
THIS MEETING IS BEING 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 ON APRIL 07, 2020, AMENDED ON AUGUST 20, 2020, SEPTEMBER 24, 2020 AND JANUARY 14, 2021

THIS MEETING WILL BE LIVE STREAMED ON NB CABLE ACCESS FACEBOOK PAGE

Thursday, March 11, 2021 7:01 p.m.

PRESENT: Council President Lopes (remotely), Councillors Abreu (remotely), Baptiste (remotely), Carney (remotely), Coelho (remotely), Giesta (remotely), Gomes (remotely), Lima (remotely), Markey (remotely), and Morad (remotely).

LATE: Councillor Dunn (remotely) 7:05 p.m.

ABSENT: No One

Council President Joseph P. Lopes called the meeting to order remotely and presided.

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

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDINANCE, Amending Chapter 9, Section 4400, Flood Hazard Overlay District (FHOD), which updates definitions, requirements and references to the Bristol County Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) that will become effective on July 06, 2021.

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances and the Planning Board – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Lopes, Markey and Morad.
(#0282)

AN ORDINANCE,

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances and the Planning Board – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Lopes, Markey and Morad.
(#0283)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of BRIAN MEDEIROS, to the position of DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF, effective immediately; Captain Medeiros has been an employee of the Fire Department for over 25 years.

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

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Lopes, Markey and Morad.
(#0284)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of JENNIFER CARLONI, to the position of CITY PLANNER.

Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings – Yeas 10, Nays 1.

YEAS: Councillors Baptiste, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Lopes, Markey and Morad.
NAYS: Councillor Abreu
(#0285)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the RE-APPOINTMENT of EDMUND F. CRAIG, JR., New Bedford, MA to the LICENSING BOARD; this term will expire June 2024.

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

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Lopes, Markey and Morad.
(#0286)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the RE-APPOINTMENT of MARTIN BENTZ, New Bedford, MA, to the HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION; this term will expire in February 2024.

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

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Lopes, Markey and Morad.

(#0287)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of KIMBERLY RIOUX, New Bedford, MA, to the CONSERVATION COMMISSION; Ms. Rioux will be replacing Craig P. Dixon who has resigned; this term will expire in June 2023.

Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Lopes, Markey and Morad.

(#0288)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of ZACHARY R. BOYER, New Bedford, MA, to the COUNCIL ON AGING; Mr. Boyer will be replacing Mary Sullivan who is deceased; this term will expire in December 2022.

Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Lopes, Markey and Morad.

(#0289)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of SEAN M. CARNEY, New Bedford, MA, to the CONSERVATION COMMISSION; Mr. Carney will be replacing Chancery Perks who has resigned; this term will expire in June 2022.

Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Lopes, Markey and Morad.

Councillor Carney not present for vote.

(#0290)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the RE-APPOINTMENT of STEVEN R. VERRONNEAU, New Bedford, MA 02745, as a CONSTABLE.

Received and Placed on File – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Lopes, Markey and Morad.

(#0291)

APPLICATION, STEVEN R. VERRONNEAU, New Bedford, MA 02745, for APPOINTMENT as a CONSTABLE.

Confirmed – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Lopes, Markey and Morad.

(#0292)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the RE-APPOINTMENT of RICHARD J. COLETTI, E. Wareham, MA 02538, as a CONSTABLE.

Received and Placed on File – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Lopes, Markey and Morad.

(#0293)

APPLICATION, RICHARD J. COLETTI, East Wareham, MA 02538, for APPOINTMENT as a CONSTABLE.

Confirmed – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Lopes, Markey and Morad.

(#0294)

REPORT, Committee on Finance, recommendation to the City Council the acceptance of Tax Increment Housing Development Incentive Program and Agreement for the Downtown National Club LLC, 2135 & 319 Commercial Street and 10 Front Street. (This is a Corrected Report, the Tax Increment Housing Development Incentive Program was approved on February 25, 2021.)

