
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 WITH AN EXTENSION SIGNED ON JUNE 16, 2021 AND THE CITY COUNCIL'S VOTE TO WAIVE RULE 21A JANUARY 13, 2022

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

Thursday, February 24, 2022

7:01 p.m.

PRESENT: Council President Abreu (remotely), Councillors Burgo (remotely), Carney (remotely), Dunn, (remotely), Giesta (remotely), Gomes (remotely), Lima (remotely), Markey (remotely), Morad (remotely) and Pereira (remotely).

LATE: No One.

ABSENT: Councillor Baptiste.

Council President Abreu called the meeting to order and presided.

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

COMMUNICATION, Councillor Baptiste, to Members of the City Council, notifying that he will be unable to attend the Regular City Council Meeting on Thursday, February 24, 2022, due to an unforeseen circumstance.

Received and Placed on File – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Burgo, Carney, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Markey, Morad and Pereira. (#0314)

HEARING, R.W. Bryant Contacting, Inc. for location of approximately 85' of 3" PVC Conduit at the Intersection of Union Street and Second Street. (Hearing continued from the February 10, 2022 Meeting.)

Hearing Continued until February 10, 2022 at 7 p.m. – Yeas 11, Nays 0 – January 27, 2022.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Burgo, Carney, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Markey, Morad and Pereira.

Hearing Continued until February 24, 2022 at 7 p.m. – Yeas 11, Nays 0 – February 10, 2022.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Burgo, Carney, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Markey, Morad and Pereira.

Hearing Held.

Petition placed on file – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Burgo, Carney, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Markey, Morad and Pereira. (#0218)

AN ORDER, (Hearing continued from the February 10, 2022 Meeting.)

Hearing Continued until February 10, 2022 at 7 p.m. – Yeas 11, Nays 0 – January 27, 2022.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Burgo, Carney, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Markey, Morad and Pereira.

Hearing Continued until February 24, 2022 at 7 p.m. – Yeas 11, Nays 0 – February 10, 2022.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Burgo, Carney, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Markey, Morad and Pereira.

Adopted and ordered recorded in Book of Location Order Records – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Burgo, Carney, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Markey, Morad and Pereira.

Presented to the Mayor for approval February 28, 2022.

Approved March 02, 2022. (#0219)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of BRIAN G. MEDEIROS to the position of DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF, effective immediately; Mr. Medeiros has been serving as District Fire Chief from March 2021 to present.

Rule 38 Waived, Appointment Confirmed and Rule 40 Waived – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Burgo, Carney, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Markey, Morad and Pereira. (#0315)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of DANIEL COONS to the position of DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF, effective immediately.

Rule 38 Waived, Appointment Confirmed and Rule 40 Waived – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Burgo, Carney, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Markey, Morad and Pereira. (#0316)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of STEVEN MEDEIROS to the position of DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF, effective immediately; Mr. Medeiros has been serving as Temporary Deputy Fire Chief since November of 2020 to present.

Rule 38 Waived, Appointment Confirmed and Rule 40 Waived – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Burgo, Carney, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Markey, Morad and Pereira. (#0317)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of JOHN T. COSTA as the DIRECTOR OF MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS (MIS).

Rule 38 Waived and Appointment Confirmed – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Burgo, Carney, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Markey, Morad and Pereira. (#0318)

RELATED MOTION, Councillor Carney, requesting that Mayor Mitchell authorize payment of compensate for John Costa as the new Director of MIS at a Grade 16, Step 4, pursuant to Chapter 19 of the City Code.

Adoption – FAILED – Yeas 2, Nays 8.

YEAS: Councillors Carney and Lima.

NAYS: Councillors Abreu, Burgo, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Markey, Morad and Pereira.

(#0319)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of MICHAEL J. THOMAS to the position of DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS), effective March 6, 2022.

Rule 38 Waived and Appointment Confirmed – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Burgo, Carney, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Markey, Morad and Pereira. (#0320)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of OWEN MURPHY to the position of ASSISTANT CITY SOLICITOR, and of Mr. Murphy's salary at ~~Step 3, Grade MPT-12 (\$38,967.00)~~ Step 1, Grade MPT-12.

