



Council Meeting – **Minutes**

CITY COUNCIL CALENDAR

Chambers of the City Council Municipal Building

Thursday, February 12, 2015 – 7:01 p.m.

PRESENT: Council President Gomes, Councillors Alves, Bousquet, Carney, Coelho, Lopes, Martins, Morad, Oliveira, Rebeiro and Winterson.

LATE: No One

ABSENT: No One

Council President Gomes called the meeting to order and presided.

Prayer Led By: Reverend Kevin Harrington, of St. Francis of Assisi Parish led the Assembly in Prayer.

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

CITATIONS, Council President Gomes and Councillor Winterson, honoring JAKUB CWIEK, BRIAN PINHO, CURTIS ST. GERMAIN and PEDRO MOCO, in recognition of their appointments as New Bedford Police Officers.

Adopted.

(#0143)

The following resolution honoring JAMES P. RUSSELL was presented by Councillors Coelho, Alves, Carney, Council President Gomes, Councillors Oliveira, Martins, Rebeiro, Lopes and Winterson.

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

IN CITY COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 12, 2015

RESOLUTION HONORING JAMES P. RUSSELL PRESIDENT OF THE NEW BEDFORD WHALING MUSEUM STANDARD-TIMES 2014 NEW BEDFORD MAN OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, The New Bedford Whaling Museum is a testament to an industry and vanished way of life that is forever part of New Bedford's history; and

WHEREAS, In 2008, at the start of the recession, when James Russell took the helm as President of New Bedford's Whaling Museum, the Museum was heavily in debt and had only a very small endowment; and

WHEREAS, At the start of 2015, the Whaling Museum's financial difficulties had been resolved, the debt had been paid and the Whaling Museum's Board of Trustees were looking at a growing endowment due to James Russell's fiscal management; and

WHEREAS, The former Vice-President of the International Yacht Restoration School and Museum of Yachting in Newport, Rhode Island, James Russell won a unanimous vote of the Board of Trustees of the Old Dartmouth Historical Society to take over as President of the New Bedford Whaling Museum; and

WHEREAS, Before coming to the Whaling Museum, James Russell had fifteen years of experience with non-profit educational institutions, a decade of experience with maritime museums and a lifelong appreciation of art and had also managed a fundraising campaign for the Boston Center for the Arts for the renovation of its Cyclorama building; and

WHEREAS, The Whaling Museum has many collections of historical value comprised of a quarter of a million items, genealogy, manuscripts, whaling logs, maps and charts, financial records and much more, there are many educational opportunities at the Museum and annual events, such as the Moby Dick Marathon; and

WHEREAS, James Russell led the effort to bring the Charles W. Morgan, the world's last wooden Whaleship back to her homeport of New Bedford, Massachusetts, for a nine day visit, complete with parades, regattas, whaleboat races and more, the Morgan had undergone years of restoration and preservation, the event and celebration was a highlight of 2014 for the City, the Charles W. Morgan is America's oldest commercial ship still afloat – only the USS Constitution is older; and

WHEREAS, For his many years of leadership as President of the New Bedford Whaling Museum, for his dedication to bringing the Whaleship, the Charles W. Morgan back to New Bedford, for fundraising and successfully reaching out to and partnering with organizations that benefit the Museum, for leading the way to financial solvency and a large and expanding endowment, James P. Russell has been selected as the Standard-Times 2014 New Bedford Man of the Year:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The New Bedford City Council hereby honors **JAMES P. RUSSELL PRESIDENT OF THE NEW BEDFORD WHALING MUSEUM AND STANDARD-TIMES 2014 NEW BEDFORD MAN OF THE YEAR**, commends him for his hard work and dedication to the Whaling Museum and to our City and extends best wishes for continued future success.

Adopted.

(#0144)

The following resolution honoring BLACK HISTORY MONTH was presented by Councillors Carney and Rebeiro.

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

IN CITY COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 12, 2015

RESOLUTION IN HONOR AND CELEBRATION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH - FEBRUARY 2015

WHEREAS, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, a high school teacher, discovered that schools did not teach the history of Black Americans, and in 1915, he set out to change that by establishing the Association for the Study of African-American Life and History (ASALH) and in 1926, he established "Negro History Week" to be held during the second week of February, this date was chosen because it marked the birthdays of famed abolitionists Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass; and

WHEREAS, The Celebration of Black History Week was then expanded to encompass the month of February 1976, the Country's Bicentennial year, but not without some controversy and debate regarding designating a month to the history of one race rather than overall history; therefore, the importance of providing a Theme to focus the attention of the public occurred, to show that the intention was never to dictate or limit the exploration of the Black experience, but to bring to the public's attention important developments that merit emphasis; and

