

REGULAR MEETING
Chambers of the City Council
Thursday, February 27, 2025

CITY COUNCIL
Municipal Building
7:00 p.m.

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

LATE: Councillors Baptiste (7:03 p.m.), Carney (7:14 p.m.) and Gomes (7:07 p.m.)
ABSENT: Councillor Lopes

Council President Burgo called the meeting to order and presided.

Prayer led by: Reverend Christopher Peschel, Our Lady of the Mount Carmel Church Parish

Councillor Abreu 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 of Thursday, February
27, 2025, due to a prior work commitment.

Received and Placed on File. #0198

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

Public Hearing continued to Thursday, February 27, 2025, at 7:00 pm, in City Council Chambers
- February 13, 2025.

Hearing Held and Closed.

Petition Placed on File. #0137

AN ORDER,

Public Hearing continued to Thursday, February 27, 2025, at 7:00 pm, in City Council Chambers.
- February 13, 2025.

Adopted and ordered recorded.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 03, 2025.

Approved March 04, 2025. #0138

HEARING, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for location of approximately
931' of temporary Conduit, 150' of permanent Conduit and two new manholes in BELLEVILLE
AVENUE, this work is necessary for MassDOT project 606527.

Public Hearing continued to Thursday, February 27, 2025, at 7:00 pm, in City Council Chambers
– February 13, 2025.

Hearing Held and Closed.

Petition Placed on File. #0139

AN ORDER,

Public Hearing continued to Thursday, February 27, 2025, at 7:00 pm, in City Council Chamber –
February 13, 2025.

Adopted and ordered recorded.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 03, 2025.

Approved March 04, 2025. #0140

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

Public Hearing continued to Thursday, February 27, 2025, at 7:00 pm, in City Council Chambers – February 13, 2025.

Hearing Held and Closed.

Petition Placed on File. (#0141)

AN ORDER,

Public Hearing continued to Thursday, February 27, 2025, at 7:00 pm, in City Council Chambers – February 13, 2025.

Adopted and ordered recorded.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 03, 2025.

Approved March 04, 2025. (#0142)

HEARING, Verizon New England, Inc. & NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for location of one jointly owned pole in NEMASKET STREET, near the intersection of Robert Street.

Hearing Held and Closed.

Petition Placed on File. (#0199)

AN ORDER,

Adopted and ordered recorded.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 03, 2025.

Approved March 04, 2025. (#0200)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDINANCE, Amending Chapter 9, Section 4000, establishing the Clasky Common Transit Oriented Development Overlay District (CC-TOD) and Section 1200, for Definitions, Appendix A – Table of Principal Use Regulations, and Appendix B – Table of Dimensional Regulations.

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances and the Planning Board. (#0201)

AN ORDINANCE,

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances and the Planning Board. (#0202)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER, authorizing the Superintendent to submit a Statement of Interest (SOI) Form to the Massachusetts School Building Authority for windows, doors and roof replacement at the Trinity Day Academy, located at 181 Hillman Street.

Received and Placed on File.

(#0203)

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
IN CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 27, 2025

RESOLVED: Having convened in an open meeting on February 27, 2025, prior to the closing date, the City Council of New Bedford in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated March 21, 2025, for the Trinity Day Academy for Window, Door and Roof replacement ARP located at 181 Hillman Street, New Bedford, which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future for Priority 5: (Replacement, renovation or modernization of school facility systems such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation, and to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in a school facility). This SOI is specifically for window, doors and roof replacement; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

Adopted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 03, 2025.

Approved March 04, 2025.

(#0204)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of BYRON FORD, JR., New Bedford, MA, to the REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; Mr. Ford will be replacing John Walsh, who has resigned; this term will expire in July 2027.

Referred to the Committee of Appointments and Briefings.

(#0205)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of KIMBERLY FERREIRA, New Bedford, MA, to the ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS; Ms. Ferreira will be replacing Laura Parrish, who has resigned; this term will expire in December 2029.

Referred to the Committee of Appointments and Briefings.

(#0206)

REPORT, Committee on City Property, recommending that the City Council approve the acceptance of a gift of real property, specifically the parcel identified as Map 10 Lot 108, from the current owner (Pimentel family), with the condition that the City allow for the placement of an agreed upon type of memorial be placed in perpetuity, at no cost to the City, recognizing Carl Pimentel; and further, that upon approval by the City Council and Mayor, a deed be delivered to the City by the current owner that effectuates the legal transfer of the property as approved.