Amendment was made to strike Step 3, Grade MPT-12 and place Step 1, Grade MPT-12 – Adopted – Yeas 10, Nay 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Burgo, Carney, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Markey, Morad and Pereira.

Rule 38 Waived, Appointment Confirmed and Salary approved as Amended – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Burgo, Carney, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Markey, Morad and Pereira. (#0321)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting a Purchase & Sale Agreement between the City and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the sale of the New Bedford Armory building at 989 Pleasant Street.

Referred to the Committee on City Property – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Burgo, Carney, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Markey, Morad and Pereira. (#0322)

AN ORDER,

Referred to the Committee on City Property – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Burgo, Carney, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Markey, Morad and Pereira. (#0323)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting a Request For Proposals (RFP) for the sale and development of an Advanced Manufacturing Campus on 100 acres of the Whaling City Golf Course property on Hathaway Road.

Referred to the Committee on City Property – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Burgo, Carney, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Markey, Morad and Pereira. (#0324)

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

Referred to the Committee on City Property – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Burgo, Carney, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Markey, Morad and Pereira. (#0325)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER authorizing the Statement of Interest (SOI) Form to the Massachusetts School Building Authority for the following elementary school: Ellen R. Hathaway, New Bedford.

Referred to the Committee on Finance – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Burgo, Carney, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Markey, Morad and Pereira. (#0326)

AN ORDER,

Referred to the Committee on Finance – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Burgo, Carney, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Markey, Morad and Pereira. (#0327)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER, which would expand the City's existing Housing Development Incentive Program (HDIP) Zone from the downtown business district to include the entire City.

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Burgo, Carney, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Markey, Morad and Pereira. (#0328)

AN ORDER,

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Burgo, Carney, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Markey, Morad and Pereira. (#0329)

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM (HDIP) ZONE AMENDMENT PROPOSAL.

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Burgo, Carney, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Markey, Morad and Pereira. (#0330)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, requesting that the City of New Bedford, as Grantee of Foreign Trade Zone #28 (FTZ 28), be authorized to apply to the United States Foreign Trade Zones Board and applicable federal agencies to reorganize FTZ 28 to an Alternative Site Framework (ASF); and that the Mayor be authorized to execute all necessary paperwork for the application and any subsequent administrative actions for FTZ 28.

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

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Burgo, Carney, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Markey, Morad and Pereira. (#0331)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of PAUL J. SOUZA, a United States Army Operation Desert Storm Veteran, New Bedford, MA, to the VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD; Mr. Souza is replacing Randall G. Motta whose term expired in December 2020; this term will expire in December 2023.

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

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Burgo, Carney, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Markey, Morad and Pereira. (#0332)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of SIDNEY A. MURRAY, II, New Bedford, MA, to the HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION; Mr. Murray is replacing Bethany Fauteux whose term has expired; this term will expire in April 2022.

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

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Burgo, Carney, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Markey, Morad and Pereira. (#0333)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the REAPPOINTMENT of SIDNEY A. MURRAY, II, New Bedford, MA, to the HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION; this term will expire in April 2025.

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

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Burgo, Carney, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Markey, Morad and Pereira. (#0334)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of LEO CHOQUETTE, New Bedford, MA, to the ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS; Mr. Choquette is currently serving as an alternate member and will be replacing Allen Decker who has resigned; this term will expire in December 2026.

Rule 38 Waived and Appointment Confirmed – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Burgo, Carney, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Markey, Morad and Pereira. (#0335)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the REAPPOINTMENT of JEFFREY COSTA, New Bedford, MA, to the HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION; this term will expire in December 2024.

Rule 38 Waived and Reappointment Confirmed – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Burgo, Carney, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Markey, Morad and Pereira. (#0336)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the REAPPOINTMENT of JAMES D. OLIVEIRA, New Bedford, MA, to the NEW BEDFORD PORT AUTHORITY; this term will expire in December 2024.

