

REGULAR MEETING
Chambers of the City Council
Thursday, December 9, 2021

CITY COUNCIL
Municipal Building
7:02 p.m.

PRESENT: Council President Lopes, Councillors Baptiste, Carney, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Markey and Morad.

LATE: No One

ABSENT: Councillor Abreu and Councillor Coelho

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

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

COMMUNICATION, Councillor Abreu to Members of the City Council, informing that he will be late to the City Council Meeting on Thursday, December 9, 2021, due to a work – related emergency.

Received and Placed on File. (#1850a.)

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
IN CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 9, 2021

The following resolution was presented by Councillor Gomes.

RESOLUTION HONORING JOSEPH PATRICK LOPES, COUNCILLOR WARD SIX AFTER TWELVE YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

WHEREAS, Joseph P. Lopes is the son of John R. and Dorothy D. Lopes, has a brother John and a son Joseph; and

WHEREAS, Joseph P. Lopes graduated from New Bedford High School, Bristol Community College, majoring in Business Management, the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth earning a Bachelor's of Arts Degree in Political Science, and in 2002, graduated from Johnson and Wales University, earning a Master's Degree in Business Administration with a concentration in International Business; and

WHEREAS, First elected to public service in November 2009, Councillor Joseph P. Lopes has Chaired the Committees on Veterans Affairs, Elderly, Health, Housing and Disability Issues, Labor and Industry, Finance, and the Special Committees on Budget Review, and was a member of the Committees on Appointments and Briefings, City Property, Audit, Fisheries, Ordinances, Public Safety and Neighborhoods, Internal Affairs, the Special Committees on Environmental Affairs, Gaming and Casinos, Soccer Fields, Charter Revision Commission, Employment Opportunities and Memorials and Dedications; and

WHEREAS, Always a strong voice for the people of the South End, Councillor Joseph P. Lopes made sure the concerns of Ward Six were brought to the forefront in City Council Chambers and worked for years to improve the South End of the City by way of his knowledge and experience; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his community involvement as an elected official, Councillor Joseph P. Lopes gave selflessly of his time working with the Ward Six Democratic Committee, Clark's Point Neighborhood Association, was an Assistant Youth Soccer and Baseball Coach, a Board Member of the South End Business Association, a Board Member of Save the Orpheum Theater, a member of the Prince Henry Society and the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of New Bedford; and

WHEREAS, One of the proudest moments of his career as Ward Six Councillor was when Councillor Joseph P. Lopes attended the ribbon cutting of the CoveWalk, a 5 million dollar State investment that Councillor Lopes had worked on, located atop the Hurricane Barrier at Clark's Cove; a Hurricane Barrier that was built from 1962 to 1966 and remains the largest man-made structure on the East Coast of the United States, CoveWalk, a 5,500 foot City-owned paved path offers a beautiful view of the harbor; and

WHEREAS, The new Irwin M. Jacobs Elementary School was dedicated with Irwin M. and Joan Jacobs in attendance on May 18, 2018, constructed on the site of the former John Hannigan Elementary School, the Jacobs School serves an estimated 400 students, from Kindergarten through Grade 5, fully equipped for innovated teaching and a state of the art learning environment, a project long championed by Councillor Joseph P. Lopes; and

WHEREAS, In order to better protect the residents of the South End and the City of New Bedford as a whole, Councillor Joseph P. Lopes worked tirelessly as both the Ward Six City Councillor and as a member of the Building Committee responsible for the construction and timely opening of the new South Public Safety Center, the state-of-the art 25,000 square foot facility located at Brock Avenue and Ruth Street which houses Police, Fire and Emergency Management Services and will serve the residents of the South End and New Bedford for many generations to come; and

WHEREAS, Serving during the Administrations of Mayors Scott W. Lang and Jonathan F. Mitchell, Councillor Joseph P. Lopes was in constant attendance at all City Council Meetings, Committee Meetings and Budget Hearings during his years in office, highly involved in all financial and legislative matters that came before the body; and has expressed much gratitude for the opportunity he has had to serve and hopefully will again serve in the very near future; and

