

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
Chambers of the City Council  
Monday, January 06, 2025

CITY COUNCIL  
Municipal Building  
7:00 p.m.

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PRESENT: Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Burgo, Carney, Choquette, Giesta, Gomes, Lopes, Morad, Oliver and Pereira.

LATE: No One.

ABSENT: No One.

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2024 City Council President Carney called the meeting to order and presided.

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

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NOTE: THIS MEETING IS BEING LIVE STREAMED AND RECORDED.

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CITY OF NEW BEDFORD'S HOMEPAGE UNDER QUICK LINKS, THEN MEETINGS.

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COMMUNICATION, City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council, notifying of Organizational Meeting of City Council to be held on Monday, January 06, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., in City Council Chambers, for the following purpose:

- a. Organization of the City Council for the year 2025 - Election of President.
- b. Reappointments of Assistant City Solicitors for 2025.
- c. Appointment of Weighers of Merchandise for 2025..
- d. Reappointment of Legal Counsel to the City Council for 2025.

Received and Placed on File.

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2024 City Council President Carney as outgoing President and announces that she will accept nominations from the floor for President of the New Bedford City Council for the Year 2025.

Councillor Giesta nominates Councillor Burgo, Councillor Pereira seconds the nomination.

Councillor Choquette nominates Councillor Oliver, Councillor Lopes seconds the nomination.

Councillor Carney moves to close the nominations.

Councillor Pereira gives a Nomination Speech on behalf of Councillor Burgo.

Councillor Choquette gives Nomination Speech on behalf of Councillor Oliver.

Election of the Councillor Burgo as 2024 City Council President by a roll call vote of Yeas 7, Nays 4. (Councillors Abreu, Choquette, Lopes and Oliver OPPOSED.)

Election of the Councillor Oliver as 2024 City Council President by a roll call vote of Yeas 4, Nays 7. (Councillors Abreu, Choquette, Lopes and Oliver IN FAVOR.)

A roll call vote was retaken for the Election of Councillor Burgo for City Council President 2025 by a roll call vote of Yeas 9, Nays 2. (Councillors Choquette and Oliver OPPOSED.)

2024 City Council President Carney announces the results of the vote and declares  
COUNCILLOR SHANE A. BURGO ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR 2025.

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**2025 City Council President Burgo addresses the City Council.**

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COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, submitting the **REAPPOINTMENT** of **ATTORNEY OWEN MURPHY**, Dartmouth, MA as **Assistant City Solicitor** for a **one-year term expiring December 31, 2025**.

Rule 38 Waived, Reappointment Confirmed and Rule 40 Waived – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

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COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, submitting the **REAPPOINTMENT** of **ATTORNEY MICHAEL J. HARRINGTON**, Little Compton, RI as **Assistant City Solicitor** for a **one-year term expiring December 31, 2025**.

Rule 38 Waived, Reappointment Confirmed and Rule 40 Waived – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

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COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, submitting the **REAPPOINTMENTS** of **IAN MCNAUGHT**, Lakeville, MA, **ZACHARY DIROCCO**, Wareham, MA and **JOSEPH RIOUX**, Fall River, MA as **WEIGHERS OF MERCHANDISE** for a **one-year term expiring December 31, 2025**, from **L & S Industries, Inc.**

Rule 38 Waived, Reappointment Confirmed and Rule 40 Waived – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

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WRITTEN MOTION, 2024 Council President Carney, 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, 2025**.

Rule 38 Waived, Reappointment Confirmed and Rule 40 waived – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

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On a motion, the Council then adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

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ATTEST:

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