

REGULAR MEETING
Chambers of the City Council
Thursday, January 23, 2025

CITY COUNCIL
Municipal Building
7:00 p.m.

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

LATE: No one.

ABSENT: Councillor Lopes.

Council President Burgo called the meeting to order and presided.

Prayer led by: Evan West, Associate Pastor Grace Harbor Church.

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

COMMUNICATION, Councillor Lopes, to Council President Burgo and Honorable Members of the City Council, informing that he is unable to attend the City Council Meeting on Thursday, January 23, 2025, due to a prior work-related commitment.

Received and Placed on File. (#0087)

HEARING, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for location of one new Manhole and approximately 38' of Conduit in NORTH WATER STREET, this work is necessary to provide electric service to 89 North Water Street.

Hearing Held.

Petition Placed on File. (#0088)

AN ORDER,

Adopted and ordered recorded.

Presented to the Mayor for approval January 27, 2025.

Approved January 30, 2025. (#0089)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting a REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (DRAFT), for the redevelopment of a portion of the municipally owned Whaling City Golf Course as an Advanced Manufacturing Campus (AMC).

Referred to the Committee on City Property. (#0090)

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS, (DRAFT), for the redevelopment of a portion of the municipally owned Whaling City Golf Course as an Advanced Manufacturing Campus (AMC).

Referred to the Committee on City Property. (#0091)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, in conjunction with the REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (DRAFT), for the redevelopment of a portion of the municipally owned Whaling City Golf Course as an Advanced Manufacturing Campus (AMC), requesting that the Committee on City Property vote to authorize the Planning Department to conduct an appraisal of the property being contemplated for potential disposition and authorize the Planning Department to conduct a survey of all City departments to determine whether the property is needed for municipal purposes.

Referred to the Committee on City Property. (#0092)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell to City Council, submitting ORDINANCES, amending Chapter 17, Section 17-14 – Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Section 17-18, Noncriminal disposition of violations of certain ordinances, rules and regulations, and amending Chapter 17, Section 17-28, Chapter 40U of the Massachusetts General Laws, addressing false, nuisance fire alarms and proposed changes that work together to reform relevant Sections of the City Code.

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances. (#0093)

AN ORDINANCE, amending Chapter 17 - Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions.

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances. (#0094)

AN ORDINANCE, amending Chapter 17, Section 17-18 - Noncriminal disposition of violations of certain ordinances, rules and regulations.

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances. (#0095)

AN ORDINANCE, amending Chapter 17, Section 17-28 - Chapter 40U of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances. (#0096)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER amending the Order adopted by the City Council on June 27, 2024, and signed by the Mayor on July 09, 2024, which, in accordance with M.G.L., Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the Revolving Fund under the control of the Parks, Recreation and Beaches Department, known as the **FORT TABER REVOLVING FUND**, whose amount limited at \$110,000 is hereby authorized at \$200,000 for **FISCAL YEAR 2025**.

Referred to the Committee on Finance. (#0097)

AN ORDER,

Referred to the Committee on Finance. (#0098)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$12,000.00, from CABLE ACCESS SUPPLIES to CABLE ACCESS OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES.

Received and Placed on File. (#0099)

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

CITY COUNCIL

JANUARY 23, 2025

ORDERED, that the sum **TWELVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$12,000)** now standing to the credit of the account from **CABLE ACCESS SUPPLIES** be and the same is hereby transferred and appropriated to as follows:

CABLE ACCESS OTHER CHARGES & EXPENSES.....\$12,000

To be certified and approved by the Department Head.

Adopted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval January 27, 2025.

Approved January 30, 2025. (#0100)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$2,500.00, from COMMISSION FOR CITIZENS WITH DISABILITIES PURCHASE OF SERVICES to COMMISSION FOR CITIZENS WITH DISABILITIES SUPPLIES.

Received and Placed on File. (#0101)

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 23, 2025

ORDERED, that the sum **TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,500)** now standing to the credit of the account from **COMMISSION FOR CITIZENS WITH DISABILITIES PURCHASE OF SERVICES** be and the same is hereby transferred and appropriated to as follows:

COMMISSION FOR CITIZENS WITH DISABILITIES SUPPLIES.....\$2,500

To be certified and approved by the Department Head.