Rule 38 Waived and Reappointment Confirmed – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Burgo, Carney, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Markey, Morad and Pereira. (#0337)

REPORT, Committee on Finance, recommending to the City Council Approval of the ORDER, AS AMENDED, that the City Council agrees to the terms and conditions in the proposed “Grant Agreement (ARPA)” between Bristol County and the City of New Bedford and authorized members of the City Council to execute said grant agreement. Nothing in this order shall be construed as the City Council’s approval of expenditures of ARPA grant funds that may be received by the city from Bristol County.

Recommendation Followed – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Burgo, Carney, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Markey, Morad and Pereira. (#0338)

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JANUARY 13, 2022

ORDERED, that the City Council agrees to the terms and conditions in the proposed “Grant Agreement (ARPA)” between Bristol County and the City of New Bedford and authorizes members of the City Council to execute said grant agreement. ~~Further, pursuant to the requirements of General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53A, the City Council approves the expenditure of funds to be received by the City pursuant to said grant agreement, which funds shall be spent solely for the purposes authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act.~~ *Nothing in this Order shall be construed as the City Council’s approval of expenditures of ARPA grant funds that may be received by the City from Bristol County.*

Referred to the Committee on Finance – January 13, 2022.

Adopted as Amended – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Burgo, Carney, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Markey, Morad and Pereira.

Presented to the Mayor for approval February 28, 2022.

RETURNED UNSIGNED March 14, 2022. (#0009)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Morad, requesting that the Director of Community Services Cynthia Wallquist, the Acting Director of the Department of Facilities and Fleet Management Jen Vieira and the Chairperson of the Commission for Citizens with Disabilities Dennis DeMarinis be invited to a meeting of the Committee on Veterans Affairs, Elderly, Youth, Health, Housing and Disability Issues to discuss the status of various access issues related to the Hillman Street complex. (To be Referred to the Committee on Veterans Affairs, Elderly, Youth, Health, Housing and Disability Issues.)

Referred to the Committee on Veterans Affairs, Elderly, Youth, Health, Housing and Disability Issues – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Burgo, Carney, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Markey, Morad and Pereira. (#0339)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Dunn, requesting that 19 Hathaway Road (Map 101/Lot 8) be rezoned from Mixed-Use Business/Industrial B to INDUSTRIAL B in its entirety. (To be Referred to the Committee on Ordinances and the Planning Board.)

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances and the Planning Board – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Burgo, Carney, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Markey, Morad and Pereira. (#0340)

COMMUNICATION/DEMOLITION, Anne Louro, Preservation Planner, to City Council, re: BUILDING DEMOLITION REVIEW – 73 HILLMAN STREET (Map 58/Lot 198) circa 1900, wood framed, carriage shed, the structure is located in the North Bedford National Register Historic District; the structure is of no notable historic significance either recorded or found with the existing condition of the structure; and the structure is in poor condition due to extensive deferred maintenance; therefore, **in light of these findings, the Preservation Planner has determined that the carriage shed structure at 73 Hillman Street is neither a Historically Significant nor a Preferably Preserved Building.**

Demolition Granted – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Burgo, Carney, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Markey, Morad and Pereira.

Presented to the Mayor for approval February 28, 2022.

Approved March 02, 2022. (#0341)

COMMUNICATION/DEMOLITION, New Bedford Historical Commission, to City Council, re: BUILDING DEMOLITION REVIEW – 19 TABER STREET (Map 40/Lot 5) circa 1912, Two Story Primary Building and 1913 Garage, the property at 19 Taber Street retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association, it is representative of the early twentieth century development of one of New Bedford’s finest residential areas when the city’s textile industry continued to prosper, generating economic prosperity among a growing middle class of businessmen and entrepreneurs; the property is associated with George Robert Cherry (1874-1946), founder and eventual President of Cherry and Company which established several retail stores under the name of Cherry and Webb; the buildings are architecturally significant, designed by renowned New Bedford architectural firm Caleb Hammond and Sons in the regionally rare Italian Renaissance style; the property is directly adjacent to and abuts the Moreland Terrace National Register District; the applicant did not provide any supporting documentation relative to the building’s structural integrity or whether adaptive re-use of the building was explored; the Commission seeks the opportunity to work with the property owner and the public to seek alternative options that will preserve, rehabilitate, or incorporate the existing buildings into a site development plan; therefore, **in light of these findings, the New Bedford Historical Commission has determined that the buildings at 19 Taber Street are Historically Significant and Preferably Preserved historic buildings.**