Recommendation Followed – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Lopes, Markey and Morad.

(#0295)

IN CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

MARCH 11, 2021

RESOLUTION, Approving the Tax Increment Exemption Housing Development Incentive Program and Agreement for the Downtown National Club LLC. (#0296)

Whereas, the Downtown National Club LLC has submitted a Housing Development Incentive Program (HDIP) application to the City of New Bedford and is seeking certification under the Massachusetts Housing Development Incentive program created by Chapter 40V of Massachusetts General Laws and promulgated thereunder at 760CMR 66.00, and

Whereas, the Downtown National Club LLC proposes to develop 23 market rate residential units, 5 affordable residential units and plans to invest an estimated \$13.2 million in said development located at eighteen and Union Street, 2135 & 319 Commercial Street and 10 Front Street, New Bedford, Massachusetts, and

Whereas, the project proposed by Downtown National Club LLC meet the minimum requirements of the Housing Development Incentive Program and the local objectives of the City of New Bedford's Housing Development Zone Plan;

Whereas, the proposed project is located at Eighteen and Union Street, 2135 & 319 Commercial Street and 10 Front Street and encompassing parcels, New Bedford, Massachusetts is within the boundaries of the City of New Bedford's designated Housing Development Zone;

Whereas, the Downtown National Club LLC is; seeking a Local Tax Increment Incentive as part of the Certified Project approval and Housing Development Tax Credit and meets the minimum requirements of 760 CMR 66.00, and

Whereas, approval of the Downtown National Club Housing Development Incentive Program Application in accordance with the above referenced laws, rules and regulations of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is hereby accepted by the City Council.

Now Therefore be it Resolved that the City Council of the City of New Bedford approves the Certified Project application of downtown National Club LLC and forward said application to the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development for its approval and endorsement.

Further, the City Council of the City of New Bedford authorizes the Mayor to execute the Tax Increment Exemption Agreement between the City of New Bedford and Downtown National Club LLC. Said agreement will provide for an exemption on property taxes based on the growth portion in the residential assessed valuation of the property at 100% for the first year, 20% for years 2-5, 10% for years 6-10 of a ten-year agreement according to the requirements and regulations established which govern the implementation of such Tax Increment Exemption Agreements, The Agreement will be in effect as of FY2020 and will extend through FY2029.

Adopted -Yeas 11, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Lopes, Markey and Morad.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 15, 2021.

Approved March 18, 2021.

(#0296)

REPORT, Committee on Infrastructure & Redevelopment, recommending to the City Council to take "**NO FURTHER ACTION**" on the WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Council President Lopes, Councillors Giesta, Carney and Lima, requesting, that Department of Public Infrastructure Commissioner Jamie Ponte (or his designee) come before the Special Committee on Infrastructure and Redevelopment to discuss the City's "Streetscan" program, and how DPI utilizes the Pavement Condition Index (PCI), which is a numerical rating that grades the severity of distresses observed on the pavement surface of our streets/roads.

Recommendation Followed – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Lopes, Markey and Morad.

(#0297)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Council President Lopes, Councillors Giesta, Carney and Lima, requesting, that Department of Public Infrastructure Commissioner Jamie Ponte (or his designee) come before the Special Committee on Infrastructure and Redevelopment to discuss the City's "Streetscan" program and how DPI utilizes the Pavement Condition Index (PCI), which is a numerical rating that grades the severity of distresses observed on the pavement surface of our streets/roads. (Referred to the Special Committee on Infrastructure and Redevelopment – January 28, 2021.)

Referred to the Special Committee on Infrastructure and Redevelopment and DPI Commissioner Jamie Ponte – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Lima, Lopes, Markey and Morad – January 28, 2021.

NO FURTHER ACTION – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Lopes, Markey and Morad.