Adopted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval January 27, 2025.

Approved January 30, 2025. (#0102)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the REAPPOINTMENT of GORDON M. CARR, Executive Director of the Port Authority, as the New Bedford designee to the STEAMSHIP AUTHORITY'S PORT COUNCIL; this term will expire December 31, 2025.

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

(#0103)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the REAPPOINTMENT of MANUEL H. SILVA, New Bedford, MA, to the TRAFFIC COMMISSION; this term will expire December 2027.

Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings – Yeas 6, Nays 4. (Councillors Burgo, Giesta, Gomes and Morad OPPOSED.) (#0104)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of SHERIE PINZINO, New Bedford, MA, as the ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS.

Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings. (#0105)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of QUILLAN LOWNEY, New Bedford, MA, as the CITY AUDITOR.

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

(#0106)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of BRIAN AYOTTE, New Bedford, MA, to the COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE; Mr. Ayotte will be replacing Ross Nunes; this term will expire April 2026.

Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings. (#0107)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of RICHARD MCCUE, New Bedford, MA, to the LICENSING BOARD; replacing Nick Nanopoulos, whose emergency appointment expired on January 12, 2025; this term will expire June 2030.

Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings. (#0108)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of KAREN TREADUP, New Bedford, MA, to the GREATER NEW BEDFORD REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE; replacing the late Frederick J. Toomey; this term will expire May 2028.

Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings. (#0109)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting a request to honor Korean War Veteran Andre Lopes by naming the new pedestrian bridge over John F. Kennedy Boulevard in his honor, namely the “Andre Lopes Memorial Bridge.”

Referred to the Committee on Memorials and Dedications

(#0110)

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 14, 2024

A BOND ORDER TO PAY COSTS OF A SCHEMATIC DESIGN/FEASABILITY STUDY AS REQUIRED BY THE MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED ACCELERATED REPAIRS TO THE SGT. WILLIAM CARNEY MEMORIAL ACADEMY.

BE IT ORDERED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BEDFORD AS FOLLOWS:

That the City appropriates the amount of One hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) for the purpose of paying costs of a schematic design/feasibility study for the proposed accelerated repairs consisting of a roof replacement, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the “Project”), at the Sgt. William Carney Memorial Academy, located at 247 Elm Street in New Bedford, and for which study the City may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”), said amount to be expended under the direction of the School Committee. To meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said sum of money, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The City acknowledges that the MSBA’s grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any Project costs the City incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the City, and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this order shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the City and the MSBA.

FURTHER ORDERED: That the Treasurer is authorized to file an application with the appropriate officials of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts (the Commonwealth) to qualify under Chapter 44A of the General Laws any and all bonds of the City authorized by this Order, and to provide such information and execute such documents as such officials of the Commonwealth may require in connection therewith.

Referred to the Committee on Finance – November 14, 2024.

Passed to a Second Reading – January 09, 2025.

Adopted – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

Presented to the Mayor for approval January 27, 2025.

Approved January 30, 2025.

(#1825)

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

CITY COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 14, 2024

A BOND ORDER TO PAY COSTS OF A SCHEMATIC DESIGN/FEASABILITY STUDY AS REQUIRED BY THE MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED ACCELERATED REPAIRS TO THE ELWYN G. CAMPBELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

BE IT ORDERED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BEDFORD AS FOLLOWS:

That the City appropriates the amount of One hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) for the purpose of paying costs of a schematic design/feasibility study for the proposed accelerated repairs consisting of a roof replacement, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"), at the Elwyn G. Elementary School, located at 145 Essex Street in New Bedford, and for which study the City may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the School Committee. To meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said sum of money, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The City acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any Project costs the City incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the City, and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this order shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the City and the MSBA.

