



# *Internal Affairs*

April 21, 2015 – 7:07 PM – **Minutes**

Councillor William Saltzman Antechamber, Room 213

## **NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS**

**MEETING: COMMITTEE ON INTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**DATE: APRIL 21, 2015**

**TIME: 7:07 P.M.**

**PLACE: COUNCILLOR WILLIAM SALTZMAN ANTECHAMBER, ROOM 213, MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**PRESENT: COUNCILLORS NAOMI CARNEY, CHAIRPERSON; HENRY BOUSQUET, VICE-CHAIRMAN; JOSEPH LOPES; DANA REBEIRO AND KERRY WINTERSON**

**ABSENT: NO ONE**

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Councillor Carney called the Internal Affairs Committee Meeting to order and took attendance, everyone was present.

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Notice, City Clerk of reference of a Written Motion, Councillor Coelho, requesting that the Administration and ABC Disposal Service, look into bringing back the policy of allowing one bulky item to be placed curbside each week on designated trash and recycling day; and further, requesting that ABC Disposal Service canvas the City and dispose of any trash or illegal dumping that has been happening since the new trash and recycling program has gone into effect (Ref'd 09/21/14) was received and placed on file by Councillor Lopes and seconded by Councillor Winteron. (1)

The Chair explained that Mr. Michael Camara of ABC Disposal was invited to attend the meeting this evening but was not in attendance.

Ken Blanchard, DFFM Commissioner was present to answer questions from the Committee. He did speak with Mr. Camara on this matter. He explained that the bulky items pickup was negotiated in a ten year contract that was approved by the City Council and is not due to expire until 2023. If a homeowner has a bulky item that needs to be picked up, all they need to do is call ABC Disposal and

they will schedule a pickup. The reason the city went this route was because the other way, when you could just put one bulky item out on the date of your normal trash pickup, people from neighboring communities were coming into the city and dropping off bulky items in front of homes throughout the city. It was getting out of hand and we were actually disposing of property that did not belong to city residents. The agreement struck between ABC Disposal and the city is a good one and it is working. As far as bulky items that are just discarded on city streets when ABC Disposal does go out for normal trash pickup, if they notice a bulky item that has not been scheduled they call it in to ABC Disposal's Corporate Headquarters and they make arrangements to pickup the bulky item without it being scheduled.

Councillor Winterson spoke in favor of the way that ABC is handling the city's trash pickup and bulky item pickup.

On motion by Councillor Bousquet and seconded by Councillor Winterson, the Committee VOTED: To take "No Further Action" on this matter at this time. This motion passed on a voice vote.

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On motion by Councillor Bousquet and seconded by Councillor Winterson, the Committee VOTED: To waive the reading on items two (2), three (3), four (4) and five (5) and follow the Chair's recommendation and take "No Further Action". This motion passed on a voice vote. They are as follows:

Notice, City Clerk of reference of a Communication, Councillor Morad, submitting her copy of a letter dated December 18, 2009, from Commander Lawrence Santos, SouthCoast Young Marines, requesting a meeting with the City Council, and the Chairperson of the Recreation Commission, concerning the current approved usage of the Fort Taber Community Center. (Ref'd 1/14/10) (2)

Notice, City Clerk of reference of a COMMUNICATION/FAX, Council President Gonsalves and Councillor Saunders, submitting a copy of a letter received from Gillian A. Sampson. (Ref'd 9/25/08) (3)

Notice, City Clerk of reference of a COMMUNICATION/FAX, Council President Gonsalves and Saunders, submitting copy of a letter received from Debra Norcross. (Ref'd 9/25/08) (4)

Notice, City Clerk of reference a Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, requesting that the Committee on Internal Affairs look into why there was no media coverage of complaints from the employees of Eagle Industries that were brought to light at the last City Council meeting; and further, that the Committee on Internal Affairs look into the sale of Eagle Industries as the possible reason that stopped the newspaper from addressing the issues with employees; once again, this Councillor is addressing the issue of unfair treatment within Eagle Industries of their employees, but also strongly

supports keeping the company and these jobs here in the City of New Bedford, making the work environment a safe place where all can work and make a living. (Ref'd 4/7/09) (5)

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

This meeting adjourned @ 7:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Clerk of Committees