WHEREAS, The ongoing mission of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, now holding its 100th Annual ASALH Convention, is to promote, research, preserve, interpret and disseminate information about Black life, history and culture and to be the premier Black Heritage learned society with a strong network of National and International Branches whose diverse and inclusive membership will continue the Woodson Legacy, and one of the most successful means to achieve this goal has been, and still is, **BLACK HISTORY MONTH** and its powerful Themes; and

WHEREAS, The **THEME** for **2015** is **A CENTURY OF BLACK LIFE, HISTORY AND CULTURE**, in honor of the past century of African-American life, history and culture, the transformation in this past century is the result of effort, not chance, people who used their talents to change how the world viewed African-Americans, while the spotlight often shines on individuals, this movement is the product of organization, institutions and of institution builders who gave direction to effort, during the early decades of the twentieth century, it was commonly presumed that Black people had little history besides the subjugation of slavery, today, it is clear that blacks have impacted the development of social, political and economic structures of the United States and the world, credit for the evolving awareness of the true place of African-Americans in history can, in large part, be bestowed on Dr. Carter G. Woodson, founder of the Association for the Study of African-American Life and History, Inc., which to this day, is continuing Dr. Woodson's tradition of disseminating information about black life, history and culture to the global community, African-American history will continue to be an important part of American and world history and all people will continue to have knowledge about and recognize the contributions of people of African descent for centuries to come; and

WHEREAS, We cannot allow Black History Month to pass without recognizing our many local people of color who have accomplished great things against great odds, such as Frederick Douglass, who began his new, free life in our great City; Medal of Honor recipient Sgt. William Carney, who led his Civil War Regiment to victory; Westport's Paul Cuffe, son of an African slave and Wampanoag Indian, born in Cuttyhunk, who, in the years after the American Revolution, built an American shipbuilding fortune on the Westport River and founded the first elementary school in Westport, MA; New Bedford Whaling Era's Lewis Temple, inventor of the toggle harpoon; abolitionist and confectioner Polly Johnson; escaped slave Henry "Box" Brown; Edward M. Brooke, III, of Massachusetts, who was the first African-American Attorney General of any State, first African-American United States Senator and a Presidential Medal of Freedom Winner; Deval Patrick, who was the first African-American Governor of Massachusetts; former Illinois Senator Barack Obama, who became the first African-American elected to the Office of President of the United States; as well as many, many other individuals whose accomplishments have not yet been fully recognized; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month continues to pay tribute to the African-American history makers of the past and present, and the sacrifices made to ensure equality among all men and women of this great Nation, and serves as an occasion to examine the collective creativity, cultural and political experience of the masses of Africans and people of African descent, through lectures, exhibitions, banquets and cultural activities held throughout the United States in schools, communities, Churches and political arenas:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the New Bedford City Council takes note and celebrates the **MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2015**, as **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**, urges Citizens to honor and remember the Black Heroes of the past and present and encourages everyone to take part in activities held Citywide in recognition of our community's rich heritage of diversity; and, **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this Resolution be posted outside of the City Council Chamber for the entire month of February 2015, in recognition of **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**.

Adopted.

(#0145)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting a RESOLUTION authorizing Superintendent Durkin to submit five (5) Statement of Interest (SOI) Forms to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) to support repair projects one SOI each for the following elementary schools: William H. Carney, John Avery Parker, Hayden/McFadden, Alfred J. Gomes, Casimir Pulaski.

Received and Placed on File.

(#0146)

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

IN CITY COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 12, 2015

RESOLVED, having convened in an open meeting on February 12, 2015, prior to the closing date, the City Council of New Bedford, Massachusetts in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and Ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the following five (5) Statement of Interest (SOI) Forms dated February 13, 2015, one each for the following elementary schools: William H. Carney Academy located at 247 Elm Street, New Bedford; John Avery parker located at 705 County Street, New Bedford; Hayden/McFadden located at 361 Cedar Grove, New Bedford and Casimir Pulaski located at 1097 Braley Road, New Bedford. Each SOI describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in future.

Adopted and Rule 40 Waived – Yeas 10, Nays 0. (Councillor Alves not present for vote.)

Presented to the Mayor for approval February 13, 2015.

Approved February 13, 2015.