WHEREAS, A strong, leading force on the City Council, Councillor Joseph P. Lopes served the people of his district honorably, had the courage to make tough decisions that he felt were in the best interest of Ward Six, was chosen to lead the City Council four times as its President; and he will be deeply missed as his colleagues pay tribute to his years of service to the good people of New Bedford:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the New Bedford City Council hereby honors their Friend and Colleague **JOSEPH PATRICK LOPES, COUNCILLOR WARD SIX AND FOUR TIME CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT, 2014, 2017, 2020 AND 2021, AFTER TWELVE YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS**, an outstanding public leader who always put the interests of Ward Six first, who served this City with a keen sense of duty, commends him for a distinguished and accomplished political career with a record of public service that stands as a monument to a life well lived and offers him a sincere **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE JOE – AND JOB WELL DONE**.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the New Bedford City Council extends to **JOSEPH PATRICK LOPES COUNCILLOR WARD SIX**, our very best wishes for continued good fortune and pride in all that he has accomplished.

This Resolution is presented to the Honorable Joseph P. Lopes, Councillor Ward Six as an expression of his Colleagues and Staff high esteem, respect and affection on the occasion of his last City Council Meeting on Thursday, December 09, 2021.

Adopted.

(#1851)

The following resolution was presented by Council President Lopes.

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

IN CITY COUNIL

DECEMBER 9, 2021

WHEREAS, Councillor at Large Debora Coelho was first elected to public office in 2005, she is a longtime resident of New Bedford and is married to Tony Coelho and is a graduate of the New Bedford Public School System; and

WHEREAS, At the age of 19, Debora Coelho became a successful businesswoman who established, sustained and expanded her business, Debora the Master Seamstress, specializing in bridal gowns in the City of New Bedford for more than thirty years as a business and property owner; and

WHEREAS, Debora Coelho is fully committed to family, community, and education and in 2009, she graduated Magna Cum Laude from Bristol Community College with an Associate’s Degree in Communications, Bridgewater State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science and later, a Master’s Degree in Public Administration also from Bridgewater State University; and

WHEREAS, For many years, prior to her election to the New Bedford City Council, Debora Coelho worked for the betterment of her community by serving as President of the Bullard Street Neighborhood Association, Vice-President of Neighborhoods United, Director of the North End Business Association and as a Board Member for the Coalition for Buzzards Bay, she is also a graduate of Leadership Southcoast and the New Bedford Citizens Police Academy; and

WHEREAS, Councillor at Large Debora Coelho’s history as a volunteer includes dealing with such issues as improving City sanitation and trash services, public safety summits/drug enforcement and gangs, vacant/abandoned property issues/problem properties, graffiti cleanup, community policing, neighborhood grants, PCB environmental cleanups and illegal hazardous waste dumping; and

WHEREAS, In 2000, Councillor at Large Debora Coelho was selected as the Standard-Times Woman of the Year for New Bedford, she has also been named the North End Business Association Member of the Year and has been the recipient of the Massachusetts State Portuguese Heritage Award; and

WHEREAS, During her tenure as a Councillor at Large Debora Coelho has served as Chairperson of the Committees on Appointments and Briefings, Labor and Industry, Audit, Public Safety and Neighborhoods, and has Chaired the Special Committees on Environmental Affairs, Memorials and Dedications, Airport, Energy Resource and Exhibition Hall, she has also been a member of the Committees on Ordinances, Finance, City Property, Dog Park, and Veterans Affairs, Elderly, Youth, Health, Housing and Disability Issues; and

WHEREAS, Councillor at Large Debora Coelho also hosted community shows on the local Cable Access Channel titled, “The Debora Coelho Show” and “Let’s Talk”, focusing on people, neighborhoods and the more positive aspects of New Bedford; and

WHEREAS, Councillor Debora Coelho has left a legacy of working hard to build up her community, ensuring that all City services were met and holding all areas of local City Government accountable; and

WHEREAS, After sixteen years as a member of the New Bedford City Council, Councillor at Large Debora Coelho made the decision to not seek a ninth term:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of New Bedford hereby honors **DEBORA COELHO, COUNCILLOR AT LARGE, ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER 16 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITY OF NEW BEDFORD**, commends her for her dedicated hard work on behalf of the Citizens of the City she loves and thanks her for her years of service.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the New Bedford City Council extends their best wishes to their Friend, **DEBORA COELHO, COUNCILLOR AT LARGE**, wishing her the best of luck in all her future plans and endeavors.