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

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Burgo, Carney, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Markey, Morad and Pereira. (#0342)

COMMUNICATION, Council President Abreu submitting the New Bedford Economic Development’s Tax Increment Financing Program Annual Report for 2021. (Copy all Councillors via email 02/14/2022.)

Received and Placed on File – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Burgo, Carney, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Markey, Morad and Pereira. (#0343)

COMMUNICATION, Councillor Morad, submitting a copy of letter send to the Members of the Conservation Commission for a meeting held on February 15, 2022 regarding a Notice of Intent filed by the City’s Department of Public Infrastructure for property identified as WS Sassaquin Avenue, Map 138/Lot 438. (To be Received and Placed on File.)

Received and Placed on File – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Burgo, Carney, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Markey, Morad and Pereira. (#0344)

COMMUNICATION, Councillor Lima and Council President Abreu, submitting a copy of the United Interfaith Action of Southeastern MA Housing Report for New Bedford. (To be Received and Placed on File.)

Received and Placed on File – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Burgo, Carney, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Markey, Morad and Pereira. (#0345)

COMMUNICATION, The Department of Parks, Recreation and Beaches, submitting a Memorial Park Bench and Tree Dedication Program application in memory of Alice Sherman. (To be Referred to the Special Committee on Memorials and Dedications.)

Referred to the Special Committee on Memorials and Dedications – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Burgo, Carney, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Markey, Morad and Pereira. (#0346)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the REAPPOINTMENT of DAVID KENNEDY, New Bedford, MA to the REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; this term will expire July 2026.

Tabled – July 15, 2021.

Removed from the Table – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Burgo, Carney, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Markey, Morad and Pereira.

Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings – Yeas 9, Nays 1.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Carney, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Markey, Morad and Pereira.

NAYS: Councillor Burgo. (#0965)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the REAPPOINTMENT of PAUL CHASSE, New Bedford, MA to the REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; this term will expire July 2026.

Tabled – July 15, 2021.

Removed from the Table – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Burgo, Carney, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Markey, Morad and Pereira.

Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings – Yeas 9, Nays 1.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Carney, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Markey, Morad and Pereira.

NAYS: Councillor Burgo. (#0966)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the REAPPOINTMENT of CELEINE SARAIVA, New Bedford, MA to the PROBLEM PROPERTIES APPEALS PANEL; this term will expire June 2024.

Tabled – July 15, 2021.

Removed from the Table – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Burgo, Carney, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Markey, Morad and Pereira.

Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings – Yeas 9, Nays 1.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Carney, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Markey, Morad and Pereira.

NAYS: Councillor Burgo. (#0967)

RELATED MOTION, Councillor Morad, requesting that the City Clerk forward to the Administration a request for updated attendance records from July 2021 to February 24, 2022 for the reappointments of David Kennedy to the Redevelopment Authority, Paul Chasse to the Redevelopment Authority and Celeine Saraiva to the Problem Properties Appeals Panel; and that said attendance records be forwarded to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings prior to these reappointments being heard in Committee.

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

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Burgo, Carney, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Markey, Morad and Pereira. (#0347)

The City Council took a Roll Call to take up the Consent Agenda and take the appropriate action – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Burgo, Carney, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Markey, Morad and Pereira.