(#0140)

REPORT, Committee on Infrastructure & Redevelopment, recommending to the City Council to take “**NO FURTHER ACTION**” on the WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Markey and Abreu, requesting that DPI Commissioner Jamie Ponte and CFO Ari Sky appear before the Committee of Infrastructure and Redevelopment to discuss the low water pressure issues in the Far North End.

Recommendation Followed – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Lopes, Markey and Morad.

(#0298)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Markey and Abreu, requesting, the DPI Commissioner Jamie Ponte and CFO Ari Sky appear before the Committee of Infrastructure and Redevelopment to discuss the low water pressure issues in the Far North End. (Referred to the Committee on Infrastructure and Redevelopment – February 11, 2021.)

Referred to the Special Committee on Infrastructure and Redevelopment – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Lopes, Markey and Morad – February 11, 2021.

NO FURTHER ACTION – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Lopes, Markey and Morad.

(#0158)

REPORT, Committee on Fisheries, recommending to the City Council to take “**NO FURTHER ACTION**” on the COMMUNICATION, Councillor Gomes, submitting a copy of a letter from Dr. Brian Rothschild, regarding his support and assistance, if needed, to hold a summit regarding the economic and social crisis of our area groundfish industry.

Recommendation Followed – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Lopes, Markey and Morad.

(#0299)

COMMUNICATION, Councillor Gomes, submitting a copy of a letter from Dr. Brian Rothschild, regarding his support and assistance, if needed, to hold a summit regarding the economic and social crisis of our area groundfish industry. (Referred to the Committee on Fisheries – May 8, 2018.)

Referred to the Committee on Fisheries – May 8, 2018.

NO FURTHER ACTION – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Lopes, Markey and Morad.

(#0740)

REPORT, Committee on Fisheries, recommending to the City Council to take “**NO FURTHER ACTION**” on the WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting, that members of the City Council, Mayor Mitchell, Congressman Keating, Senators Markey and Warren and our local State Legislative Delegation put together and hold an emergency summit in the City of New Bedford to address the crisis the fishing industry is facing relative to the Sector IX closings and the docking of our ground fishing boats that have sent a ripple effect through the fishing industry and its services, nearly 700 people in the industry have been affected by the closing; and further, that NOAA Director RDML Timothy Gallaudet, Ph.D., USN Ret., along with Coastal Director Jeffrey L. Payne, Ph.D., out of Washington D. C., along with President Donald Trump, any other agency’s representatives be invited to deal with this issue along with Regional Administrator Michael Pentony, SMAST Professor Dan Georgiana and the entire board members of Sectors IX

and VII, along with representatives from the fishing industry to include Richard Canastra of Seafood Exchange, Dr. Brian Rothschild and Mr. Thomas Kennedy and the Committee on Fisheries, the urgency of this summit being called is needed now and for the future of the fishing industry and what it means to the jobs and the economic stimulus of this waterfront City that has ranked first in the nation in dollars and cents when it comes to the fishing industry.

Recommendation Followed – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Lopes, Markey and Morad.

(#0300)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting, that members of the City Council, Mayor Mitchell, Congressman Keating, Senators Markey and Warren and our local State Legislative Delegation put together and hold an emergency summit in the City of New Bedford to address the crisis the fishing industry is facing relative to the Sector IX closings and the docking of our ground fishing boats that have sent a ripple effect through the fishing industry and its services, nearly 700 people in the industry have been affected by the closing; and further, that NOAA Director RDML Timothy Gallaudet, Ph.D., USN Ret., along with Coastal Director Jeffrey L. Payne, Ph.D., out of Washington D. C., along with any other agency's representatives be invited to deal with this issue along with Regional Administrator Michael Pentony, SMAST Professor Dan Georgiana and the entire board members of Sectors IX and VII, along with representatives from the fishing industry to include Richard Canastra of Seafood Exchange, the urgency of this summit being called is needed now and for the future of the fishing industry and what it means to the jobs and the economic stimulus of this waterfront City that has ranked first in the nation in dollars and cents when it comes to the fishing industry.