Adopted, to be presented at a later date.

(#1852)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the RE-APPOINTMENT of ANGELA JOHNSTON, New Bedford, MA to the TRAFFIC COMMISSION; this term will expire December 2024.

Rule 38 Waived and Reappointment Confirmed – Yeas 9, Nays 0. (#1853)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the RE-APPOINTMENT of PATRICIA COSTA, New Bedford, MA, to the COUNCIL ON AGING; this term will expire in November 2024.

Rule 38 Waived and Reappointment Confirmed – Yeas 8, Nays 0. (Councillor Carney not present for vote.) (#1854)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the RE-APPOINTMENT of NANCY FEENEY, New Bedford, MA, to the COUNCIL ON AGING; this term will expire in November 2024.

Rule 38 Waived and Reappointment Confirmed – Yeas 8, Nays 0. (Councillor Carney not present for vote.) (#1855)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the RE-APPOINTMENT of JANE STOTT, New Bedford, MA, to the COUNCIL ON AGING; this term will expire in November 2024.

Rule 38 Waived and Reappointment Confirmed – Yeas 8, Nays 0. (Councillor Carney not present for vote.) (#1856)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the RE-APPOINTMENT of GEORGE N. SMITH, New Bedford, MA, to the COUNCIL ON AGING; this term will expire in November 2024.

Rule 38 Waived, Reappointment Confirmed – Yeas 8, Nays 0. (Councillor Carney not present for vote.) (#1857)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the RE-APPOINTMENT of BRUCE DUARTE, New Bedford, MA, to the COUNCIL ON AGING; this term will expire in November 2024.

Rule 38 Waived, Reappointment Confirmed – Yeas 8, Nays 0. (Councillor Carney not present for vote.) (#1858)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of GENESIS GALAN, New Bedford, MA, to the HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION; Ms. Galan will be replacing Reverend Kevin T. Taylor, whose term has expired; this term will expire in December 2022.

Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings. (#1859)

REPORT, Committee on Appointments & Briefings, recommending that the City Council go on record in support of the HSCC Program.

Recommendation Followed. (#1860)

COMMUNICATION, Council President Lopes, submitting a copy of HSCC Home, School, Community and Court, from Randy Jones, relative to youth intervention, education and support. (Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings – October 14, 2021.)

Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings – December 14, 2021.

Received and Placed on File. (#1562)

REPORT, Committee on Appointments & Briefings, recommending to the City Council APPROVAL of the APPOINTMENT of LEE BLAKE, New Bedford, MA to the BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS, replacing Paula Robinson Deare, who has resigned; this term will expire May 2026.

Recommendation Followed. (#1861)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of LEE BLAKE, New Bedford, MA to the BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS, replacing Paula Robinson Deare, who has resigned; this term will expire May 2026.

Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings – September 23, 2021.

Appointment Confirmed – Yeas 9, Nays 0. (#1392)

REPORT, Committee on Appointments & Briefings, recommending to the City Council APPROVAL of the APPOINTMENT of SCOTT D. GRANT, JR., New Bedford, MA to the CONSERVATION COMMISSION, replacing Paul R. Pacheco who has resigned; this term will expire June 2023.

Recommendation Followed. (#1862)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of SCOTT D. GRANT, JR., New Bedford, MA to the CONSERVATION COMMISSION, replacing Paul R. Pacheco who has resigned; this term will expire June 2023. (Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings – November 09, 2021.)

Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings – November 9, 2021.

Appointment Confirmed. (#1740)

REPORT, Committee on Finance, recommending to the City Council APPROVAL of the starting salary of ROBERT DICKINSON as CITY AUDITOR at a Salary Step 4 (\$108,926) on the Unit C Salary schedule which is commensurate with his professional experience.