The following resolution was adopted for Black History Month 2022

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

IN CITY COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 24, 2022

February 24, 2022

**RESOLUTION IN HONOR AND CELEBRATION
OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH - FEBRUARY 2022**

WHEREAS, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, a high school teacher, discovered that schools did not teach the history of Black Americans; and in 1915, he set out to change that by establishing the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) and in 1926, he established “Negro History Week” to be held during the second week of February, this date was chosen because it marked the birthdays of famed abolitionists Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass; and

WHEREAS, The Celebration of Black History Week was then expanded to encompass the month of February 1976, the Country’s Bicentennial year, but not without some controversy and debate regarding designating a month to the history of one race rather than overall history; therefore, the importance of providing a Theme to show that the intention was never to dictate or limit the exploration of the Black experience, but to bring to the public’s attention important developments that merit emphasis; and

WHEREAS, The ongoing mission of the Association for the Study of African-American Life and History, ASALH, is to promote, research, preserve, interpret and disseminate information about Black life, history and culture and to be the premier Black Heritage learned society with a strong network of national and international branches whose diverse and inclusive membership will continue the Woodson Legacy, and one of the most successful means to achieve this goal has been, and still is, BLACK HISTORY MONTH and its powerful Themes; and

WHEREAS, The THEME for 2022 is “Black Health and Wellness”, exploring the legacy of not only Black scholars and medical practitioners in Western medicine, but also other ways of knowing (e.g. birth workers, doulas, midwives, naturopaths, herbalists, etc.) throughout the African Diaspora, and the incredible work of Black health and wellness practitioners as we work to address and eliminate disparities in maternal and child health; there is much to learn – the historical impact of Black grief and infant loss and its connection to racism and social injustices, strategies to identify and address racism and racial bias and apply a racial equity lens to collective impact based health improvement initiatives; in the U.S., the gap in health outcomes between non-Hispanic black and non-Hispanic white children continues to widen, with children of color more frequently suffering from chronic and preventable health conditions, Black children are 1.8 times as likely to have asthma, 1.32 times as likely to be obese and over twice as likely to die before reaching their first birthday, these racial gaps in health outcomes signify the significant role racism plays as a key determinant of health, to drive sustainable improvements in children’s health we must shift the way we promote and practice healthcare to incorporate both a health and racial equity lens, using a health equity lens helps us consider the contexts in which children and families live and how these circumstances contribute to long-term health, within this framework, we must be explicit in recognizing historical and current racism across policies and practices, a racial equity lens acknowledges how families of color are often systematically oppressed and have differential access to the opportunities and resources that allow families to thrive; and

WHEREAS, We cannot allow Black History Month to pass without recognizing our many local people of color who have accomplished great things against great odds, such as Frederick Douglass, who began his new, free life in our great City; Medal of Honor recipient Sgt. William Carney, who led his Civil War Regiment to victory; Westport’s Paul Cuffe, son of an African slave and Wampanoag Indian, born in Cuttyhunk, who, in the years after the American Revolution built an American shipbuilding fortune on the Westport River and founded the first elementary school in Westport, MA; New Bedford Whaling Era’s Lewis Temple, inventor of the toggle harpoon; abolitionist and confectioner Polly Johnson; escaped slave Henry “Box” Brown; Edward M. Brooke, III, of Massachusetts, who was the first African-American Attorney General of any State, first African-American United States Senator and a Presidential Medal of Freedom Winner; Deval Patrick, who was the first African-American Governor of Massachusetts; former Illinois Senator Barack Obama, who became the first African-American elected to the Office of President of the United States; as well as many, many other individuals whose accomplishments have not yet been fully recognized, people whose lives and names have been lost to history and the passing of time; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month continues to pay tribute to the African-American history makers of the past and present, and the sacrifices made to ensure equality among all men and women of this great Nation, and serves as an occasion to examine the collective creativity, cultural and political experience of the masses of Africans and people of African descent, through lectures, exhibitions, banquets and cultural activities held throughout the United States in schools, communities, Churches and political arenas:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the New Bedford City Council takes note and celebrates the **MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2022**, as **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**, urges Citizens to honor and remember the Black Heroes of the past and present, and encourages everyone to take part in activities held Citywide in recognition of our community’s rich heritage of diversity; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That this Resolution be posted outside of the City Council Chamber for the entire month of February 2022, in recognition of **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**.