(#0147)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER amending the Order adopted by the City Council on September 23, 2014, which in accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, authorized the Revolving Fund under the control of the Planning and Community Development Department, known as the ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REVOLVING FUND whose purpose is to provide supplies, postage, **equipment** and advertising costs, contract for technical and administrative support for the ZBA, **zoning studies**, and stipends for ZBA members, whose revenues and amount limited to be spent estimated at **\$130,825.00** is hereby authorized for FISCAL YEAR 2015.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

(#0148)

AN ORDER,

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

(#0149)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$42,500.00 from LIBRARY, SALARIES & WAGES, to LIBRARY, CAPITAL OUTLAY.

Received and Placed on File.

(#0150)

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

IN CITY COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 12, 2015

ORDERED, that the sum of **FORTY-TWO THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$42,500.00)** now standing to the credit of the account from **LIBRARY SALARIES AND WAGES** be and the same is hereby transferred and appropriated to as follows:

LIBRARY CAPITAL OUTLAY.....\$42,500.00

To be certified and approved by the Department Head.

Adopted – Yeas 10, Nays 0. (Councillor Alves not present for vote.)

Presented to the Mayor for approval February 18, 2015.

Approved February 18, 2015. (#0151)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the following individuals for confirmation by the City Council as New Bedford Police Officers: JAKUB CWIEK, BRIAN PINHO, CURTIS ST. GERMAIN and PEDRO MOCO.

Appointment Confirmed. (#0152)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the REAPPOINTMENT of CAROL F. WALSH, New Bedford, MA, to the HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION; this term will expire February 2018.

Rule 38 Waived and Reappointment Confirmed – Yeas 10, Nays 0. (Councillor Alves not present for vote.)

(#0153)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the REAPPOINTMENT of KEVIN THOMAS, New Bedford, MA, to the HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION; this term will expire February 2018.

Rule 38 Waived and Reappointment Confirmed – Yeas 10, Nays 0. (Councillor Alves not present for vote.)

(#0154)

REPORT, Committee on Ordinances, recommending to the City Council ADOPTION of the Proposed Ordinance AS AMENDED, Amending Chapter 6, BUILDINGS and OTHER STRUCTURES.

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances. (#0155)

AN ORDINANCE,

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances. (#0156)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Oliveira, Lopes, Council President Gomes, Councillors Martins, Winterson, Alves, Bousquet, Carney and Rebeiro, requesting, that the City Administration conduct a feasibility study to develop a second entrance and exit to the Pulaski School, this is the only elementary school in New Bedford hosting over 700 students from across the City and the immediate area lacks a second means of access/egress and in the case of an emergency, having only one means of entrance and exiting the property could prove disastrous. (To be Referred to Mayor's Office, Committees on Appointments and Briefings and Public Safety and Neighborhoods.)

Adopted – Yeas 9, Nays 2. (Councillors Bousquet and Morad OPPOSED.)

Presented to the Mayor for approval February 18, 2015.

RETURNED UNSIGNED March 09, 2015.

(#0157)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Oliveira, Lopes Council President Gomes, Councillors Martins, Winterson, Alves Bousquet, Carney and Rebeiro, requesting, the New Bedford ~~Police~~ School Department consider assigning a daily ~~Police presence on Braley Road at the entrance to the Pulaski School~~ Crossing Guard or Flag person at all City Schools to control traffic and hinder the high rates of speed that daily commuters continue to travel during school hours. (To be Referred to Police Chief Provencher and the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods.)

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods.

(#0158)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Martins, requesting, that the Committee on Ordinances, establish an Ordinance restricting door-to-door solicitation, aimed at protecting the public from obtrusive and perhaps unscrupulous door-to-door solicitors; and further, that the Ordinance should include a stipulation that solicitors should be licensed on an annual basis by the Chief of Police or his designee; and further, that the aim of this Ordinance is to address a real problem in the City with solicitors asking residents for personal information that they have no right to have and companies pretending to be from other companies; and further, that with a license, this will give our public safety officers a broader authority to deal with an increasing problem that other major Cities have already dealt with.

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

(#0159)

WRITTEN MOTION Councillor Lopes, requesting, that Police Chief David Provencher provide the City Council with an update as it relates to any and all issues that might arise from Governor Baker's decision to reduce the Shannon Anti-gang Grant by \$1.25 million across the Commonwealth; and further, requesting by what percentage of funds will New Bedford's award be reduced by. (To be Referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods and Police Chief David Provencher.)

Adopted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval February 18, 2015.

RETURNED UNSIGNED March 09, 2015.

(#0160)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Lopes, requesting, that Interim Business Manager Dr. Barry Rabinovitch provide the members of the City Council with an update on the percentage of funds that the New Bedford School Department is expected to lose as part of Governors Baker's \$1.9 million dollar reduction in Charter School reimbursement. (To be Referred to the New Bedford School Committee, Dr. Barry Rabinovitch, and the Committee on Finance.)