FURTHER ORDERED: That the Treasurer is authorized to file an application with the appropriate officials of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts (the Commonwealth) to qualify under Chapter 44A of the General Laws any and all bonds of the City authorized by this Order, and to provide such information and execute such documents as such officials of the Commonwealth may require in connection therewith.

Referred to the Committee on Finance – November 14, 2024.

Passed to a Second Reading – January 09, 2025.

Adopted – Yeas 10, Nays 0.

Presented to the Mayor for approval January 27, 2025.

Approved January 30, 2025.

(#1827)

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

CITY COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 14, 2024

A BOND ORDER TO PAY COSTS OF A SCHEMATIC DESIGN/FEASABILITY STUDY AS REQUIRED BY THE MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED ACCELERATED REPAIRS TO THE ALFRED J. GOMES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

BE IT ORDERED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BEDFORD AS FOLLOWS:

That the City appropriates the amount of One hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) for the purpose of paying costs of a schematic design/feasibility study for the proposed accelerated repairs consisting of a roof replacement, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"), at the Alfred J. Gomes Elementary School, located at 286 So. Second Street in New Bedford, and for which study the City may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the School Committee. To meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said sum of money, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The City acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any Project costs the City incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the City, and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this order shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the City and the MSBA.

FURTHER ORDERED: That the Treasurer is authorized to file an application with the appropriate officials of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts (the Commonwealth) to qualify under Chapter 44A of the General Laws any and all bonds of the City authorized by this Order, and to provide such information and execute such documents as such officials of the Commonwealth may require in connection therewith.

Referred to the Committee on Finance – November 14, 2024.

Passed to a Second Reading – January 09, 2025.

Adopted – Yeas10, Nays 0.

Presented to the Mayor for approval January 27, 2025.

Approved January 30, 2025.

(#1829)

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

CITY COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 14, 2024

A BOND ORDER TO PAY COSTS OF A SCHEMATIC DESIGN/FEASABILITY STUDY AS REQUIRED BY THE MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED ACCELERATED REPAIRS TO THE CARLOS PACHECO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

BE IT ORDERED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BEDFORD AS FOLLOWS:

That the City appropriates the amount of One hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) for the purpose of paying costs of a schematic design/feasibility study for the proposed accelerated repairs consisting of a roof replacement, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"), at the Carlos Pacheco Elementary School, located at 261 Mt. Pleasant Street in New Bedford, and for which study the City may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the School Committee. To meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said sum of money, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The City acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any Project costs the City incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the City, and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this order shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the City and the MSBA.

FURTHER ORDERED: That the Treasurer is authorized to file an application with the appropriate officials of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts (the Commonwealth) to qualify under Chapter 44A of the General Laws any and all bonds of the City authorized by this Order, and to provide such information and execute such documents as such officials of the Commonwealth may require in connection therewith.

Referred to the Committee on Finance – November 14, 2024.

Passed to a Second Reading – January 09, 2025.

Adopted – Yeas10, Nays 0.

Presented to the Mayor for approval January 27, 2025.

Approved January 30, 2025.

(#1831)

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

CITY COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 14, 2024

A BOND ORDER TO PAY COSTS OF A SCHEMATIC DESIGN/FEASABILITY STUDY AS REQUIRED BY THE MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED ACCELERATED REPAIRS TO THE ELLEN R. HATHAWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

BE IT ORDERED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BEDFORD AS FOLLOWS:

That the City appropriates the amount of One hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) for the purpose of paying costs of a schematic design/feasibility study for the proposed accelerated repairs consisting of a roof replacement, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"), at the Ellen R. Hathaway Elementary School, located at 256 Court Street in New Bedford, and for which study the City may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the School Committee. To meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said sum of money, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The City acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any Project costs the City incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the City, and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this order shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the City and the MSBA.

FURTHER ORDERED: That the Treasurer is authorized to file an application with the appropriate officials of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts (the Commonwealth) to qualify under Chapter 44A of the General Laws any and all bonds of the City authorized by this Order, and to provide such information and execute such documents as such officials of the Commonwealth may require in connection therewith.

Referred to the Committee on Finance – November 14, 2024.