Recommendation Followed. (#1863)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, requesting reconsideration of the starting salary ROBERT DICKINSON as CITY AUDITOR at a Salary Step 4 (\$108,926) on the Unit C Salary schedule which is commensurate with his professional experience. (Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings – November 09, 2021.)

Referred to the Committee on Finance – November 9, 2021.

Motion was made to amend to Step 2. Salary \$103,174.00 FAILED – Yeas 4, Nays 5. (Councillors Dunn, Lima, Lopes and Markey IN FAVOR.)

Motion was made to amend to Step 1, Salary \$100, 169,00 APPROVED – Yeas 8, Nays 1. (Councillor Markey OPPOSED.)

Adopted as Amended and Rule 40 Waived – Yeas 9, Nays 0.

Presented to the Mayor for approval December 10, 2021.

RETURNED UNSIGNED January 3, 2022. (#1737)

COMMUNICATIO/RELATED MOTION, Councillor Morad, submitting a copy of an email from Peter Rousseau, New Bedford, regarding the proposed salary of the new City Auditor.

Received and Placed on File. (#1864)

REPORT, Committee on Appointments & Briefings, recommending to the City Council to enact the City's Demolition Delay Ordinance for 94 CLARK STREET, (Map 84, Lot 134.)

Recommendation Followed. (#1865)

COMMUNICATION/ DEMOLITION, New Bedford Historical Commission, to City Council, re: BUILDING DEMOLITION REVIEW OF 94 CLARK STREET, (MAP 84, LOT 134) a Circa 1911, three story wood-framed residence – Partial demolition: Porches, advising that “the building is associated with the architectural, cultural and social history of the City, as it is a prime example of a middle-class tenement, the iconic building archetype built to house the immigrant groups who came to New Bedford for employment in the textile industry; the building is architecturally significant as it embodies the distinctive characteristics of the Colonial Revival style with details such patterned shingles, wide cornices, tapered columns and the use of monumental center porticos capped by a triangular pediment, the porches dominate the front façade and are a defining feature of the building; the City’s Demolition Ordinance promotes the public welfare by making the City a more attractive and desirable place in which to live and work by preserving and protecting significant buildings, structures, streetscapes and neighborhoods, the loss of tenement porches has been widespread and often results in an unattractive, blank building that no longer contributes to a neighborhood, and may assist in the neighborhood’s visual, physical and social decline; if a demolition permit is granted, the Commission has sought that the current small porch windows be replaced with more appropriately sized windows, **“in light of these findings, the New Bedford Historical Commission has determined that the building at 94 Clark Street is Historically Significant and a Preferably Preserved Historic Building or Structure.”** (Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings – September 23, 2021.)

Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings – September 23, 2021.

Demolition Granted with a 12 month delay Yeas 9, Nays 0.

Presented to the Mayor for approval December 13, 2021.

Approved December 17, 2021. (#1402)

REPORT, Committee on Appointments & Briefings, recommending to the City Council APPROVAL on behalf of **TEOFILO DASILVA, 24 Nye Street, New Bedford, MA 02746 d/b/a FRIENDLY FAMILY TRANSPORTATION, 24 Nye Street, New Bedford, MA 02746**, of the APPLICATION, for a NEW PRIVATE LIVERY LICENSE, to carry passengers for hire over the streets of New Bedford. (License Expires June 30, 2022.)

Recommendation Followed. (#1866)

COMMUNICATION, City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council, to City Council, on behalf of **TEOFILO DASILVA, 24 Nye Street, New Bedford, MA 02746 d/b/a FRIENDLY FAMILY TRANSPORTATION, 24 Nye Street, New Bedford, MA 02746**, of the APPLICATION, for a NEW PRIVATE LIVERY LICENSE, to carry passengers for hire over the streets of New Bedford. (License Expires June 30, 2022.) (Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings – November 09, 2021.)

Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings – November 9, 2021.

Livery License Granted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval December 13, 2021.

Approved December 17, 2021. (#1755)

REPORT, Committee on Finance, recommending to the City Council to take **“NO FURTHER ACTION”** on the WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Lima, Abreu, Lopes and Dunn, requesting that the Administration review fees as they relate to solar energy projects.

