



# Committee on Finance

June 24, 2015 – 7:30 PM – **Agenda**  
Chambers of the City Council, Room 214

1. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell to City Council, submitting AN ORDER, for the TRANSFER of \$618,000.00 from FACILITIES AND FLEET MANAGEMENT, SALARIES AND WAGES in the amount of \$170,000; HEALTH, SALARIES AND WAGES, in the amount of \$75,000.00; RECREATION AND PARKS, SALARIES AND WAGES, in the amount of \$31,000.00; TOURISM/MARKETING, SALARIES AND WAGES, in the amount of \$6,000.00; POLICE, SALARIES AND WAGES, in the amount of \$186,000.00; INSPECTIOINAL SERVICES, SALARIES AND WAGES, in the amount of \$29,000.00; FACILITIES AND FLEET, CHARGES AND SERVICWES, in the amount of \$115,000.00 and POLICE, SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS, in the amount of \$6,000.00, to GENERAL GOVERNMENT UNCLASSIFIED, CHARGES AND SERVICES. (Ref'd 5/28/15)

- 1a. AN ORDER,

***INVITEES: CFO Ari Sky***

2. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell to City Council, submitting AN ORDER, for the TRANSFER of \$517,000.00 from PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE, SALARIES AND WAGES, in the amount of \$78,000.00; LIBRARY, SALARIES AND WAGES, in the amount of \$129,000.00; INSPECTIONAL SERVICES, SALRIES AND WAGES, in the amount of \$80,000.00; PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE, CHARGES AND SERVICES, in the amount of \$13,000.00. TREASURER, CHARGES AND SERVICES, in the amount of \$95,000.00; DFFM, SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS, in the amount of \$25,000.00; PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE, SUIPLIES AND MATERIALS, in the amount of \$25,000.00; PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE, SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS, in the amount of \$5,000.00 and PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE, CAPITAL, OUTLAY, in the amount of \$18,000.00 to FIRE, SALARIES AND WAGES. (Ref'd 5/28/15)

- 2a. AN ORDER,

***INVITEES: CFO Ari Sky; Fire Chief Michael Gomes***

3. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell to City Council, submitting AN ORDER, for the TRANSFER of \$13,500.00 from LABOR RELATIONS, SALARIES AND WAGES, to GENERAL GOVERNMENT UNCLASSIFIED, CHARGES AND SERVICES. (Ref'd 5/28/15)

- 3a. AN ORDER,

***INVITEES: CFO Ari Sky***

4. Related Motion, Councillor Morad, requesting that the Economic Development Council Director Derek Santos, provide the Committee on Finance a listing of the City's current TIF and/or STA Agreements to include information detailing when the agreement was approved; when said agreements will expire, the number of jobs originally projected for each said agreement; the number of jobs which have been created and the date each TIF and/or STA Agreements were audited by the Economic Development Council. (Ref'd 12/18/14, 04/15/15)

***INVITEES: Derek Santos, Economic Development Council Director***

5. Related Motion, Councillor Morad, that the Economic Development Council update the City Council with any and all active TIF/STA to be updated with an effective date as of 12/31/14 and moving forward all active TIFs are updated on a yearly basis and reported to the City Council. (Ref'd Finance 4/15/15)

***INVITEES: Derek Santos, Economic Development Council Executive Director***

6. Written Motion, Councillors Lopes, Winterson, Morad and Rebeiro, requesting that the New Bedford Economic Development Council provide the City Council with a breakdown of the number of employees for Fiscal Year 2013, 2014 and 2015; the projected number of employees for Fiscal Year 2016; number of loans and amounts issued for Fiscal Years 2013, 2014 and 2015; and further requesting copies of the Economic Developments last two financial audits of their loan portfolio. (Ref'd 3/26/15)

***INVITEES: Derek Santos, Economic Development Council Executive Director***

7. Written Motion, Councillors Lopes, Martins, Winterson, Morad and Rebeiro, requesting that Patrick Sullivan, Director of the Office of Housing and Community Development provide the City Council with the preliminary FY2016 Community Development Block Grant Budget and allocations. (Ref'd 03/26/15, 5/20/15 tabled)

***INVITEES: Patrick Sullivan, Director, Office of Housing and Community Development***

8. Communication, City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council submitting a request from Joseph Grivers, Vice-President of MassDevelopment, that the Mayor and City Council request the Agency (MassDevelopment) to assume the role of authority in financing a project for Finicky Pet Foods, Inc. located at 68 Blackmer Street, since the City does not have an active Industrial Development Finance Authority that would be available to undertake the financing of the Project. (Ref'd 5/28/15)

***INVITEES: MassDevelopment, Joseph Grivers and Larry Cameron***

***Chairman suggests taking "No Further Action" on the following matters:***

9. Report, Committee on Finance, reporting this matter out of Committee without a recommendation but to the City Council for action as follows: requesting that School Committee Vice Chairperson Livramento, appear before the Committee on Finance to discuss the City Council's concern over the non-operational alarm system at Keith Middle School, considering that taxpayer monies were expended in the construction of the brand new school building and that taxpayer monies will certainly be required to

cover the expense of repairing the alarm system and for the costs associated with the destruction that was caused at Keith Middle School by the vandals in the recent break-in. (Ref'd 9/23/14)

10. Written Motion, Council President Lopes, Councillors Alves, Bousquet, Carney, Coelho, Gomes, Martins, Morad, Oliveira, Rebeiro and Winterson, requesting that the Superintendent of Schools and the Interim Business Manager provide detailed breakdown of all textbooks that were ordered, as well as textbooks delivered to the New Bedford Public Schools for the 2014/2015 school year with proceeds from the FY2015 School Budget; and further, requesting, that the New Bedford Public Schools provide the New Bedford City Council with a detailed reconciliation of funds allocated versus funds spent for textbook purchases for FY2015. (Ref'd 10/23/14)
  
11. Written Motion, Council President Lopes and Councillor Morad, requesting that New Bedford School Committee Co-Chairperson Jack Livramento and a member of the School Department Financial Team, appear before the Committee on Finance to discuss why the Fiscal Year 2015 General Expense Budget Report, dated October 16, 2014, reflects 10 of 18 Departmental Budgets and 28 of 28 School Budgets as having spent in excess of 50% of the total budget less than four months into the Fiscal Year. (Ref'd 10/23/14)
  
12. Written Motion, Councillor Morad, requesting that in consideration of the recent announcement from the Mitchell Administration that the City of New Bedford would impose a hiring freeze effective immediately, that the Acting Personnel Director provide to the Committee on Finance, a listing of all personnel hires from January 1, 2015 to March 31, 2015; said listing to include the hiring Department, employee name, hire date, job position and job grade. It is requested that this information be supplied to the Committee on Finance so that it may be reviewed at the scheduled meeting on April 15, 2015. (Ref'd 4/09/15, Refer to the City Council for their meeting on 4/23/15, in hopes that a response will be received by then)