

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
Chambers of the City Council
Monday, January 03, 2022

CITY COUNCIL
Municipal Building
6:06 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors-Elect Abreu, Baptiste, Carney, Gomes, Lima, Markey, Morad and Pereira.

LATE: No One

ABSENT: Councillors-Elect Burgo, Dunn and Giesta.

Assistant City Clerk Stephanie M. Macomber called the meeting to order and presided.

Prayer led by: Pastor Leona Fisher, In the Name of Jesus Church.

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

COMMUNICATION, City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council, notifying of Organizational Meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, January 3, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., in City Council Chambers, for the following purpose:

- a. Temporary Organization of the City Council and Election of City Council President Pro Tem.
- b. Election Commission Reporting the Election of Municipal Officials.
- c. **Recess** for Swearing In of Elected Officials.
- d. **Reconvene** for Organization of the City Council for the Year 2022.
- e. Election of President of the City Council for 2022.
- f. Drawing for Seats (if applicable).
- g. Appointments of Assistant City Solicitors for 2022.
- h. Appointment of Attorney David J. Gerwatowski as Legislative Counsel to the City Council for 2022.
- i. Appointment of Weighers of Merchandise for 2022.

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(#0001)

COMMUNICATION, Election Commission reporting the Election of Municipal Officials for 2022.

**CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS
2021 MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

At the Municipal Election held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, 6,647 voters or 10.8% of the registered voters in the City of New Bedford cast their ballots and the following individuals were elected to office:

Assessor at Large - for a term of six years

Kimberly M. Saunders, 411 County Street

School Committee – for a term of four years

Colleen Dawicki, 31 Grove Street

Melissa M. Costa, 1485 Old Plainville Road

Ross M. Grace Jr., 27 Sherman Street

Councillors at Large – for a term of two years

Ian Abreu, 57 Bellevue Street

Naomi R.A. Carney, 16 Jenney Lind Street

Brian K. Gomes, 66 Clara Street

Linda M. Morad, 4162 Acushnet Avenue

Shane Alstin Burgo, 564 Purchase Street

WARD COUNCILLORS

WARD ONE - for a term of two years

William Brad Markey, 1520 Morton Avenue

WARD TWO – for a term of two years

Maria E. Giesta, 155 Princeton Street

WARD THREE – for a term of two years

Hugh Dunn, 24 Logan Street

WARD FOUR – for a term of two years

Derek Baptiste, 267 Elm Street

WARD FIVE – for a term of two years

Scott J. Lima, 61 Orchard Street

WARD SIX - for a term of two years

Ryan Joseph Pereira, 138 Butler Street

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(#0002)

Assistant City Clerk Stephanie M. Macomber announced that nominations will be in order for the Election of a Temporary President.

Councillor-Elect William Brad Markey nominates Councillor-Elect Linda M. Morad.

Motion seconded by Councillors-Elect Naomi R.A. Carney and Brian K. Gomes.

Assistant City Clerk Stephanie M. Macomber closes the nominations.

Vote is taken on the Election of Councillor-Elect Linda M. Morad as PRESIDENT PRO TEM – Yeas 8, Nays 0.

Assistant City Clerk Stephanie M. Macomber appoints Councillor-Elect William Brad Markey and Councillor-Elect Naomi R.A. Carney to escort PRESIDENT PRO TEM Linda M. Morad to the Chair.

President Pro Tem Morad calls for a Recess at 6:14 p.m. in order that Elected Officials may proceed to Keith Middle School to be Sworn In.

President Pro Tem Morad reconvenes the Council at 8:36 p.m. and announces that due to several Councillors-Elect being absent, she suggests the Council consider waiving Rule 5 “The City Council shall, at the first meeting in January, elect one of its members as President, who shall preside at the meetings of the Council and perform such other duties as are prescribed in Chapter 43 of the General Acts and any acts in amendment thereof or supplementary thereto. No Councillor shall serve as president for two consecutive years. At said meeting, the most recent Former-President who is still a Member of the City Council shall, by virtue of having been the holder of said office, hold the office of First Vice-President; and, the second most recent Former-President who is still a Member of the City Council shall, by virtue of having been the holder of said office, hold the office of Second Vice-President.”

Vote is taken on Waiving Rule 5 – Yeas 8, Nays 0.

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, submitting the **REAPPOINTMENT** of **ATTORNEY ERIC JAIKES**, New Bedford, MA 02740, as **Assistant City Solicitor** for a **one-year term expiring December 31, 2022**.

Rule 38 Waived, Reappointment Confirmed and Rule 40 Waived – Yeas 8, Nays 0.

(#0003)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, submitting the **REAPPOINTMENT** of **ATTORNEY KREG R. ESPINOLA**, New Bedford, MA 02740, as **Assistant City Solicitor** for a **one-year term expiring December 31, 2022**.

Rule 38 Waived, Reappointment Confirmed and Rule 40 Waived – Yeas 8, Nays 0.