Recommendation Followed. (#1867)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Lima, Abreu, Lopes and Dunn, requesting that the Administration review fees as they relate to solar energy projects. (Referred to the Committee on Finance – March 14, 2019.)

Referred to the Committee on Finance – March 14, 2019.

NO FURTHER ACTION. (#0463)

REPORT, Committee on Finance, recommending to the City Council to take **“NO FURTHER ACTION”** on the COMMUNICATION, John W. Parsons, Esq., Executive Director, Commonwealth of Massachusetts/Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission, to City Council, submitting a copy of a memorandum sent to the New Bedford Retirement Board regarding the amount to be appropriated for the City of New Bedford’s retirement system for Fiscal Year 2022.

Recommendation Followed. (#1868)

COMMUNICATION, John W. Parsons, Esq., Executive Director, Commonwealth of Massachusetts/Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission, to City Council, submitting a copy of a memorandum sent to the New Bedford Retirement Board regarding the amount to be appropriated for the City of New Bedford's retirement system for Fiscal Year 2022. (Referred to the Committee on Finance – December 09, 2020.)

Referred to the Committee on Finance – Yeas 11, Nays 0 – December 9, 2020.

NO FURTHER ACTION. (#1643)

REPORT, Committee on Finance, recommending to the City Council to take “**NO FURTHER ACTION**” on the WRITTEN MOTION, Council President Lopes, requesting that Interim CFO Gagne provide the members of the City Council with a breakdown of fiscal year losses in revenues which can be attributed to the COVID-19 Pandemic as well as determination if the lost revenues is recoverable under the American Rescue Plan Act.

Recommendation Followed. (#1869)

WRITTEN MOTION, Council President Lopes, requesting that Acting CFO Gagne provide the members of the City Council with a breakdown of fiscal year losses in revenues which can be attributed to the COVID-19 Pandemic as well as determination if the lost revenues is recoverable under the American Rescue Plan Act. (Referred to the Committee on Finance – August 19, 2021.)

Referred to the Committee on Finance – August 19, 2021.

NO FURTHER ACTION. (#1111)

WRITTEN MOTION, Council President Lopes, requesting, that the Mitchell Administration provide the City Council with the updated Cold Weather Shelter Plan.

Referred to the Administration and the Committee on Appointments and Briefings.

Presented to the Mayor for approval December 13, 2021.

RETURNED UNSIGNED January 3, 2022. (#1870)

WRITTEN MOTION Council President Lopes and Councillor Gomes, requesting that the Committee on Ordinances and the Planning Board, review and consider the following change to the City's Building Codes to allow the establishment of Garden Style apartments in Mixed-Use Business Districts at heights, and density that other multi-family projects are afforded. (To Referred to the Committee on Ordinances and the Planning Board.)

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances and the Planning Board. (#1871)

COMMUNICATION, Council President Lopes, submitting proposed Amendments Chapter 9, Section 2230 “Table of Principal Use Regulations” Appendix A from Attorney Michael A. Kehoe. (To be Referred to the Committee on Ordinances and the Planning Board.)

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances and the Planning Board – December 9, 2021.

(#1872)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Morad and Council President Lopes, requesting that the Park Board issue a letter of support to the National Park Service, regarding the formal petition being submitted by the Women's Veteran's Monument Committee to erect a park bench and plantings at the sight of the Women's Military Monument in Fort Taber Park. (To be Referred to the Park Board.)

Referred to the Park Board. (#1873)

PETITION, Erik Dyson, 14 Marion Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739, d/b/a HAND UP US LLC, 127 West Rodney French Boulevard, New Bedford, MA 02744, requesting that he 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 & PAWNBROKER.**

Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings. (#1874)

COMMUNICATION, Derek Santos, Executive Director, New Bedford Economic Development Council, to Council President Lopes and Members of the City Council, submitting a TIF application and Resolution approved by the Tax Increment Financing Board for a five (5) year TIF Agreement for NFI LLC and 22 Logan Street, New Bedford, MA 02740. (Copies provided and distributed to all Councillors on 11/19/2021.)