Passed to a Second Reading – January 09, 2025.

Adopted – Yeas10, Nays 0.

Presented to the Mayor for approval January 27, 2025.

Approved January 30, 2025.

(#1833)

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

CITY COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 14, 2024

A BOND ORDER TO PAY COSTS OF A SCHEMATIC DESIGN/FEASABILITY STUDY AS REQUIRED BY THE MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED ACCELERATED REPAIRS TO THE HAYDEN-MCFADDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

BE IT ORDERED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BEDFORD AS FOLLOWS:

That the City appropriates the amount of One hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) for the purpose of paying costs of a schematic design/feasibility study for the proposed accelerated repairs consisting of a roof replacement, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"), at the Hayden-McFadden Elementary School, located at 361 Cedar Grove Street in New Bedford, and for which study the City may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the School Committee. To meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said sum of money, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The City acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any Project costs the City incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the City, and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this order shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the City and the MSBA.

FURTHER ORDERED: That the Treasurer is authorized to file an application with the appropriate officials of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts (the Commonwealth) to qualify under Chapter 44A of the General Laws any and all bonds of the City authorized by this Order, and to provide such information and execute such documents as such officials of the Commonwealth may require in connection therewith.

Referred to the Committee on Finance – November 14, 2024.

Passed to a Second Reading – January 09, 2025.

Adopted – Yeas10, Nays 0.

Presented to the Mayor for approval January 27, 2025.

Approved January 30, 2025.

(#1835)

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

CITY COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 14, 2024

A BOND ORDER TO PAY COSTS OF A SCHEMATIC DESIGN/FEASABILITY STUDY AS REQUIRED BY THE MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED ACCELERATED REPAIRS TO THE CASIMIR PULASKI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

BE IT ORDERED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BEDFORD AS FOLLOWS:

That the City appropriates the amount of One hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) for the purpose of paying costs of a schematic design/feasibility study for the proposed accelerated repairs consisting of a roof replacement, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"), at the Casimir Pulaski Elementary School, located at 1097 Braley Road in New Bedford, and for which study the City may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the School Committee. To meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said sum of money, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The City acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any Project costs the City incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the City, and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this order shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the City and the MSBA.

FURTHER ORDERED: That the Treasurer is authorized to file an application with the appropriate officials of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts (the Commonwealth) to qualify under Chapter 44A of the General Laws any and all bonds of the City authorized by this Order, and to provide such information and execute such documents as such officials of the Commonwealth may require in connection therewith.

Referred to the Committee on Finance – November 14, 2024.

Passed to a Second Reading – January 09, 2025.

Adopted – Yeas10, Nays 0.

Presented to the Mayor for approval January 27, 2025.

Approved January 30, 2025.

(#1837)

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

CITY COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 14, 2024

A BOND ORDER TO PAY COSTS OF A SCHEMATIC DESIGN/FEASABILITY STUDY AS REQUIRED BY THE MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED ACCELERATED REPAIRS TO THE WHALING CITY JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL.

BE IT ORDERED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BEDFORD AS FOLLOWS:

That the City appropriates the amount of One hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) for the purpose of paying costs of a schematic design/feasibility study for the proposed accelerated repairs consisting of a roof replacement, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"), at the Whaling City Jr./Sr. High School, located at 455 County Street in New Bedford, and for which study the City may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the School Committee. To meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said sum of money, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The City acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any Project costs the City incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the City, and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this order shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the City and the MSBA.

FURTHER ORDERED: That the Treasurer is authorized to file an application with the appropriate officials of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts (the Commonwealth) to qualify under Chapter 44A of the General Laws any and all bonds of the City authorized by this Order, and to provide such information and execute such documents as such officials of the Commonwealth may require in connection therewith.

Referred to the Committee on Finance – November 14, 2024.

Passed to a Second Reading – January 09, 2025.

Adopted – Yeas10, Nays 0.

Presented to the Mayor for approval January 27, 2025.