Adopted and Rule 40 Waived – Yeas 10, Nays 0 – April 12, 2018.

NO FURTHER ACTION – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Lopes, Markey and Morad.

(#0547)

REPORT, Committee on Fisheries, recommending to the City Council to take **“NO FURTHER ACTION”** on the WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting, that the Committee on Fisheries, request from the Office of the Inspector General, a copy of a report done in 2010 from NOAA, this request comes as the City Council continues to work on behalf of the fishing industry and bringing a summit to the City of New Bedford to discuss the ongoing devastation and economic loss to the City's fishing industry.

Recommendation Followed – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Lopes, Markey and Morad.

(#0301)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting, that the Committee on Fisheries, request from the Office of the Inspector General, a copy of a report done in 2010 from NOAA, this request comes as the City Council continues to work on behalf of the fishing industry and bringing a summit to the City of New Bedford to discuss the ongoing devastation and economic loss to the City's fishing industry. (Referred to the Committee on Fisheries – May 24, 2018.)

Referred to the Committee on Fisheries – May 24, 2018.

NO FURTHER ACTION – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Lopes, Markey and Morad.

(#0854)

REPORT, Committee on Fisheries, recommending to the City Council to take **“NO FURTHER ACTION”** on the WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Rebeiro, requesting, that the Committee on Fisheries meet to determine how the City can begin issuing Aquaculture Licenses pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 130, Section 57, for approved areas; and further, that Mayor Mitchell be asked to submit to the Committee on Fisheries a draft of the aquaculture licensing Ordinance proposal that his Administration has been working on for the Committee's consideration and possible adoption; and further, that Port of New Bedford Director Edward Anthes-Washburn be invited to said Committee meeting.

Recommendation Followed – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Lopes, Markey and Morad.

(#0302)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Rebeiro, requesting, that the Committee on Fisheries meet to determine how the City can begin issuing Aquaculture Licenses pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 130, Section 57, for approved areas; and further, that Mayor Mitchell be asked to submit to the Committee on Fisheries a draft of the aquaculture licensing Ordinance proposal that his Administration has been working on for the Committee's consideration and possible adoption and further, that Port of New Bedford Director Edward Anthes-Washburn be invited to said Committee meeting. (Referred to the Committee on Fisheries – August 16, 2018.)

Referred to the Committee on Fisheries – April 16, 2018.

NO FURTHER ACTION – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Lopes, Markey and Morad.
(#1386)

REPORT, Committee on Fisheries, recommending to the City Council to take “**NO FURTHER ACTION**” on the COMMUNICATION, Council President Morad and Councillor Rebeiro, submitting a copy of a letter to Dr. Gallaudet, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere requesting that New Bedford be the site of the new Northeast Fisheries Science Center.

Recommendation Followed – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Lopes, Markey and Morad.
(#0303)

COMMUNICATION, Council President Morad and Councillor Rebeiro, submitting a copy of a letter to Dr. Gallaudet, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere requesting that New Bedford be the site of the new Northeast Fisheries Science Center. (Referred to the Committee on Fisheries – October 11, 2018.)

Referred to the Committee on Fisheries – October 11, 2018.

NO FURTHER ACTION – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Lopes, Markey and Morad.
(#1705)

REPORT, Committee on Fisheries, recommending to the City Council to take “**NO FURTHER ACTION**” on the COMMUNICATION, Council President Morad, submitting a copy of a letter from Mayor Mitchell, to Samuel Rauch, III, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Program, National Marine Fisheries Science, urging the Fisheries Sciences to consider that Carlos Rafael sell off his fishing boats and permits to New Bedford-based businesses.

Recommendation Followed – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Lopes, Markey and Morad.
(#0304)

COMMUNICATION, Council President Morad, submitting a copy of a letter from Mayor Mitchell, to Samuel Rauch, III, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Program, National Marine Fisheries Science, urging the Fisheries Sciences to consider that Carlos Rafael sell off his fishing boats and permits to New Bedford-based businesses. (Referred to the Committee on Fisheries – December 13, 2018.)