Referred to the Committee on Finance. (#1875)

RESOLUTION, Approving Certified Project Application and Special Tax Agreement with NFI LLC and 22 Logan Street LLC.

Referred to the Committee on Finance. (#1876)

COMMUNICATION, Councillor Morad, submitting a letter dated November 30, 2021, regarding the Investment of Funds Under the American Rescue Plan Act. (Referred to the Committee on Finance.)

Referred to the Committee on Finance. (#1877)

CITATION, Councillors Giesta, Carney, Council President Lopes and Councillors Markey and Morad, honoring BRYCE FORTES, FIREFIGHTER in recognition of his volunteer work in the Community & being awarded the 2021 Norman Knight Award for Community Service by Governor Baker at the 32 Annual Firefighter of the Year Awards.

Adopted, to be presented at a later date. (#1878)

CITATIONS, Councillors Giesta, Carney, Council President Lopes and Councillors Markey and Morad, honoring DISTRICT CHIEF BRIAN MEDEIROS, LIEUTENANT CHARLES BAILEY, JR., FIREFIGHTER RICHARD MCCUE, FIREFIGHTER ANTHONY RESENDES, and FIREFIGHTER KEVIN SWEET, in recognition of their heroic rescue of a mother and child during a fire at 269 Tinkham Street.

Adopted, to be presented at a later date. (#1879)

CITATIONS, Councillors Giesta, Carney, Council President Lopes and Councillors Markey and Morad, honoring, LIEUTENANT JASON BEAULIEU and FIREFIGHTER RICHARD PIMENTEL, in recognition of their resuscitation of a 4 year old drowning victim at 37 Christopher Court.

Adopted, to be presented at a later date. (#1880)

CITATIONS, Councillors Gomes, Giesta, Council President Lopes and Councillor Morad, honoring, JOSHUA H. BRUNS, MICHAEL J. GIROUARD, KORY P. MEDEIROS, JARED J. FURTADO, WILLIAM MATTHEWS, TIMOTHY D. MATTOS, JONATHAN J. PARKIN, MATTHEW ALLEN, JARED P. CARREIRO, QUINN A. DESOUSA and JAMES ESTRELLA, IV., in recognition of their Appointments as New Bedford Firefighters.

Adopted, to be presented at a later date. (#1881)

CITATION, Councillor Gomes, honoring ESABEL S. DESOUSA, in recognition of the Grand Opening of Koke Isha Home and making New Bedford work again.

Adopted, to be presented at a later date. (#1882)

The following resolution was presented by Council President Lopes.

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

IN CITY COUNCIL

DECEMBER 9, 2021

RESOLUTION HONORING MANUEL H. SILVA DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

WHEREAS, Manuel H. Silva began his career with the City of New Bedford's Department of Public Infrastructure in 1999 as an Assistant Civil Engineer, was promoted to Supervising Civil Engineer in 2012, appointed Deputy Commissioner in 2016 and served as Acting Commissioner while remaining Deputy Commissioner from August to December of 2017; and

WHEREAS, During his twenty-two year career with the City, Deputy Commissioner Silva has worked under the Administrations of Mayors Kalisz, Lang and Mitchell; he has worked through many snow storms and hurricanes, has worked on numerous projects that have beautified New Bedford's parks and public spaces and coordinated fairs and festivals to guarantee many wonderful experiences for city residents; and

WHEREAS, Manuel H. Silva has been nominated for the New Bedford Way Award, has implemented many projects throughout the City which have bettered the lives of its residents, businesses and visitors, and has spent decades

building relationships with contractors, utility companies and elected officials, he has shown dedication to his staff and has left a positive impact on the community and City he grew up in; and

WHEREAS, On December 09, 2021, after more than twenty-two years of a distinguished career with the City of New Bedford, it is with great sadness, but with the utmost respect that his loving family, colleagues and fellow City of New Bedford employees will give Deputy Commissioner Manuel H. Silva best wishes for a long, happy and healthy retirement:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the New Bedford City Council hereby sincerely thanks and honors **MANUEL H. SILVA, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY OF NEW BEDFORD**, commends him for his exemplary career as an employee of the City of New Bedford, and thanks him for his professionalism, dedication and passion in his role as Deputy Commissioner of our City's Department of Public Infrastructure; and further, **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the New Bedford City Council extends our warm and sincere best wishes to **MANUEL H. SILVA**, for a long, happy and healthy retirement.

