

NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

MEETING: COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS & BRIEFINGS
DATE: JULY 8, 2021
TIME: 7:01 P.M.
PLACE: HELD REMOTELY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GOVERNOR OF MASSACHUSETTS' MARCH 12, 2020 ORDER SUSPENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN MEETING LAW G. L. C. 30A, SECTION 20 AND THE CITY COUNCIL'S VOTE TO WAIVE RULE 21A

PRESENT: COUNCILLORS NAOMI R. A. CARNEY, CHAIRPERSON (REMOTELY); WILLIAM BRAD MARKEY, VICE CHAIRMAN (REMOTELY); IAN ABREU (REMOTELY); HUGH DUNN (REMOTELY); MARIA GIESTA (REMOTELY); SCOTT LIMA (REMOTELY); JOSEPH LOPES (REMOTELY); LINDA MORAD (REMOTELY)

ABSENT: COUNCILLORS DEREK BAPTISTE; DEBORA COELHO; BRIAN GOMES

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Councillor Carney called the Appointments & Briefings Committee Meeting to order and took attendance. The Clerk read a Communication from Councillor Gomes into the record explaining his absence from this meeting. The Communication was received and placed on file by Councillor Abreu and seconded by Councillor Giesta and passed by a Roll Call Vote of Yeas 8, Nays 0: Councillor Abreu – yes; Councillor Carney – yes; Councillor Dunn – yes; Councillor Giesta – yes; Councillor Lima – yes; Councillor Lopes – yes; Councillor Markey – yes; and Councillor Morad – yes.

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Councillor Markey made a motion to take item number three (3) out of order, without objection. Item number three (3) is as follows:

Notice, City Clerk of reference of a COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of KIMBERLY A. GRIFFITH, Psy.D. New Bedford, MA, to the BOARD OF HEALTH, Dr. Griffith will be replacing Dr. Craig Longo whose term has expired; this term will expire in February 2024 (Ref'd 06/24/2021) was received and placed on file by Councillor Lopes and seconded by Councillor Markey. This motion passed by a Roll Call Vote of Yeas 8, Nays 0: Councillor Abreu – yes; Councillor Carney – yes; Councillor Dunn – yes; Councillor Giesta – yes; Councillor Lima – yes; Councillor Lopes – yes; Councillor Markey – yes; and Councillor Morad – yes. (3)

Dr. Kimberly A. Griffith, New Bedford, MA, was present (remotely) and gave an overview of her qualifications which included living in the City for twelve (12) years. She previously grew up in the City as well. She currently works in health and wellness and has worked with the Health Board in 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008 and 2010. This time was the assisting the Board in drafting their massage therapy guidelines.

Councillor Abreu asked her about her position on the homelessness issues in the downtown area. She told the Committee that the homelessness issue is deep rooted through other causes that should be addressed while dealing with the issue in the downtown area.

Councillor Morad reminded the applicant that the Parallel Project proposed in the far north end would be coming before the Board of Health and asked her to make herself familiar with the issues. Dr. Griffith stated, she was aware of the issues and would look at the project through an independent perspective.

On motion by Councillor Lopes and seconded by Councillor Markey, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council APPROVAL of the APPOINTMENT of KIMBERLY A. GRIFFITH, Psy.D. New Bedford, MA, to the BOARD OF HEALTH, Dr. Griffith will be replacing Dr. Craig Longo whose term has expired; this term will expire in February 2024. This motion passed by a Roll Call Vote of Yeas 8, Nays 0: Councillor Abreu – yes; Councillor Carney – yes; Councillor Dunn – yes; Councillor Giesta – yes; Councillor Lima – yes; Councillor Lopes – yes; Councillor Markey – yes; and Councillor Morad – yes.

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Notice, City Clerk of reference of a COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell to the City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of BRIAN SCOTT LYONS, New Bedford, MA, as a CONSTABLE (Ref'd 05/11/2021) was received and placed on file by Councillor Morad and seconded by Councillor Giesta. This motion passed by a Roll Call Vote of Yeas 8, Nays 0: Councillor Abreu – yes; Councillor Carney – yes; Councillor Dunn – yes; Councillor Giesta – yes; Councillor Lima – yes; Councillor Lopes – yes; Councillor Markey – yes; and Councillor Morad – yes. (1, 1a)

Brian Scott Lyons, New Bedford, MA was present (remotely) and provided an overview of his applying for a Constable appointment. Mr. Scott has lived in New Bedford for twenty (20) years and has worked as an Engineer on the Acushnet River Cleanup these past twenty-three (23) years. The project has approximately seven to eight years left, and he had an interest in becoming a Constable to hopefully start a small business. He explained that his neighbor is a retired law enforcement person and told him about the position of Constable and it piqued his interest. He believes now is the time to start.

On motion by Councillor Morad and seconded by Councillor Abreu, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council APPROVAL of the APPOINTMENT of BRIAN SCOTT LYONS, New Bedford, MA, as a CONSTABLE. This motion passed by a Roll Call Vote of Yeas 8, Nays 0: Councillor Abreu – yes; Councillor Carney – yes; Councillor Dunn – yes; Councillor Giesta – yes; Councillor Lima – yes; Councillor Lopes – yes; Councillor Markey – yes; and Councillor Morad – yes.