Referred to the Committee on Fisheries – December 13, 2018.

NO FURTHER ACTION – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Lopes, Markey and Morad.
(#1983)

REPORT, Committee on Fisheries, recommending to the City Council to take “**NO FURTHER ACTION**” on the WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Lima, Council President Lopes, Councillors Abreu and Gomes, requesting, that the Committee on Fisheries meet with Port of New Bedford Executive Director Edward C. Anthes-Washburn and the Deputy Director and In-House Counsel Pamela Lafreniere to discuss aquaculture business opportunities, the ongoing process and progress regarding the establishment of regulations pertaining to aquaculture business opportunities, and the Committees willingness to work in connection with the Port of New Bedford towards the establishment of aquaculture businesses in New Bedford.

Recommendation Followed – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Lopes, Markey and Morad.
(#0305)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Lima, Council President Lopes, Councillors Abreu and Gomes, requesting, that the Committee on Fisheries meet with Port of New Bedford Executive Director Edward C. Anthes-Washburn and the Deputy Director and In-House Counsel Pamela Lafreniere to discuss aquaculture business opportunities, the ongoing process and progress regarding the establishment of regulations pertaining to aquaculture business opportunities, and the Committees willingness to work in connection with the Port of New Bedford towards the establishment of aquaculture businesses in New Bedford. (Referred to the Committee on Fisheries – February 13, 2020.)

Referred to the Committee on Fisheries – February 13, 2020.

NO FURTHER ACTION – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Lopes, Markey and Morad.
(#0208)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Dunn, Abreu, Giesta, Lima, Baptiste, Council President Lopes, Councillors Carney, Gomes and Markey, requesting, that the New Bedford Fire Department provide a report of where fires have been occurring over the past three fiscal years by Ward and what engines have responded to the fires. (To be Referred to the New Bedford Fire Department.)

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods and Fire Department with a request for a response within 30 days – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Lopes, Markey and Morad.
(#0306)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting, that the Administration along with the Health Department, consider a COVID 19 vaccine mobile unit, this mobile unit will establish times and locations throughout the City, especially low income neighborhoods and developments in order to vaccinate and continue educating the City's entire population on COVID 19 precautions; and further, this unit can be used to vaccinate all Seniors that are unable to leave their homes or living arrangements; and further requesting, that the City look into COVID 19 monies that have been acquired by the Federal government, this action will guarantee that every Citizen has the opportunity to receive the COVID 19 vaccination shot. (To be Referred to the Mayor, the Health Department and the Special COVID 19 Business Committee, also requesting that Rule 40 be Waived.)

Referred to the Mayor, Health Department and the Special COVID -19 Business Committee and Rule 40 Waived as Amended – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Lopes, Markey and Morad.
Presented to the Mayor for approval March 15, 2021.
RETURNED UNSIGNED March 30, 2021. (#0307)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting, as the State and City continue to ease social restrictions on dealing with the COVID 19 pandemic, that the City consider the reopening of City Hall until 4 PM along with all its offices and departments of service with safety precautions being in place in the building; and further, that the City Council President consider the City Council going back into the Chambers by the end of the month of April for the start of the budget session. (To be Referred to Special COVID 19 Business Committee, the Mayor, and the City Council President for consideration.)

TABLED by Councillor Gomes – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Lopes, Markey and Morad.
(#0308)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting that the Public Safety Building Committee along with the Administration relook at the lighting on the outside of said building; this building should have stronger lighting on the outside perimeter and in the parking lot along with cameras covering the entire building and outside perimeter due to the significance of the building and the services rendered in that building and also the safety of the Officers, Firefighters and EMS workers that will be in the building. (To be Referred to the Mayor, Public Safety Building Committee and the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods.)