Referred to the City Solicitor.

(#0207)

COMMUNICATION, Councillor Gomes, submitting a copy of a letter from the Pimentel Family regarding a donation of a vacant lot to the City of New Bedford.

Referred to the Committee on City Property – November 14, 2024.

Referred to the City Solicitor.

(#1869)

RELATED MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting, that the Special Committee on Memorials and Dedications meet to discuss the establishment of a monument to memorialize Carl Pimentel on a parcel of land donated by the Pimentel Family, identified as Map 10 Lot 108.

Referred to the Special Committee on Memorials and Dedications.

(#0208)

REPORT, Committee on Appointments and Briefings, recommending to the City Council APPROVAL of the APPLICATION, AS AMENDED, Steven Jaskolka, d/b/a Jaskolka's Auto Body, Sales & Service, for a SPECIAL PERMIT for Motor Vehicle Sales and/or Rentals, Body Repair, General Repair and Light Service, at 119 Potter Street, New Bedford, MA 02740.

Recommendation Followed. (#0209)

SPECIAL PERMIT APPLICATION, Steven Jaskolka, d/b/a Jaskolka's Auto Body, Sales & Service at 119 Potter Street, New Bedford, MA 02740.

Public Hearing Held – February 18, 2025.

Special Permit Granted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 03, 2025.

Approved March 04, 2025. (#0210)

REPORT, Committee on Appointments and Briefings, recommending to the City Council APPROVAL of the APPLICATION for the **NEW PRIVATE LIVERY LICENSE**, on behalf of JUNIOR L. MORPEAU, 152 Allen Street, New Bedford, MA d/b/a **JM&V**, 152 Allen Street, New Bedford, MA. **(License to expire – June 30, 2025.)**

Recommendation Followed. (#0211)

COMMUNICATION, City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council, to City Council, submitting an Application for a **NEW PRIVATE LIVERY LICENSE**, on behalf of JUNIOR L. MORPEAU, 152 Allen Street, New Bedford, MA d/b/a **JM&V**, 152 Allen Street, New Bedford, MA. **(License to expire – June 30, 2025.)**

Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings – January 09, 2025.

Livery License Granted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 03, 2025.

Approved March 04, 2025. (#0022)

REPORT, Committee on Appointments and Briefings, recommending to the City Council APPROVAL of the APPOINTMENT of MARCUS COWARD, New Bedford, MA to the HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION; this term will expire December 2025.

Recommendation Followed. (#0212)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of MARCUS COWARD, New Bedford, MA to the HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, replacing Genesis Galan, who has resigned; this term will expire December 2025.

Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings – November 26, 2024.

Appointment Confirmed and Rule 40 Waived – Yeas 10, Nays 0. (#2009)

REPORT, Committee on Appointments and Briefings, recommending to the City Council APPROVAL of the REAPPOINTMENT of MANUEL H. SILVA, New Bedford, MA to the TRAFFIC COMMISSION; this term will expire December 2027.

Recommendation Followed. (#0213)

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.) – January 23, 2025.

Reappointment Confirmed and Rule 40 Waived – Yeas 9, Nays 1. (Councillor Choquette OPPOSED.) (#0104)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting a request to waive the educational and experience requirement, Chapter 5 of the Acts of 1990, for the position of Administrative Assistant to the Board of Assessors.

Tabled - February 13, 2025.

Removed from the Table.

Waiver Granted – Yeas 10, Nays 0. (#0144)

REPORT, Committee on Appointments and Briefings, recommending to the City Council APPROVAL of the APPOINTMENT of SHERIE PINZINO, New Bedford, MA, as the ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS.

Recommendation Followed. (#0214)

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 – January 23, 2025.

Appointment Confirmed and Rule 40 Waived – Yeas 10, Nays 0. (#0105)

REPORT, Committee on Appointments and Briefings, recommending to the City Council APPROVAL of the APPOINTMENT of BRIAN AYOTTE, New Bedford, MA, to the COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE; this term will expire April 2026.

Recommendation Followed. (#0215)

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 – January 23, 2025.