Adopted, to be presented at a later date. (#1883)

WRITTEN MOTION, Council President Lopes, requesting, that the following street(s) be CLOSED: WILLIAM STREET, from North Second Street to Johnny Cake Hill, on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 08, 2021, FROM 4:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M., for the purpose of AHA! New Bedford.

GRANTED PROVISIONALLY BY THE 2021 CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOSEPH P. LOPES, ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2021, TO BE RATIFIED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 09, 2021.

Received and Action of the City Council President Ratified.

Permission Granted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval December 13, 2021.

Approved December 17, 2021. (#1884)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Baptiste, requesting, on behalf of the Zeiterion Theatre, that the following street(s) be CLOSED: PURCHASE STREET, from School Street to Spring Street, on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2021, FROM 1:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M., for the purpose of the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra Holiday Pops.

Permission Granted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval December 13, 2021.

Approved December 17, 2021. (#1885)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Baptiste, requesting, on behalf of the Office of Tourism and Marketing, that the following street(s) be closed; ACUSHNET AVENUE, from Elm Street to Union Street; NORTH SECOND STREET, from Elm Street to Union Street; WILLIAM STREET, from Purchase Street to Johnny Cake Hill; PURCHASE STREET, from Spring Street to Union Street and LOWER UNION STREET, from Rt. 18 to Water Street (for fireworks viewing area) ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2021, from 5:00 P.M. THROUGH 9:00 P.M., for the purpose of A CITY CELEBRATES" NEW YEAR'S EVE.

Permission Granted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval December 13, 2021.

Approved December 17, 2021. (#1886)

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 meetings held on November 9 and 18, 2021, Community Preservation Committee for a meeting held on October 26, 2021, GNB Regional Refuse Management District for a meeting held on October 19, 2021, Board of Health for a meeting held on October 7, 2021 and PHEP Coalition and Executive Committee for a meeting held on November 23, 2021.

Received and Placed on File. (#1887)

APPLICATION, **JLC Construction**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **871 Rockdale Avenue**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on November 24, 2021, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval December 13, 2021.

Approved December 17, 2021. (#1888)

APPLICATION, **JLC Construction**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **Almy Street Map 134/Lot 376**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on November 24, 2021, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval December 13, 2021.

Approved December 17, 2021. (#1889)

APPLICATION, **Osmose Utilities Services, Inc.**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **Eric's Way (Nash Road – Tinkham Street)**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on November 24, 2021, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval December 13, 2021.

Approved December 17, 2021. (#1890)

APPLICATION, **Osmose Utilities Services, Inc.**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **Cedar Street (Austin Street – Collins Street)**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on November 24, 2021, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval December 13, 2021.

Approved December 17, 2021. (#1891)

APPLICATION, **Osmose Utilities Services, Inc.**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **Bullard Street (Acushnet Avenue – North Front Street)**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on December 9, 2021, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval December 13, 2021.

Approved December 17, 2021. (#1892)

APPLICATION, **Osmose Utilities Services, Inc.**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **Belleville Avenue (Coffin Avenue – Sylvia Street)**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on November 24, 2021, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval December 13, 2021.

Approved December 17, 2021. (#1893)

APPLICATION, **Osmose Utilities Services, Inc.**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **Beech Street (Hillman Street – North Street)**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on November 24, 2021, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval December 13, 2021.

Approved December 17, 2021. (#1894)

APPLICATION, **Osmose Utilities Services, Inc.**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **Baylies Street (Hersom Street – Wood Street)**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on November 24, 2021, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval December 13, 2021.

Approved December 17, 2021. (#1895)

APPLICATION, **Osmose Utilities Services, Inc.**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **Austin Street (Summer Street – Richmond Street)**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on November 24, 2021, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval December 13, 2021.

Approved December 17, 2021. (#1896)

APPLICATION, **Osmose Utilities Services, Inc.**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **Ashley Boulevard (Daniel Street – Holly Street)**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on November 24, 2021, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval December 13, 2021.

