

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
Chambers of the City Council
Tuesday, January 03, 2023

CITY COUNCIL
Municipal Building
7:00 p.m.

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

LATE: Councillor Baptiste.

ABSENT: No One.

2022 Council President Ian Abreu called the meeting to order and presided.

Prayer led by: Father Michael Racine, Holy Name of Sacred Heart Church.

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

COMMUNICATION, 2022 City Council President Abreu, notifying of Organizational Meeting of City Council to be held on Tuesday, January 03, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, City Hall, for the following purpose:

- a. Organization of the City Council for the year 2023 – Election of President.
- b. Reappointments of Assistant City Solicitors for 2023.
- c. Appointment of Weighers of Merchandise for 2023.
- d. Reappointment of Legal Counsel to the City Council for 2023.

Received and Placed on File.

(#0001)

PRESIDENT PRO TEM ABREU opens the meeting as outgoing President announces that he will accept nominations from the floor for President of the New Bedford City Council for the Year 2023.

Councillor CARNEY Nominates Councillor MORAD.

Councillor BURGO seconds the Nomination.

By a roll call vote of Yeas 8, Nays 1. (Councillor Abreu OPPOSED; Councillor Baptiste not present for vote.)

COUNCILLOR LINDA M. MORAD ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR 2023.

2023 City Council President Morad addresses the City Council.

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, submitting the REAPPOINTMENT of ATTORNEY OWEN MURPHY, Dartmouth, MA 02748, as Assistant City Solicitor for a one-year term expiring December 31, 2023.

Rule 38 Waived, Reappointment Confirmed and Rule 40 Waived – Yeas 9, Nays 0. (Councillor Baptiste not present for vote.)

(#0002)

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, 2023.

Rule 38 Waived, Reappointment Confirmed and Rule 40 Waived – Yeas 9, Nays 0. (Councillor Baptiste not present for vote.)

(#0003)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, submitting the REAPPOINTMENTS of DANIEL MCNAUGHT, Lakeville, MA; IAN MCNAUGHT, New Bedford, MA and ZACHARY DIROCCO, Fall River, MA as WEIGHERS OF MERCHANDISE for a one-year term expiring December 31, 2023, from L & S Industries, Inc.

Rule 38 Waived and Reappointments Confirmed – All Ayes. (Councillor Baptiste not present for vote.)

(#0004)

WRITTEN MOTION, 2022 Council President Abreu, submitting 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, 2023.

Rule 38 Waived, Reappointment Confirmed and Rule 40 Waived – Yeas 9, Nays 0. (Councillor Baptiste not present for vote.) (#0005)

On a motion, the Council then adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

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