(#0004)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, submitting to the Full City Council, the **REAPPOINTMENT** of **ATTORNEY DAVID J. GERWATOWSKI**, New Bedford, MA 02745, as **LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL TO THE CITY COUNCIL** for a **one-year term, expiring December 31, 2022.**

Rule 38 Waived, Reappointment Confirmed and Rule 40 Waived – Yeas 8, Nays 0.

(#0005)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, submitting the **REAPPOINTMENT** of **WEIGHERS**
OF MERCHANDISE for a **one-year term expiring December 31, 2022**, from **L & S Industries, Inc:**

Ian McNaught New Bedford, MA

Eugene Medeiros Fairhaven, MA

Daniel McNaught Lakeville, MA

Rule 38 Waived, Reappointment Confirmed and Rule 40 Waived – Yeas 8, Nays 0.

(#0006)

On a motion, the Council then adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

ATTEST:

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

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS – 2022

COUNCILLOR IAN ABREU, CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT
COUNCILLOR LINDA M. MORAD, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT
COUNCILLOR BRIAN K. GOMES, SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

APPOINTMENTS & BRIEFINGS: *Councillors Carney, Chair; Baptiste, Vice-Chair; Abreu, Burgo, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Markey, Morad and Pereira*

AUDIT: *Councillors Lima, Chair; Morad, Vice-Chair; Dunn, Gomes and Markey*

CITY PROPERTY: *Councillors Giesta, Chair; Markey, Vice-Chair; Abreu, Baptiste, Burgo, Carney, Dunn, Gomes, Lima, Morad and Pereira*

FINANCE: *Councillors Markey, Chair; Lima, Vice-Chair; Abreu, Baptiste, Burgo, Carney, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Morad and Pereira*

FISHERIES: *Councillors Giesta, Chair; Dunn, Vice-Chair; Abreu, Baptiste and Burgo*

INTERNAL AFFAIRS: *Councillors Carney, Chair; Giesta, Vice-Chair; Dunn, Gomes and Pereira*

LABOR & INDUSTRY: *Councillors Dunn, Chair; Baptiste, Vice-Chair; Abreu, Morad and Pereira*

ORDINANCES: *Councillors Dunn, Chair; Lima, Vice-Chair; Abreu, Baptiste, Burgo, Carney, Giesta, Gomes, Markey, Morad and Pereira*

PUBLIC SAFETY & NEIGHBORHOODS: *Councillors Gomes, Chair; Burgo, Vice-Chair; Abreu, Baptiste, Carney, Dunn, Giesta, Lima, Markey, Morad and Pereira*

VETERANS AFFAIRS, ELDERLY, YOUTH, HEALTH, HOUSING & DISABILITY ISSUES: *Councillors Gomes, Chair; Giesta, Vice-Chair; Markey, Morad and Pereira*

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

AFFORDABLE HOUSING & HOMELESS AFFAIRS: *Councillors Burgo, Chair; Baptiste, Vice-Chair; Giesta, Lima and Pereira*

AIRPORT: *Councillors Markey, Chair; Lima, Vice-Chair; Carney, Giesta and Morad*

BLUE ECONOMY & EMERGING INDUSTRIES: *Councillors Dunn, Chair; Lima, Vice-Chair; Abreu, Carney and Markey*

CANNABIS REGULATION AND HOST COMMUNITY AGREEMENTS REVIEW: *Councillors Baptiste, Chair; Pereira, Vice-Chair; Abreu, Burgo, Carney, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Markey and Morad*

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS: *Councillors Morad, Chair; Burgo, Vice-Chair; Abreu, Baptiste, Carney, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Markey and Pereira*

INFRASTRUCTURE & REDEVELOPMENT: *Councillors Lima, Chair; Dunn, Vice-Chair; Abreu, Baptiste and Pereira*

MEMORIALS & DEDICATIONS: *Councillors Carney, Chair; Burgo, Vice-Chair; Abreu, Gomes and Markey*

SOLID WASTE SERVICES: *Councillors Giesta, Chair; Carney, Vice-Chair; Abreu, Baptiste and Gomes*

SPECIAL COVID-19 BUSINESS COMMITTEE: *Councillors Pereira, Chair; Dunn, Vice-Chair; Baptiste, Burgo and Giesta*

AD HOC COMMITTEES

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE REVISION OF CITY COUNCIL'S RULES OF ORDER: *Councillors Morad, Chair; Gomes, Vice-Chair; Abreu, Lima and Markey*

TRAFFIC COMMISSION: *Councillors Gomes and Markey*

WATER BOARD: *Councillor Carney*

ENERGY RESOURCE COMMISSION: *Councillor Gomes*

CONDOMINIUM REVIEW BOARD: *Councillor Pereira*

SCHOOL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE: *Councillor Baptiste*

EXHIBITION HALL COMMITTEE: *Councillor Burgo*

SIGN DESIGN REVIEW BOARD: *Councillor Markey*

MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL: *Councillor Baptiste*

TIF BOARD: *Councillors Morad and Dunn*