Referred to the Mayor, Public Safety Building Committee and the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Lopes, Markey and Morad.
Presented to the Mayor for approval March 15, 2021.
RETURNED UNSIGNED March 30, 2021. (#0309)

COMMUNICATION, Community Preservation Committee submitting the Community Preservation Act funding recommendations for FY21.

Referred to the Committee on Finance – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Lopes, Markey and Morad.
(#0310)

COMMUNICATION, Councillor Lima submitting a copy of a report from the Community Preservation Committee regarding all the monetary funds that have been awarded to CPA grantees also a breakdown to date of funds spent and unspent.

Received and Placed on File – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Lopes, Markey and Morad.
(#0311)

COMMUNICATION, Council President Lopes, submitting, a copy of a letter from Robert and Judith Ladino, sent to the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Boston, MA, relative to the proposed Municipal Solid Waste processing plant Parallel Products, LLC.

Referred to the City Solicitor’s Office and the Firm representing the City on this matter, K.P. Law.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Lopes, Markey and Morad.
(#0312)

COMMUNICATION, Councillor Giesta, submitting a copy of the Department of Environmental Protection’s Written Determination and Draft Waterways License for Map 53, Parcels 255, 254, 253, 252 and 120 (Co-Op and Fisherman’s Wharves) MacArthur Drive, New Bedford, MA; the Black Whale and the New Bedford Harbor Development Commission request to maintain changes in use of two existing buildings and accessory use areas and for construction and maintenance of an enclosed deck for a restaurant dining area and appurtenant walkways. (Copy all Councillors, February 26, 2021 and Referred to the Committee on Fisheries.)

Referred to the Committee on Fisheries – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Lopes, Markey and Morad.
(#0313)

COMMUNICATION, Councillor Giesta, submitting, submitting a Department of Environmental Protection’s Letter of Clarification to the Written Determination and Draft Waterways License for Map 53, Parcels 255, 254, 253, 252 and 120 (Co-Op and Fisherman’s Wharves) MacArthur Drive, New Bedford, MA; this letter affirms that the Written Determination and Draft License on this matter does not include or advance the issuance of a License for the Whale’s Tail Clam Shack or related uses. (Copy all Councillors February 25, 2021; Referred to the Committee on Fisheries.)

Referred to the Committee on Fisheries - Yeas 11, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Lopes, Markey and Morad.
(#0314)

COMMUNICATION, Councillor Morad, submitting a copy of a letter, dated February 24, 2021, regarding Handicap Parking in the City.

Referred to the Committee on Traffic Commission – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Lopes, Markey and Morad.
(#0315)

The City Council took a Roll Call to take up the Consent Agenda and take the appropriate action – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors, Abreu, Baptiste, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Lopes, Markey and Morad.

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

IN CITY COUNCIL

MARCH 11, 2021

The following Resolution was presented by Council President Lopes, honoring CANDIDA M. DESJARDINS, Educational Outreach Program Manager, Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division Newport (NUWC DIVNPT).

WHEREAS, Since 2007, Candida M. Desjardins has been the Educational Outreach Program Director at the Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division of Newport; under her direction, the Center has successfully focused on its STEM After-School Enrichment and Summer Internship and Camp programs, which are primarily aimed at urban school districts; and

WHEREAS, Candida M. Desjardins worked to develop the Robotics Program at New Bedford High School, culminating in the Southcoast Robotics Team, a Sea Lab Marine Education Collaborative working with 4th and 5th Grade students, which studies the physics of buoyancy and provides an introduction to the field of engineering; all this as she manages and serves at the Naval Research Education Internship at the aforementioned Undersea Warfare Center as a Mathematician in the Undersea Test and Evaluation Department, where she developed undersea test range software and data analysis systems for the Atlantic Undersea Test and Evaluation Center and was an analyst for the SIA Torpedo Initiative; and