Adopted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval February 18, 2015.

RETURNED UNSIGNED March 09, 2015. (#0161)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Lopes, requesting, that Interim Business Manager Dr. Barry Rabinovitch provide the members of the City Council with an update on the percentage of funds that the New Bedford School Department is expected to lose as part of Governors Baker's reduction in Special Education Circuit-Breaker. (To be Referred to the New Bedford School Committee, Dr. Barry Rabinovitch and the Committee on Finance.)

Adopted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval February 18, 2015.

RETURNED UNSIGNED March 09, 2015. (#0162)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Lopes, requesting that the City of New Bedford Purchasing Office draft a Request For Inquiries (RFI) that would list a scope of services for the contracting of snow removal across the City of New Bedford for winter storm conditions that are projected to deliver six inches of snow or greater within a nine hour period.

Referred to the Purchasing Agent and requesting a response within 30 days.

Presented to the Mayor for approval February 18, 2015.

RETURNED UNSIGNED March 09, 2015. (#0163)

COMMUNICATION, City Solicitor McDermott, submitting to City Council for consideration, three additional amendments to the Problem Properties Ordinance enacted by the Committee on Ordinances on January 20, 2015. (Copy all Councillors via email 02/10/2015.)

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances. (#0164)

COMMUNICATION, Councillor Martins, submitting an Acushnet Avenue Economic Impact Study, dated December 2014, prepared by the UMass/Dartmouth Public Policy Center.

Received and Placed on File. (#0165)

COMMUNICATION, City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council Dennis W. Farias, submitting letter from Marc Tassone, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, responding to a letter concerning a Motion on the City Council Agenda of January 08, 2015, about the proposed increase by NSTAR Electric and the Council's opposition to said increase. (Copy all Councillors 01/26/15.)

Received and Placed on File.

(#0166)

COMMUNICATION, Susan Nilson, PE, cleengineering, submitting to City Council, copy of Environmental Notification Form (ENF) per the Massachusetts Environmental Protection Act (MEPA), to Secretary Matthew A. Beaton, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Boston, MA, relative to the Proposed Float Systems, Pier Rehabilitation, Moorings and Seasonal Tiki Bar, VVK Realty, LLC, 1494 East Rodney French Boulevard.

Received and Placed on File.

(#0167)

CITATIONS, Council President Lopes, Councillors Winterson and Gomes, honoring the New Bedford Police Youth Baseball Team Players, GIOVANNI ARZUAGA, JONAH CASTELO, AUSTIN DEFREITAS, C.J. DUNSTON, BEN FRIAS, DAISEAN HENSLEY, ZACHARY MEDEIROS, ANGEL QUINONES, BEN SAUNDERS, TYLER SANTOS and RYDEL VELASQUEZ, for their successful, undefeated 2014 Championship season, winning both the SEYAA and the New Bedford City Championships in September 2014.

Tabled December 18, 2014.

Removed from the Table and Adopted.

(#2036)

CITATIONS, Council President Lopes, Councillors Winterson and Gomes, honoring the New Bedford Police Youth Baseball Team Manager BOB ROSE, Coaches MIKE FRIAS, JOSE CASTELO, MANNY SANTOS and ROSS GRACE, for their dedication and commitment to the boys of the New Bedford Police Youth Baseball Team and their successful, undefeated 2014 Championship season, winning both the SEYAA and the New Bedford City Championships in September 2014.

Tabled December 18, 2014.

Removed from the Table and Adopted.

(#2037)

CITATION, Council President Gomes and Councillor Winterson, honoring Ms. Anna O. Gonsalves, in recognition of the celebration of her 100th Birthday with best wishes.

Adopted, to be presented at a later date.

(#0168)

PETITION/INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, NORTH ATLANTIC TATTOO, for Permission to Erect and Maintain a Projecting Illuminated Sign at 1881 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford, MA. Provisionally Granted, subject to approval of the Building Commissioner and subject to Ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval February 18, 2015.

Approved March 01, 2015.

(#0169)

MINUTES, Board of Health, submitting MINUTES of a meeting held on August 07, 2014.

Received and Placed on File.

(#0170)

MINUTES, Greater New Bedford Regional Refuse Management District, submitting MINUTES of meetings held on November 12 and December 11, 2014.

Received and Placed on File. (#0171)

MINUTES, Board of Assessors, submitting MINUTES of a meeting held on January 20, 2015.

Received and Placed on File. (#0172)

MINUTES, Bristol Coalition Meeting, submitting MINUTES of meetings held on November 18 and December 16, 2014.