Appointment Confirmed and Rule Waived – Yeas 10, Nays 0. (#0107)

REPORT, Committee on Appointments and Briefings, recommending to the City Council APPROVAL of the APPOINTMENT of RICHARD MCCUE, New Bedford, MA, to the LICENSING BOARD; this term will expire June 2030.

Recommendation Followed. (#0216)

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 – January 23, 2025.

Appointment Confirmed and Rule 40 Waived – Yeas 10, Nays 0. (#0108)

REPORT, Committee on Finance, recommending to the City Council ADOPTION of the 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**.

Recommendation Followed. (#0217)

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
IN CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 23, 2025

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 MGL 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 – January 23, 2025.

Adopted.

Presented to the Mayor March 03, 2025.

Approved March 04, 2025. (#0098)

REPORT, Committee on Finance, recommending to the City Council ADOPTION of the ORDER, as presented, to update the permit fee schedule for obstructions and disturbances on City Rights-of-Ways.

Tabled. (#0218)

AN ORDER,

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

Tabled. (#1815)

REPORT, Special Committee on Housing, recommending that the City Council take “NO FURTHER ACTION” on the WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting that the Committee on Appointments and Briefings meet with Mitchell Administration for the purpose of discussing what the City is doing to address the increasing rent prices such as 50% to 75%, that is affecting many seniors and families across the City; and further, that at said committee meeting, we discuss the possibilities of establishing a Rent Control Board in the City of New Bedford.

Recommendation Followed. (#0219)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting that the Committee on Appointments and Briefings meet with Mitchell Administration for the purpose of discussing what the City is doing to address the increasing rent prices such as 50% to 75%, that is affecting many seniors and families across the City; and further, that at said committee meeting, we discuss the possibilities of establishing a Rent Control Board in the City of New Bedford.

Referred to the Special Committee on Affordable Housing and Homeless Affairs – August 18, 2022.

Referred to the Special Committee on Housing. (#1390)

REPORT, Special Committee on Housing, recommending that the City Council take “NO FURTHER ACTION” on the WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Burgo, requesting that Dr. Erica Barratt and her team from SSTAR come before the Special Committee on Affordable Housing and Homeless Affairs to discuss health-related issues with the City’s homeless population.

Recommendation Followed. (#0220)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Burgo, requesting that Dr. Erica Barratt and her team from SSTAR come before the Special Committee on Affordable Housing and Homeless Affairs to discuss health-related issues with the City’s homeless population.

Referred to the Special Committee on Affordable Housing and Homeless Affairs – August 18, 2022.

NO FURTHER ACTION. (#1393)

REPORT, Special Committee on Housing, recommending that the City Council take “NO FURTHER ACTION” on the RELATED MOTION, Councillors Burgo, Baptiste, Giesta, Carney, Lima, Gomes, Markey and Council President Morad, requesting that the Special Committee on Affordable Housing and Homeless Affairs hold a public hearing to discuss the possibility of rent stabilization in the City of New Bedford.

Recommendation Followed. (#0221)

RELATED MOTION, Councillors Burgo, Baptiste, Giesta, Carney, Lima, Gomes, Markey and Council President Morad, requesting that the Special Committee on Affordable Housing and Homeless Affairs hold a public hearing to discuss the possibility of rent stabilization in the City of New Bedford.

Referred to the Special Committee on Affordable Housing and Homeless Affairs – March 09, 2023.

NO FURTHER ACTION. (#0476)

REPORT, Special Committee on Housing, recommending that the City Council take “NO FURTHER ACTION” on the WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Burgo, requesting, that the Special Committee on Affordable Housing and Homeless Affairs review a local report requesting consideration and approval for authorized encampments as a short-term emergency tool, this tool is intended to be implemented with the goal of meeting local, state, and national initiatives/practices aimed at preventing and remedying homelessness.

Recommendation Followed. (#0222)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Burgo, requesting that the Special Committee on Affordable Housing and Homeless Affairs review a local report requesting consideration and approval for authorized encampments as a short-term emergency tool, this tool is intended to be implemented with the goal of meeting local, state, and national initiatives/practices aimed at preventing and remedying homelessness.

Motion to AMEND – FAILS – Yeas 1, Nays 9. (Councillor Choquette IN FAVOR.)

