

NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

MEETING: COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS & BRIEFINGS
DATE: JULY 11, 2022
TIME: 7:08 P.M.
PLACE: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROOM 214, MUNICIPAL BUILDING

PRESENT: COUNCILLORS NAOMI CARNEY, CHAIRPERSON; IAN ABREU; SHANE BURGO; HUGH DUNN; BRIAN GOMES; WILLIAM BRAD MARKEY

ABSENT: COUNCILLORS DEREK BAPTISTE, VICE CHAIRMAN; MARIA GIESTA; SCOTT LIMA; LINDA MORAD; RYAN PEREIRA

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Councillor Carney called the Appointments & Briefings Committee Meeting to order and took attendance. The Clerk read Communications from Councillors Baptiste, Giesta, Lima, Morad, and Pereira explaining the reasons for their absences to this meeting. These Communications were received and placed on file by Councillor Abreu and seconded by Councillor Dunn.

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Notice, City Clerk of reference of a COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of ADRIANNA JADE BAPTISTA, New Bedford, MA 20740, as a CONSTABLE (Ref'd 06/09/2022) was received and placed on file by Councillor Abreu and seconded by Councillor Markey. This motion passed on a voice vote. (1, la)

Adrianna Jade Baptista, New Bedford, was present to answer questions from the Committee. She explained she has lived in New Bedford half of her life. She is a Health Care Professional, a Nurse. She is looking to start a second career and believed the position of a Constable would be a good fit. She was asked by the Committee if she would use her Constable position in her healthcare profession and she explained that she may, as she currently serves as a Nurse in a State Corrections facility. She was asked if she was going to work for someone or conduct the business on her own. She stated that for now she would be on her own, but she would be open to working for or with someone, if approached.

On motion by Councillor Abreu and seconded by Councillor Markey, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council APPROVAL of the APPOINTMENT of ADRIANNA JADE BAPTISTA, New Bedford, MA 02740, as a CONSTABLE. This motion passed on a voice vote.

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Notice, City Clerk of reference of a PETITION, Jerry Dugan, Jr., Middletown, RI 02842, d/b/a/ NEW BEDFORD HAULING, 1245 Shawmut Avenue, New Bedford, MA 02746, requesting that he be granted a Waiver of Residency in accordance with Section 15-38 of the City Code, to obtain a LICENSE TO DEAL IN JUNK, OLD METALS OR ANY OTHER SECONDHAND ARTICLES (Ref'd 06/23/2022) was received and placed on file by Councillor Abreu and seconded by Councillor Markey. (2)

Jerry Dugan, Middletown, RI, was present to answer questions from the Committee. He explained that he is employed as the General Manager for New Bedford Hauling, but lives in Middletown, RI. He is required to secure a waiver.

On motion by Councillor Gomes and second by Councillor Markey, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council APPROVAL of the PETITION, Jerry Dugan, Jr., Middletown, RI 02842, d/b/a NEW BEDFORD HAULING, 1245 Shawmut Avenue, New Bedford, MA, requesting that he be granted a Waiver of Residency in accordance with Section 15-38 of the City Code, to obtain a LICENSE TO DEAL IN JUNK, OLD METALS OR ANY OTHER SECONDHAND ARTICLES. This motion passed on a voice vote.

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Notice, City Clerk of reference of a COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of GARY LUNSFORD, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, as DIRECTOR OF ZOOLOGICAL SERVICES – BUTTONWOOD PARK ZOO, at Grade M-16, Salary Step 6 (\$107,476) on the Unit C Salary Schedule (Ref'd 06/23/2022) was received and placed on file by Councillor Abreu and seconded by Councillor Dunn.

Gary Lunsford, Milwaukee, WI, was present to answer questions from the Committee.

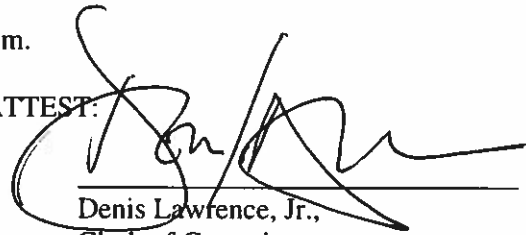
He was asked a series of questions by the Committee as it related to his past work experience and what new ideas, he would bring to the city's zoo. Mr. Lunsford explained that he currently serves as the Director of the Milwaukee County Zoo. He has thirty (30) years of experience in the area of animals, beginning in 1995. He believes his present position fits well with the New Bedford position as it is similar. He intends to take that experience and apply it to the city's zoo. He is looking forward to this new opportunity. He is excited to contribute to the growth of one of the greatest small zoos in the country. His initial goal once in the position would be to focus on getting the zoo prepared for this next round of certifications. He wants to find out where he can be most effective in the position and hopes to install an ambassador animals' program and contribute to a good visitor experience for those who visit the zoo. He confirmed that he is familiar with budgets and will look to bring strategic thinking to the position. He will make increasing attendance one of his top priorities.

On motion by Councillor Abreu and seconded by Councillor Dunn, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council APPROVAL of the APPOINTMENT of GARY LUNSFORD, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, as DIRECTOR OF ZOOLOGICAL SERVICES – BUTTONWOOD PARK ZOO, at Grade M-16, Salary Step 6 (\$107,476) on the Unit C Salary Schedule. This motion passed on a voice vote.

Councillor Abreu made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Councillor Burgo.

This meeting adjourned @ 7:25 p.m.

ATTEST:



Denis Lawrence, Jr.,
Clerk of Committees