Adopted, to be presented at a later date.

(#0348)

CITATION, Councillors Pereira, Morad, Markey, Lima, Gomes, Giesta, Dunn, Carney, Burgo, Baptiste and Abreu, honoring CAROLE ANN LAWRENCE, in recognition of the celebration of her 80th Birthday on March 09, 2022, with wishes that the Good Lord will give her many years of continued Health and Happiness.

Adopted, to be presented at a later date. (#0349)

CONSTABLE BOND, REBEKAH A. TOMLINSON, Acushnet, MA 02743, in the amount of \$5,000.00 with Western Surety Company.

Approved. (#0350)

City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council, to the City Council, notifying that the Office of the City Clerk has received Meeting Minutes from the Community Preservation Committee for meetings held on January 25 and February 2, 2022, the Board of Health for a meeting held on November 18, 2021 and the Human Relations Commission for a meeting held on January 21, 2022.

Received and Placed on File. (#0351)

APPLICATION, **R.J. Canessa Excavating Co.**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **18 Lemos Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on February 08, 2022, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.
Presented to the Mayor for approval February 28, 2022.
Approved March 02, 2022. (#0352)

APPLICATION, **JLC Construction**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **61 Eugenia Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on February 09, 2022, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.
Presented to the Mayor for approval February 28, 2022.
Approved March 02, 2022. (#0353)

APPLICATION, **R.J. Canessa Excavating Co.**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **18 Lemos Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on February 08, 2022, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.
Presented to the Mayor for approval February 28, 2022.
Approved March 02, 2022. (#0354)

APPLICATION, **JLC Construction**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **61 Eugenia Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on February 09, 2022, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.
Presented to the Mayor for approval February 28, 2022.
Approved March 02, 2022. (#0355)

APPLICATIONS, **Eversource Gas**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on February 09, 2022, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council as follows:

- 90 Whitman Street, Hope Street – Madeira Avenue (#0356)
- 4 Waldo Street, Brooklawn Street to Wood Street (#0357)
- 127-128 Virgo Drive, Corner Property with Hanover Street (#0358)
- 117-119 Sylvia Street, Belleville Avenue – Brightman Street (#0359)
- 26 Shore Street, Cove Road – Grit Street (#0360)
- 123 Seabury Street, Brooklawn Avenue – Carlisle Street (#0361)
- 36 Sagamore Street, Hemlock Street – Bolton Street (#0362)
- 70-74 North Water Street, Corner Property with Rodman Street (#0363)
- 90 Longview Road, Pinehill Drive – Birchwood Drive (#0364)
- 483 Hawes Street, Brockton Street – Lynn Street (#0365)

209 County Street, Rockland Street – Thompson Street	(#0366)
163 Cornell Street, Fairmount Street – Nemasket Street	(#0367)
666 Church Street, Brockton Street – Lynn Street	(#0368)
656 Church Street, Brockton Street – Lynn Street	(#0369)
222-232 Caroline Street, Durfee Street – Mt. Vernon Street	(#0370)
45 Bank Street, Matthew Street – Rockdale Avenue	(#0371)
949 Ashley Boulevard, Oregon Street – Florida Street	(#0372)
105 Arnold Street, Lincoln Street Side of Property	(#0373)
40 Adams Street, Reynolds Street Side of Property	(#0374)
1482-1484 Acushnet Avenue, Coffin Avenue – Deane Street	(#0375)
Intersection of Austin Street and State Street	(#0376)
974 & 982 Hillcrest Road, Ridgewood Road – Holly Tree Lane	(#0377)

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

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On a motion, the Council took a roll call vote to adjourn at 7:53 p.m. – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

YEAS: Councillors Abreu, Burgo, Carney, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Markey, Morad and
Pereira.

ATTEST:

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