Referred to the Special Committee on Affordable Housing and Homeless Affairs – Yeas 9, Nays 1 – May 23, 2024.

NO FURTHER ACTION. (#0852)

REPORT, Special Committee on Housing, recommending that the City Council take “NO FURTHER ACTION” on the WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Burgo, requesting, that the Special Committee on Affordable Housing and Homeless Affairs review the City’s current Accessory Buildings and Uses Ordinance.

Recommendation Followed. (#0223)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Burgo, requesting that the Special Committee on Affordable Housing and Homeless Affairs review the City’s current Accessory Buildings and Uses Ordinance.

Referred to the Special Committee on Housing and Homeless Affairs – March 09, 2023.

NO FURTHER ACTION. (#0483)

REPORT, Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods, recommending that the City Council take “NO FURTHER ACTION” on the WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting that the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods, the Health Department, the Fire Department, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), investigate the fire that took place at Brittany Dyeing and Printing Company, 1357 East Rodney French Boulevard on Saturday, March 9, 2024; said fire sent thick tan colored chemical smelling smoke from its stacks throughout the entire south end, furthermore, the smoke was overwhelming and made breathing and seeing difficult; and further requesting an immediate investigation into what the chemicals were, and if there was any harm to the neighborhood and that letters be sent to all departments to begin an immediate investigation and report back with findings to the Public Safety and Neighborhoods Committee.

Recommendation Followed.

(#0224)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting that the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods, the Health Department, the Fire Department, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), investigate the fire that took place at Brittany Dyeing and Printing Company, 1357 East Rodney French Boulevard on Saturday, March 9, 2024; said fire sent thick tan colored chemical smelling smoke from its stacks throughout the entire south end, furthermore, the smoke was overwhelming and made breathing and seeing difficult; and further requesting an immediate investigation into what the chemicals were, and if there was any harm to the neighborhood and that letters be sent to all departments to begin an immediate investigation and report back with findings to the Public Safety and Neighborhoods Committee.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods and Rule 40 Waived – Yeas 9, Nays 0 – March 14, 2024.

NO FURTHER ACTION.

(#0348)

REPORT, Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods, recommending that the City Council take “NO FURTHER ACTION” on the COMMUNICATION, Councillor Gomes, submitting a response to a request in a Written Motion made at the City Council Meeting on March 14, 2024 regarding the fire at Brittany Global Technologies.

Recommendation Followed.

(#0225)

COMMUNICATION, Councillor Gomes, submitting a response to a request in a Written Motion made at the City Council Meeting on March 14, 2024 regarding the fire at Brittany Global Technologies.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods – April 25, 2024.

NO FURTHER ACTION.

(#0594)

REPORT, Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods, recommending that the City Council take “NO FURTHER ACTION” on the WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Gomes, Pereira, Abreu and Council President Carney, requesting, that the Traffic Commission and the Department of Public Infrastructure take immediate action to make Cove Road west a single lane, from Margin Street at the Veterans Monument west to Crapo Street and Cove Road, where traffic changes into two lanes west; and further, that the Department of Public Infrastructure install reflective cones or traffic sticks from the Veterans Monument west, making it a single lane; and further, that the residential parking spaces from County Street to Crapo Street be repainted with the double lanes, and that the single stripes on the road be covered with black asphalt; and further, that the Traffic Commission install single lane merging signage at the Veterans Monument, west of County Street and Cove Road.

Recommendation Followed.

(#0226)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Gomes, Pereira, Abreu and Council President Carney, requesting, that the Traffic Commission and the Department of Public Infrastructure take immediate action to make Cove Road west a single lane, from Margin Street at the Veterans Monument west to Crapo Street and Cove Road, where traffic changes into two lanes west; and further, that the Department of Public Infrastructure install reflective cones or traffic sticks from the Veterans Monument west, making it a single lane; and further, that the residential parking spaces from County Street to Crapo Street be repainted with the double lanes, and that the single stripes on the road be covered with black asphalt; and further, that the Traffic Commission install single lane merging signage at the Veterans Monument, west of County Street and Cove Road.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods, the Department of Public Infrastructure, the Traffic Commission and Rule 40 Waived – Yeas 11, Nays 0 – November 14, 2024.

Presented to the Mayor for approval November 18, 2024.

RETURNED UNSIGNED December 03, 2024.

