of a President of the New Bedford City Council for the year 2016.

Councillor Lopes nominated Councillor Morad, seconded by Councillor Martins.

On a motion of Councillor Winterson, seconded by Councillor Coelho, nominations were closed.

By a roll call vote of Yeas 11, Nays 0. LINDA MORAD was elected City Council President for the Year 2016.

President Pro Tem Bousquet designated Councillors Martins and Lopes to escort President Morad to the Chair.

2016 City Council President Morad addresses the Council.

Councillor Bousquet switched from seat nine to seat three.

Councillor Abreu chose seat nine.

COMMUNICATION, Election Commission reporting the Election of Municipal Officials for 2016

**CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS
2015 MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

At the **Municipal Election** held on **Tuesday, November 3, 2015, 12,466** votes were cast and the following individuals were elected to office:

MAYOR - for a term of two years

Jon F. Mitchell, 15 Moreland Terrace

ASSESSOR – AT LARGE for a term of six years

Kimberly M. Saunders, 411 County Street

SCHOOL COMMITTEE - for a term of four years

Christopher Cotter, 64 Holden Street

Joaquim “Jack” Nobrega, 384 Purchase Street

Bruce J. Oliveira, 119 Plymouth Street

COUNCILLORS AT LARGE – for a term of two years

Ian Abreu, 273 Aquidneck Street

Naomi R. A. Carney, 16 Jenny Lind Street

Debora Coelho, 61 Nye Street

Brian K. Gomes, 66 Clara Street
Linda M. Morad, 4162 Acushnet Avenue

WARD ONE – for a term of two years

James D. Oliveira, 39 Briarwood Drive

WARD TWO - for a term of two years

Steven Martins, 200 Riverside Avenue

WARD THREE- for a term of two years

Henry G. Bousquet, 228 Mt. Pleasant Street

WARD FOUR – for a term of two years

Dana L. Rebeiro, 260 Union Street

WARD FIVE- for a term of two years

Kerry M. Winterson, 560 Allen Street

WARD SIX – for a term of two years

Joseph P. Lopes, 75 Dudley Street

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(#0002)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell submitting the **REAPPOINTMENT** of **ATTORNEY JOHN A. MARKEY, JR.**, New Bedford, MA 02740, as **Assistant City Solicitor** for a **one-year term expiring December 31, 2016.**

Rule 38 Waived, Reappointment Confirmed and Rule 40 Waived- Yeas 11, Nays 0.

(#0003)

COMMUNICATION, MAYOR Mitchell, submitting the **REAPPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY ERIC JAIKES**, New Bedford, MA 02740, as **Assistant City Solicitor** for a **one-year term expiring December 31, 2016.**

Rule 38 Waived, Reappointment Confirmed and Rule 40 Waived- Yeas 11, Nays 0.

(#0004)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, submitting the **REAPPOINTMENT** of **ATTORNEY KREG R. ESPINOLA**, New Bedford, MA 02740, as **Assistant City Solicitor** for a **one-year term expiring December 31, 2016.**

Rule 38 Waived, Appointment Confirmed and Rule 40 Waived- Yeas 11, Nays 0.

(#0005)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes submitting to the full City Council the **REAPPOINTMENT of ATTORNEY DAVID J. GERWATOWSKI**, New Bedford, Ma 02745, as **LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL TO THE CITY COUNCIL** for a **ONE YEAR TERM**, expiring **DECEMBER 31, 2016**.

Rule 38 waived, Reappointment Confirmed and Rule 40 Waived- Yeas 11, Nays 0.

(#0006)

On a motion, the Council then adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

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