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Notice, City Clerk of reference of a COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of GILBERT M. ARRUDA, New Bedford, MA 02744, as a CONSTABLE (Ref'd 5/27/2021) was received and placed on file by Councillor Lopes and seconded by Councillor Giesta. This motion passed by a Roll Call Vote of Yeas 8, Nays 0: Councillor Abreu – yes; Councillor Carney – yes;

Councillor Dunn – yes; Councillor Giesta – yes; Councillor Lima – yes; Councillor Lopes – yes; Councillor Markey – yes; and Councillor Morad – yes. (2, 2a)

Gilbert Arruda, New Bedford, MA was present (remotely) and gave an overview of his request to secure a Constable license. Mr. Arruda is forty-eight (48) years old and has lived his entire life in the City. He has been employed as a Union Taper for the past fifteen (15) years. He has always had an interest in law enforcement and sees that becoming a Constable as fulfilling this desire. He explained he has lots of friends in the police department that suggested he should become a Constable.

On motion by Councillor Lopes and seconded by Councillor Abreu, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council APPROVAL of the APPOINTMENT of GILBERT M. ARRUDA, New Bedford, MA 02744, as a CONSTABLE. This motion passed by a Roll Call Vote of Yeas 8, Nays 0: Councillor Abreu – yes; Councillor Carney – yes; Councillor Dunn – yes; Councillor Giesta – yes; Councillor Lima – yes; Councillor Lopes – yes; Councillor Markey – yes; and Councillor Morad – yes.

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Notice, City Clerk of reference of a COMMUNICATION, City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council, to City Council, on behalf of Anthony Snow, 12 Humes Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860 d/b/a CAB TRANSPORTATION LLC, 12 Welby Road, New Bedford, MA 02745, hereby submitting a copy of the Application requesting a NEW PRIVATE LIVERY LICENSE, to carry passengers for hire over the streets of New Bedford (License will expire June 30, 2022.) (Ref'd 06/24/2021) was received and placed on file by Councillor Morad and seconded by Councillor Lopes. This motion passed by a Roll Call Vote of Yeas 8, Nays 0: Councillor Abreu – yes; Councillor Carney – yes; Councillor Dunn – yes; Councillor Giesta – yes; Councillor Lima – yes; Councillor Lopes – yes; Councillor Markey – yes; and Councillor Morad – yes. (4)

The applicant was having difficulty calling in to join the meeting, he could not get in.

On motion by Councillor Lopes and seconded by Councillor Giesta, the Committee VOTED: To table the matter at this time. This motion passed by a Roll Call Vote of Yeas 8, Nays 0: Councillor Abreu – yes; Councillor Carney – yes; Councillor Dunn – yes; Councillor Giesta – yes; Councillor Lima – yes; Councillor Lopes – yes; Councillor Markey – yes; and Councillor Morad – yes.

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Notice, City Clerk of reference of a PETITION, Doreen Borge, Lakeville, MA 02347 d/b/a JB'S THIS AND THAT LLC, 1832 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford, MA 02745, requesting that she be granted a Waiver of Residency in accordance with Section 15-18 of the City Code, to obtain a LICENSE TO DEAL IN JUNK, OLD METALS OR ANYOTHER SECOND HAND ARTICLES (Ref'd 06/24/2021) was received and placed on file by Councillor Lopes and seconded by Councillor Abreu. This motion passed by a Roll Call Vote of Yeas 8, Nays 0: Councillor Abreu – yes; Councillor Carney – yes; Councillor Dunn – yes; Councillor Giesta – yes; Councillor Lima – yes; Councillor Lopes – yes; Councillor Markey – yes; and Councillor Morad – yes. (5)

Doreen Borge, Lakeville, MA was present (remotely) and gave an overview of her business venture and the need for a Residency Waiver to run a secondhand shop. She believes one man's junk is truly another man's treasure. She has worked in a local law firm in New Bedford for several years. Though she has never had a business such as this, she is excited to make it work. She has signed a storefront lease agreement. Her business hours will be Monday through Saturday 9 am to 6 pm. She will deal primarily in books, video games. All her product will be contained in the store and will not block the sidewalks.

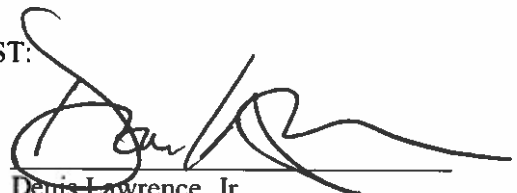
Councillor Giesta welcomed the applicant to the neighborhood which is in her ward.

On motion by Councillor Morad and seconded by Councillor Giesta, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council APPROVAL of the PETITION, Doreen Borge, Lakeville, MA 02347 d/b/a JB'S THIS AND THAT LLC, 1832 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford, MA 02745, requesting that she be granted a Waiver of Residency in accordance with Section 15-18 of the City Code, to obtain a LICENSE TO DEAL IN JUNK, OLD METALS OR ANY OTHER SECONDHAND ARTICLES. This motion passed by a Roll Call Vote of Yeas 8, Nays 0: Councillor Abreu – yes; Councillor Carney – yes; Councillor Dunn – yes; Councillor Giesta – yes; Councillor Lima – yes; Councillor Lopes – yes; Councillor Markey – yes; and Councillor Morad – yes.

Councillor Abreu made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Councillor Giesta. This motion passed by a Roll Call Vote of Yeas 8, Nays 0: Councillor Abreu – yes; Councillor Carney – yes; Councillor Dunn – yes; Councillor Giesta – yes; Councillor Lima – yes; Councillor Lopes – yes; Councillor Markey – yes; and Councillor Morad – yes.

This meeting adjourned @ 7:47 p.m.

ATTEST:



Denis Lawrence, Jr.,
Clerk of Committees