NO FURTHER ACTION.

(#1865)

REPORT, Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods, recommending that the City Council take “**NO FURTHER ACTION**” on the WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Choquette, Abreu, Gomes, Baptiste and Council President Carney, requesting, that the Board of Health, the Department of Inspectional Services, Paul Oliveira, Chief of Police, Scott Kruger, Chief of the New Bedford Fire Department and Mr. Robert Hughes (owner, House of Hope) appear before the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods to discuss the present living conditions of the House of Hope, 848 Mt. Pleasant Street, New Bedford, MA 02745.

Recommendation Followed.

(#0227)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Choquette, Abreu, Gomes, Baptiste and Council President Carney, requesting, that the Board of Health, the Department of Inspectional Services, Paul Oliveira, Chief of Police, Scott Kruger, Chief of the New Bedford Fire Department and Mr. Robert Hughes (owner, House of Hope) appear before the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods to discuss the present living conditions of the House of Hope, 848 Mt. Pleasant Street, New Bedford, MA 02745.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods – October 24, 2024.

NO FURTHER ACTION.

(#1767)

REPORT, Committee on City Property, recommending that the City Council take “**NO FURTHER ACTION**” on the COMMUNICATION, Carl W. Taber, Executive Vice President & Chief Lending Officer, BayCoast Bank, to the Committee on City Property, submitting a letter of support for the National Downtown Club, LLC (NDC) application for a lease agreement for outdoor/dining café services at the southwest corner of the intersection of Massachusetts Route 18 and Union Street in New Bedford.

Recommendation Followed. (#0228)

COMMUNICATION, Carl W. Taber, Executive Vice President & Chief Lending Officer, BayCoast Bank, to the Committee on City Property, submitting a letter of support for the National Downtown Club, LLC (NDC) application for a lease agreement for outdoor/dining café services at the southwest corner of the intersection of Massachusetts Route 18 and Union Street in New Bedford.

Referred to the Committee on City Property – December 14, 2023.

NO FURTHER ACTION. (#2026)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Lopes and Morad, requesting, that Derek Santos, Executive Director of the New Bedford Economic Development Council, provide to the Committee on Finance the annual program report detailing the status of the City of New Bedford Tax Increment Financing (TIF), Special Tax Assessments (STA) and Tax Increment Exemption (TIE) activity for all active certified projects.

Referred to the Committee on Finance. (#0229)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Morad, Abreu, Giesta, Oliver, Gomes, Choquette and Lopes, requesting, that the City of New Bedford Board of Health immediately rescind the recently approved Cigar Minimum Pricing Regulation that was implemented on January 1, 2025 for an eighteen (18) month period; and further, that the New Bedford Board of Health seek additional grant funding to allow the Health Department Sanitarians to continue their efforts in education of the City's youth regarding the dangers of tobacco and nicotine product use and to increase the Health Department's ability to police City's retail establishments that are legally selling tobacco and nicotine products; and further, that representatives of the New Bedford Board of Health appear before the Committee on Appointments & Briefings in six (6) months, twelve (12) months and eighteen (18) months to update the Committee regarding their efforts of education and policing.

Referred to the Committee on Appointments & Briefings and the Board of Health.

(#0230)

WRITTEN MOTION, Council President Burgo, requesting, on behalf of Patrick T. Saunders of Saunders-Dwyer Home for Funerals, that the Traffic Commission consider updating the language on the traffic sign outside of the Our Lady of the Assumption Church, located at 47 South Sixth Street, to read "No Parking 7:00 AM – 12 Noon, except Sundays and Holidays". (Email from Patrick T. Saunders Enclosed.)

Referred to the Traffic Commission.

(#0231)

PETITION, **Melody Frechette, Middleborough, MA 02346 d/b/a THE KNIGHTS BAZAAR, 127 West Rodney French Boulevard, New Bedford, MA**, requesting 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**.

Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings.

(#0232)

COMMUNICATION, City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council, submitting an Application for a **NEW PRIVATE LIVERY LICENSE** on behalf of Yvain Junior Normil, 219 Acushnet Avenue, #3, New Bedford, MA, d/b/a **RELIABLE TRANSIT EXPRESS**, 219 Acushnet Avenue, #3, New Bedford, MA. **(License will expire June 30, 2025.)**

Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings.