Received and Placed on File. (#0173)

MINUTES, Bristol County Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coalition, submitting MINUTES of a meeting held on November 18, 2014.

Received and Placed on File. (#0174)

APPLICATION, **Christopher Mendoza**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **Wilson Street – Lot 63**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on January 23, 2015, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval February 18, 2015.

Approved February 24, 2015. (#0175)

APPLICATION, **RJ Canessa Excavating, Co.**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **Chaffee Street – Plot 130C/ Lot 39**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on January 23, 2015, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval February 18, 2015.

Approved February 24, 2015. (#0176)

APPLICATION, **RJ Canessa Excavating, Co.**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **Chaffee Street – Plot 130C/ Lot 772**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on January 23, 2015, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval February 18, 2015.

Approved February 24, 2015. (#0177)

APPLICATION, **Christopher Mendoza**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **Wilson Street – Lot 63**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on January 23, 2015, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval February 18, 2015.

Approved February 24, 2015.

(#0178)

APPLICATION, **RJ Canessa Excavating, Co.**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **Chaffee Street Plot 130C/Lot 39**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on January 23, 2015, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval February 18, 2015.

Approved February 24, 2015.

(#0179)

APPLICATION, **RJ Canessa Excavating, Co.**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **Chaffee Street Plot 130C/Lot 772**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on January 23, 2015, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval February 18, 2015.

Approved February 24, 2015.

(#0180)

APPLICATIONS, **NSTAR Gas Company**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on January 26, 2015, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council as follows:

77 Calumet Street (#0181)

291 Brownell Avenue (#0182)

128 Cottage Street (#0183)

10 Eric's Way (#0184)

388 County Street (#0185)

259 Central Avenue (#0186)

210 Central Avenue (#0187)

141 Arlington Street (#0188)

26 Bullock Street (#0189)

129 Carroll Street (#0190)

Intersection of Ruggles and Summit Streets (#0191)

379 Cedar Street (#0192)

90 Ellen Street (#0193)

465 Bolton Street (#0194)

1116 Chaffee Street (#0195)

2540 Acushnet Avenue (#0196)

2591 Acushnet Avenue (#0197)

188 Merrimac Street (#0198)

63 Bay Street (#0199)

70 Mill Road (#0200)

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval February 18, 2015.

Approved February 24, 2015.

APPLICATION, **NSTAR Gas Company**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on February 04, 2015, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council as follows:

Intersection of State and Franklin Streets

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval February 18, 2015.

Approved February 24, 2015. (#0201)

APPLICATIONS, **ABC Disposal Service, Inc.**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on January 26, 2015, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council as follows:

151 Merrimac Street (#0202)

143 Rounds Street (#0203)

1375 Pleasant Street (#0204)

128 State Street (#0205)

81 Maple Street (#0206)

123 Mott Street (#0207)

935 Tradewind Street (#0208)

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the mayor for approval February 18, 2015.

Approved February 24, 2015.

APPLICATION, **S&L Roll-Off Service**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on February 04, 2015, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council as follows:

18 Earle Street

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the mayor for approval February 18, 2015.

Approved February 24, 2015. (#0209)

IT WAS VOTED, on a motion made and duly seconded, Yeas 9, Nays 1, to waive Rule 42 in order to take up the late file items.

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Alves, Winterson, Martins, Lopes, Oliveira and Gomes, be it resolved, that the New Bedford City Council seeks to be recorded that we strongly support and strongly encourage, and as a body seek to be Officially Recorded in requesting the Administration work to Compete for -- and win -- the Region C Gaming license,

because we strongly feel that a Gaming establishment on our City's Waterfront will be a major step forward in the cleanup of a major contaminated site, greatly assist Downtown businesses and provide millions of dollars in jobs and revenue for our teachers, Firefighters, Police, municipal employees and the building and construction trades, in addition, the additional funding can be used to make our Port more competitive in the years to come. (To be Referred to the Mayor, KG Urban Enterprises, Foxwoods Casino Group and the Massachusetts Gaming Commission.)

Rule 42 Waived – Yeas 9, Nays 1. (Councillor Morad OPPOSED; Councillor Oliveira not present for vote.)

Adopted.

(#0210)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Alves, requesting, that CFO Ari Sky update the Committee on Appointments and Briefings on the City's Performance Measurement Initiative, to offer an overview of the program and the progress that the City has made to date.

Rule 42 Waived – Yeas 9, Nays 1. (Councillor Morad OPPOSED; Councillor Oliveira not present for vote.)

Referred to the Committee on Appointment and Briefings

(#0211)

On a motion, the Council then adjourned at 9:08pm.

ATTEST:

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