Approved December 17, 2021. (#1897)

APPLICATION, **Osmose Utilities Services, Inc.**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **Acushnet Avenue (Dewey Street – Pembroke Street)**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on November 24, 2021, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval December 13, 2021.

Approved December 17, 2021. (#1898)

APPLICATION, **Osmose Utilities Services, Inc.**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **Acorn Street (Durfee Street northerly to terminus)**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on November 24, 2021, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval December 13, 2021.

Approved December 17, 2021. (#1899)

APPLICATION, **Cardoso Contracting**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **175 Eugenia Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on December 6, 2021, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval December 13, 2021.

Approved December 17, 2021. (#1900)

APPLICATION, **R.J. Canessa Excavating**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **93-101 Rivet Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on December 6, 2021, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval December 13, 2021.

Approved December 17, 2021. (#1901)

APPLICATION, **R.J. Canessa Excavating**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **958 Bristol Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on December 6, 2021, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval December 13, 2021.

Approved December 17, 2021. (#1902)

APPLICATION, **JLC Construction**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **871 Rockdale Avenue**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on November 24, 2021, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval December 13, 2021.

Approved December 17, 2021. (#1903)

APPLICATION, **JLC Construction**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **Almy Street Map 134/Lot 376**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on November 24, 2021, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval December 13, 2021.

Approved December 17, 2021. (#1904)

APPLICATION, **Osmose Utilities Services, Inc**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **Eric's Way (Nash Road – Tinkham Street)**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on November 24, 2021, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval December 13, 2021.

Approved December 17, 2021. (#1905)

APPLICATION, **Osmose Utilities Services, Inc**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **Cedar Street (Austin Street – Collins Street)**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on November 24, 2021, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval December 13, 2021.

Approved December 17, 2021. (#1906)

APPLICATION, **Osmose Utilities Services, Inc**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **Bullard Street (Acushnet – North Front Street)**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on November 24, 2021, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval December 13, 2021.

Approved December 17, 2021. (#1907)

APPLICATION, **Osmose Utilities Services, Inc**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **Belleville Avenue (Coffin Avenue – Sylvia Street)**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on November 24, 2021, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval December 13, 2021.

Approved December 17, 2021. (#1908)

APPLICATION, **Osmose Utilities Services, Inc**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **Beech Street (Hillman Street – North Street)**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on November 24, 2021, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval December 13, 2021.

Approved December 17, 2021. (#1909)

APPLICATION, **Osmose Utilities Services, Inc**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **Baylies Street (Hersom Street – Wood Street)**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on November 24, 2021, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval December 13, 2021.

Approved December 17, 2021. (#1910)

APPLICATION, **Osmose Utilities Services, Inc**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **Austin Street (Summer Street – Richmond Street)**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on November 24, 2021, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval December 13, 2021.

Approved December 17, 2021. (#1911)

APPLICATION, **Osmose Utilities Services, Inc**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **Ashley Street (Daniel Street – Holly Street)**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on November 24, 2021, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval December 13, 2021.

Approved December 17, 2021. (#1912)

APPLICATION, **Osmose Utilities Services, Inc**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **Acushnet Avenue (Dewey Street – Pembroke Street)**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on November 24, 2021, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval December 13, 2021.

Approved December 17, 2021. (#1913)

APPLICATION, **Osmose Utilities Services, Inc**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **Acorn Street (Durfee Street – northerly to Terminus)**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on November 24, 2021, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval December 13, 2021.

Approved December 17, 2021. (#1914)

APPLICATION, **Cardoso Contracting**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **175 Eugenia Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on December 6, 2021, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval December 13, 2021.

Approved December 17, 2021. (#1915)

APPLICATION, **R.J. Canessa Excavating**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of 958 Bristol Street, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on December 6, 2021, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval December 13, 2021.

Approved December 17, 2021. (#1917)

APPLICATIONS, **Eversource Gas**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on December 2, 2021, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council as follows:

699 Brock Avenue (#1918)

23 West Rodney French Boulevard (#1919)

On a motion, the Council then adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

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