Approved January 30, 2025. (#1839)

WRITTEN MOTION, Council President Burgo, requesting, that the City Council discharge the Special Committee on Pilot (Payment In Lieu Of Taxes) Program and refer the following matter to the Committee on Finance: WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor President Carney, requesting, that the Treasurer's Office provide a report identifying all tax-exempt properties, including churches, listing their value, property status as active or vacant, and number of years vacant if applicable.

Motion to Discharge from the Special Committee on Pilot (payment In Lieu Of Taxes) Program FAILS – Yeas 7, Nays 2. (Councillors Carney and Choquette OPPOSED; Councillor Baptiste not present for vote.)

Councillor Carney (who voted on the prevailing side) made a motion to RECONSIDER. Reconsideration Adopted – All Ayes.

Discharge of the Special Committee on Pilot)Payment In Lieu Of Taxes) Program ADOPTED – Yeas 10, Nays 0. (#0111)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor President Carney, requesting, that the Treasurer's Office provide a report identifying all tax-exempt properties, including churches, listing their value, property status as active or vacant, and number of years vacant if applicable.

Referred to the Special Committee on Pilot (Payment In Lieu Of Taxes) Program – December 12, 2024.

Referred to the Committee on Finance. (#2090)

WRITTEN MOTION, Council President Burgo, requesting, that the Special Committee on Pilot (Payment In Lieu Of Taxes) Program hereby be dissolved.

Adopted. (#0112)

WRITTEN MOTION, Council President Burgo, requesting, that the Special Committee on Cannabis Regulation and Host Community Agreements Review hereby be dissolved.

Adopted. (#0113)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Abreu, Oliver, Lopes, Choquette and Carney, requesting, that a representative from the New Bedford Board of Health or the New Bedford Health Department appear before the Committee on Appointments & Briefings to discuss the Board's recent vote to adopt a new Cigar Minimum Pricing Regulation, effective January 1, 2025, which restricts the sale of tobacco and nicotine delivery products; and further, that the Committee on Appointments & Briefings also hear from local business owners in the City of New Bedford who retail cigars to discuss the potential economic impacts this may have on their industry.

Referred to the Committee on Appointments & Briefings, the New Bedford Health Department, the Administration, a representative of the New England Convenience Store & Energy Marketers Association, and local New Bedford-based convenience, liquor, cigar and retail business community.

(#0114)

NEW BEDFORD TOBACCO REGULATIONS,

Referred to the Committee on Appointments & Briefings, the New Bedford Health Department, the Administration, a representative of the New England Convenience Store & Energy Marketers Association, and local New Bedford-based convenience, liquor, cigar and retail business community.

(#0115)

COMMUNICATION, Councillor Gomes, submitting a Host Community Agreement Proposal Application on behalf of Shamar James, Founder/CEO of THConnect, LLC, dba Houz of Diesel, seeking to operate a co-located adult-use marijuana retail and product manufacturing establishment at 301 Herman Melville Boulevard, New Bedford, MA 02740.

Referred to the Committee on Appointments & Briefings. (#0116)

PETITION INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, CANDELA CUCINA, 72 North Water Street, New Bedford, MA 02740, for Permission to Erect and Maintain Two (2) Non-Illuminated Projecting Signs to Overhang City Property by 21.65 inches x 47.75 inches and 16.37 inches x 36 inches. Provisionally Granted, subject to the approval of the Building Commissioner and subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval January 27, 2025.

Approved January 28, 2025. (#0117)

CONSTABLE BOND, GREGORY MICHAEL SAUCIER, New Bedford, MA 02740, in the amount of \$5,000.00 with Western Surety Company.

Adopted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval January 27, 2025.

Approved January 28, 2025. (#0118)

COMMUNICATION, 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 Board of Assessors for meetings held on November 21, December 5 and December 12, 2024; the Board of Health for meetings held on October 21 & November 18, 2024 and January 8, 2025; the Planning Board for a meeting held on September 4, 2024; and the GNB Regional Refuse Management District for meetings held on November 20 and December 19, 2024.

Received and Placed on File. (#0119)

ANNUAL REPORT, Michael P. Watson, Superintendent-Director, Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School, submitting a copy of the 2024 Annual Report.