WHEREAS, Candida M. Desjardins has developed many programs during her tenure, establishing the Southcoast Robotics Education Foundation, of which she is President, coordinated and planned all aspects of the Division's STEM initiatives, including instruction and interaction with students ranging in age from kindergarten all the way through college, reaching more than 4,000 students annually; and

WHEREAS, Candida M. Desjardins created the Undersea Technology Apprentice Program to give high school interns a hands-on engineering summer program in which the students participate every summer at the Newport Naval Warfare Center learning teamwork skills and gaining exposure to oceanography, robotics, algebra, oceanography and physics; and

WHEREAS, Candida M. Desjardins has given college level lectures on Technology Evolution Underwater Acoustics and the Basics of Computer Science, has been responsible for coordinating efforts of NAVSEA outreach programs for data calls and supporting start-up efforts and for the analysis of all NAVSEA data and publishing of the Navy STEM report; and

WHEREAS, Candida M. Desjardins has been the recipient of many honors and awards, including the Department of the Navy's "Civilian Superior Service Award", the "Daily Point of Light Award", the "Vice Admiral Champion of the Year in STEM and DIVERSITY Award", the "Rear Admiral William Thompson Award for Excellence in Public Affairs in the Community Relations" and the "Mid-Atlantic Community Service Award" in the Personal Excellence Partnership Flagship- Large Shore Category, three times in the last four years, including at the Navy-wide level in 2010:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the New Bedford City Council hereby honors **CANDIDA M. DESJARDINS, EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH PROGRAM MANAGER OF THE NAVAL UNDERSEA WARFARE CENTER DIVISION OF NEWPORT**, for her many years of dedicated work, commitment to education and research, and wishes her continued success in the future.

Adopted, to be Presented at a later date. (#0316)

CITATION, Councillor Gomes, honoring KERRY GRACE, New Bedford Fire Department, on the occasion of his retirement from the New Bedford Fire Department and with best wishes for many years of health and happiness.

Adopted, to be Presented at a later date. (#0317)

CITATION, Councillor Gomes honoring MORNA LOUNGE AND GRILL in recognition of the Grand Opening and their Commitment to their Culture and City and making New Bedford work again.

Adopted, to be Presented at a later date. (#0318)

CITATION, Councillor Gomes, honoring, DAVID WALLANT, in recognition of his Appointment as a New Bedford Police Officer.

Adopted, to be Presented at a later date. (#0319)

WRITTEN MOTION, Council President Lopes, requesting on behalf of UMass Dartmouth's College of Visual & Performing Arts, that the following street be CLOSED: PURCHASE STREET, between Spring and Union Streets EVERY THURSDAY, FROM MARCH 4, 2021 UNTIL APRIL 29, 2021 FROM 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of a Visual and Performing Arts Series.

GRANTED PROVISIONALLY BY THE 2021 CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOSEPH P. LOPES, ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2021, TO BE RATIFIED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2021.

Received and Action of the City Council President Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 15, 2021.

Approved March 18, 2021. (#0320)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting, on behalf of the owners of Brown Jug Tavern and Four Corners Restaurant, 481 Ashley Boulevard, that the sign in front of said address be changed to "30 MINUTE PARKING Sunday through Saturday 5 AM to 2 PM, the present signage reads ONE HOUR PARKING from 9 AM to 6 PM except Sundays and holidays. (To be Referred to the Traffic Commission).

Referred to the Traffic Commission. (#0321)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting, that the Traffic commission install "DO NOT ENTER" Signage at the corner of Purchase Street and Elm Street facing north, as traffic continues to enter Purchase Street in a south direction, which is a one-way north. (To be Referred to the Traffic Commission.)

Referred to the Traffic Commission. (#0322)

COMMUNICATION, City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council, Dennis W. Farias, submitting copy of a letter sent to Patrick Higgins, Swansea, MA, relative to the Open Meeting Law.