(#0233)

COMMUNICATION, City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council, submitting an Application for **RENEWAL of a PRIVATE LIVERY LICENSE** on behalf of Yvain Junior Normil, 219 Acushnet Avenue, #3, New Bedford, MA, d/b/a **RELIABLE TRANSIT EXPRESS**, 219 Acushnet Avenue, #3, New Bedford, MA. **(Term of License July 01, 2025 – June 30, 2026.)**

Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings. (#0234)

COMMUNICATION, City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council, submitting an Application for **RENEWAL of a PRIVATE LIVERY LICENSE** on behalf of Isabel V. Gomez Hernandez, 92 Ruth Street, Apt. 1, New Bedford, MA, d/b/a **YESSICA COREAS TRANSPORTATION**, 92 Ruth Street, Apt. 1, New Bedford, MA. **(Term of License July 01, 2025 – June 30, 2026.)**

Livery License Granted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 03, 2025.

Approved March 04, 2025. (#0235)

COMMUNICATION, City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council, submitting an Application for **RENEWAL of a PRIVATE LIVERY LICENSE** on behalf of Franklin Lobo, 2220 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford, MA, d/b/a **FRANK’S TRANSPORT SERVICE**, 2220 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford, MA. **(Term of License July 01, 2025 - June 30, 2026.)**

Livery License Granted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 03, 2025.

Approved March 04, 2025. (#0236)

COMMUNICATION, City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council, submitting an Application for **RENEWAL of a PRIVATE LIVERY LICENSE** on behalf of Anastasios Kolitsis, 82 Amanda Avenue, New Bedford, MA, d/b/a **ANASTASIOS LLC**, 82 Amanda Avenue, New Bedford, MA. **(Term of License – July 01, 2025 - June 30, 2026.)**

Livery License Granted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 03, 2025.

Approved March 04, 2025. (#0237)

COMMUNICATION, City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council, submitting an Application for **RENEWAL of a PRIVATE LIVERY LICENSE** on behalf of Jacqueline D. Guzman Carrero, 188 Hemlock Street, New Bedford, MA, d/b/a **PORTILLO’S TRANSPORTATION**, 188 Hemlock Street, New Bedford, MA. **(Term of License July 01, 2025 - June 30, 2026.)**

Livery License Granted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 03, 2025.

Approved March 04, 2025. (#0238)

COMMUNICATION, Department of Parks, Recreation and Beaches, submitting a Memorial Park Bench and Tree Dedication Program Application for a Memorial Tree to be located at Hazelwood Park (on a hill looking down, if possible), in memory of DAKOTA SYLVIA.

Referred to the Special Committee on Memorials & Dedications. (#0239)

PETITION/INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, FALL RIVER FINANCIAL MA, LLC, 1351 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford, MA 02746, for permission to erect and maintain an illuminated sign to overhang City property by 6 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 March 03, 2025.

Approved March 04, 2025. (#0240)

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 January 30, 2025 and February 06, 2025; the Community Preservation Committee for meetings held on January 28, 2025, January 30, 2025 and February 05, 2025 and the Board of Health for meetings held on December 16, 2024 and February 19, 2025.

Received and Placed on File. (#0241)

APPLICATION, **D.F. Pray, Inc.**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **278 Union Street, from Eighth Street to Spring Street (one way)**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on February 11, 2025, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.
Presented to the Mayor for approval March 03, 2025.
Approved March 04, 2025. (#0242)

APPLICATION, **Farland Corp., Inc.**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **329 Cottage Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on February 11, 2025, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.
Presented to the Mayor for approval March 03, 2025.
Approved March 04, 2025. (#0243)

APPLICATION, **Frank Corp., Environmental Services.**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **449 North Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on February 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 March 03, 2025.
Approved March 04, 2025. (#0244)

APPLICATION, **JLC Construction**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **252 County Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on February 24, 2025, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.
Presented to the Mayor for approval March 03, 2025.
Approved March 04, 2025. (#0245)

APPLICATION, **Farland Corp., Inc.**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **329 Cottage Street** provisionally granted by the City Clerk on February 11, 2025, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.
Presented to the Mayor for approval March 03, 2025.
Approved March 04, 2025. (#0246)

APPLICATION, **Farland Corp. Environmental Services**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **449 North Street** provisionally granted by the City Clerk on February 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 March 03, 2025.
Approved March 04, 2025. (#0247)