Received and Placed on File. (#0120)

APPLICATION, **Trexan, LLC**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **1501 Acushnet Avenue**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on January 14, 2025, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.
Presented to the Mayor for approval January 27, 2025.
Approved January 28, 2025. (#0121)

APPLICATION, **Dirty Diggin Construction**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **66 Willard Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on January 15, 2025, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.
Presented to the Mayor for approval January 27, 2025.
Approved January 28, 2025. (#0122)

APPLICATION, **Frank Corp. Environmental Service**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **1480 Sassaquin Avenue**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on January 15, 2025, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.
Presented to the Mayor for approval January 27, 2025.
Approved January 28, 2025. (#0123)

APPLICATION, **C. Naughton Corp.**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **City wide (see attached list)**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on January 08, 2025, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.
Presented to the Mayor for approval January 27, 2025.
Approved January 28, 2025. (#0124)

APPLICATION, **Dirty Diggin Construction LLC**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **66 Willard Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on January 15, 2025, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.
Presented to the Mayor for approval January 27, 2025.
Approved January 28, 2025. (#0125)

APPLICATION, **Frank Corp. Environmental Service**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **1480 Sassaquin Avenue**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on January 15, 2025, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.
Presented to the Mayor for approval January 27, 2025.
Approved January 28, 2025. (#0126)

APPLICATION, **C. Naughton Corp.**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **City wide (see attached list)**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on January 15, 2025, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.
Presented to the Mayor for approval January 27, 2025.
Approved January 28, 2025. (#0127)

APPLICATIONS, **Eversource Gas**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on January 07, 2025, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council as follows:

Adams Street, County Street – Mt. Pleasant Street (working street & street to houses, including intersections & 50 ft. in all directions) (#0128)

Penniman Street, Purchase Street – Mt. Pleasant Street (working street & street to houses, including intersections & 50 ft. in all directions) (#0129)

John Street, Allen Street – 364 John Street (working street & street to houses, including intersections & 50 ft. in all directions) (#0130)

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval January 27, 2025.

Approved January 28, 2025.

APPLICATIONS, **Eversource Gas**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on January 08, 2025, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council as follows:

East Rodney French Boulevard - Ricketson Street #1299 (working street & street to houses, including intersections & 50 ft. in all directions) (#0131)

Bolton Street (working street & street to houses, including intersections & 50 ft. in all directions) (#0132)

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval January 27, 2025.

Approved January 28, 2025.

APPLICATION, **Eversource Gas**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **County Street, Grinnell Street – Wing Street (street to houses, including intersections & 50 ft. in all directions)**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on January 14, 2025, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval January 27, 2025.

Approved January 28, 2025. (#0133)

APPLICATIONS, **Eversource Gas**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on January 15, 2025, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council as follows:

30 Acushnet Avenue (#0134)

3 Acushnet Avenue (#0135)

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval January 27, 2025.

Approved January 28, 2025.

APPLICATION, **Eversource Gas**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **Washburn Street, Acushnet Avenue – Belleville Avenue (including intersections)**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on January 16, 2025, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval January 27, 2025.

Approved January 28, 2025. (#0136)

PETITION, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for location of approximately 775' of 4-4" temporary Conduit, and two new manholes in PURCHASE STREET, this work is necessary for MassDOT project 606527.

Received and Hearing Ordered for Thursday, February 13, 2025.

PETITION, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for location of approximately 701' of 6-5" temporary Conduit, 230' OF 1-5" temporary Conduit, 99' of 2-5" permanent Conduit, and 51' of 4-5" permanent Conduit, and two new manholes in BELLEVILLE AVENUE, this work is necessary for MassDOT project 606527.

Received and Hearing Ordered for Thursday, February 13, 2025.

PETITION, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for location of approximately 149' of 6-5" temporary Conduit, 160' of 6-5" permanent Conduit, and two new manholes in WASHBURN STREET, this work is necessary for MassDOT project 606527.

Received and Hearing Ordered for Thursday, February 13, 2025.

On a motion, the Council then adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

ATTEST:

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