Received and Placed on File. (#0323)

COMMUNICATION, City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council, to the City Council, notifying that the Office of the City Clerk has received Meeting Minutes from Board of Assessors for a meeting held on February 18, 2021, Community Preservation Committee for a meeting held on February 3, 2021, Bristol County PHEP Coalition and Executive Board for a meeting held on February 16, 2021, Human Relations Commission for meetings held on January 20 and February 17, 2021, Planning Board for a meeting held on February 13, 2021, Regional Refuse Management District for meetings held on December 17, 2020 and January 14, 2021, and Zoning Board of Appeals for a meeting held on January 21, 2021.

Received and Placed on File. (#0324)

APPLICATION, **Norman's Enterprises Construction Corp.**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **45 Nash Road**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on February 25, 2021, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.
Presented to the Mayor for approval March 15, 2021.
Approved March 18, 2021. (#0325)

APPLICATION, **JLC CONSTRUCTION**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **194 Belleville Avenue**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on February 25, 2021, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.
Presented to the Mayor for approval March 15, 2021.
Approved March 18, 2021. (#0326)

APPLICATION, **JLC CONSTRUCTION**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **18 Rogers Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on February 25, 2021, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.
Presented to the Mayor for approval March 15, 2021.
Approved March 18, 2021. (#0327)

APPLICATION, **R.J. Canessa Excavating**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **116 Bedford Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on February 25, 2021, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.
Presented to the Mayor for approval March 15, 2021.
Approved March 18, 2021 (#0328)

APPLICATION, **R.J. Canessa Excavating**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **3610 Acushnet Avenue**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on March 05, 2021, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 15, 2021.

Approved March 18, 2021. (#0329)

APPLICATION, **R.J. Canessa Excavating**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **Lambeth Street, Lot 542**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on March 05, 2021, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 15, 2021.

Approved March 18, 2021. (#0330)

APPLICATION, **Norman's Enterprises Construction Corp.**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **45 Nash Road**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on February 25, 2021, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 15, 2021.

Approved March 18, 2021. (#0331)

APPLICATION, **JLC Construction**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **194 Belleville Avenue**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on February 25, 2021, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 15, 2021.

Approved March 18, 2021. (#0332)

APPLICATION, **JLC Construction**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **18 Rogers Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on February 25, 2021, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 15, 2021.

Approved March 18, 2021. (#0333)

APPLICATION, **RJ Canessa Excavating**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **116 Bedford Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on February 25, 2021, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 15, 2021.

Approved March 18, 2021. (#0334)

APPLICATION, **RJ Canessa Excavating**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **3610 Acushnet Avenue**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on March 05, 2021, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 15, 2021.

Approved March 18, 2021. (#0335)

APPLICATION, **RJ Canessa Excavating**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **Lambeth Street, Lot 542**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on March 05, 2021, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 15, 2021.

Approved March 18, 2021. (#0336)

APPLICATIONS, **Eversource Gas**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on March 03, 2021, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council as follows:

69 Longview Road, Pine Hill Drive – Birchwood Drive (#0337)

1139 – 1141 Chaffee Street, Wildwood Street – Heywood Street (#0338)

Intersection of Bates Street and Arlington Street (#0339)

4312 Acushnet Avenue, May Street (#0340)

1202 Phillips Road, Ventura Lane – Dead end (#0341)
Intersection of Shaw Street and Church Street (#0342)
Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.
Presented to the Mayor for approval March 15, 2021.
Approved March 18, 2021.

APPLICATIONS, **ABC Disposal Service**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on February 25, 2021, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council as follows:

53-55 Merrimac Street (#0343)
53-55 Merrimac Street (#0344)
53-55 Merrimac Street (#0345)
715 Purchase Street (#0346)
73 Washington Street (#0347)
440 Arnold Street (#0348)
51 South Sixth Street (#0349)

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.
Presented to the Mayor for approval March 15, 2021.
Approved March 18, 2021.

On a motion, the Council then adjourned at 7:36 p.m. – Yeas 11, Nays 0.
YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Lopes, Markey and Morad.

ATTEST:

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