APPLICATION, **JLC Construction.**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **252 County Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on February 24, 2025, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.
Presented to the Mayor for approval March 03, 2025.
Approved March 04, 2025. (#0248)

APPLICATIONS, **Eversource Gas**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on February 11, 2025, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council as follows:

856-862 Acushnet Avenue	(#0249)
3792 Acushnet Avenue	(#0250)
97 Armsby Street	(#0251)
26-28 Felton Street	(#0252)
170 Glennon Street	(#0253)

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.
Presented to the Mayor for approval March 03, 2025.
Approved March 04, 2025.

APPLICATIONS, **Eversource Gas**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on February 13, 2025, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council as follows:

171 Coffin Avenue	(#0254)
1421 Cove Road	(#0255)
34 Crapo Street	(#0256)
102-104 Lafayette Street	(#0257)
269 Nash Road	(#0258)
564 Purchase Street	(#0259)
Intersection of Kilburn Street and Belleville Avenue	(#0260)
Mt. Vernon Street, from Highland Street to Mt. Pleasant Street, including intersections	(#0261)

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.
Presented to the Mayor for approval March 03, 2025.
Approved March 04, 2025.

APPLICATIONS, **Eversource Gas**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on February 14, 2025, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council as follows:

Penniman Street, from Summer Street to Reynolds Street	(#0262)
102 Whitman Street	(#0263)
772 Shawmut Avenue	(#0264)
221 – 223 Myrtle Street	(#0264)
337 Hawthorn Street	(#0266)
309 Dartmouth Street	(#0267)
County Street, from Sawyer Street to Adams Street, including intersections	(#0268)
158 Nash Road	(#0269)

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.
Presented to the Mayor for approval March 03, 2025.
Approved March 04, 2025.

APPLICATIONS, **Eversource Gas**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on February 19, 2025, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council as follows:

63 Clark Street	(#0270)
121 Clark Street	(#0271)
63 – 65 Deane Street	(#0272)
72 – 74 Deane Street	(#0273)
395 – 397 Farm Street	(#0274)
33 – 35 Emma Street	(#0275)

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.
Presented to the Mayor for approval March 03, 2025.
Approved March 04, 2025.

PETITION, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy and Verizon New England, Inc.,
for RELOCATION of two jointly owned Poles in RIVET STREET, this work is necessary for the
MassDOT Pole Relocation Project.

Petition Received and Placed on File. (#0276)

AN ORDER,
Adopted and ordered recorded.
Presented to the Mayor for approval March 03, 2025.
Approved March 04, 2025. (#0277)

PETITION, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy and Verizon New England, Inc.,
for RELOCATION of one jointly owned Pole in SOUTH STREET, this work is necessary for the
MassDOT Pole Relocation Project.

Petition Received and Placed on File. (#0278)

AN ORDER,
Adopted and ordered recorded.
Presented to the Mayor for approval March 03, 2025.
Approved March 04, 2025. (#0279)

PETITION, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy and Verizon New England, Inc.,
for RELOCATION of one jointly owned Stub Pole in WINSOR STREET, this work is necessary for the
MassDOT Pole Relocation Project.

Petition Received and Placed on File. (#0280)

AN ORDER,
Adopted and ordered recorded.
Presented to the Mayor for approval March 03, 2025.
Approved March 04, 2025. (#0281)

PETITION, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy and Verizon New England, Inc.,
for RELOCATION of one jointly owned Pole and sidewalk guy in SHERMAN STREET, this work is
necessary for the MassDOT Pole Relocation Project.

Petition Received and Placed on File. (#0282)

AN ORDER,
Adopted and ordered recorded.
Presented to the Mayor for approval March 03, 2025.
Approved March 04, 2025. (#0283)

PETITION, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy and Verizon New England, Inc.,
for RELOCATION of one jointly owned Pole in WINSOR STREET, this work is necessary for the
MassDOT Pole Relocation Project.

Petition Received and Placed on File. (#0284)

AN ORDER,
Adopted and ordered recorded.
Presented to the Mayor for approval March 03, 2025.
Approved March 04, 2025. (#0285)

PETITION, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy, for location of approximately
34' of Conduit and one new handhole on SOUTH FIRST STREET, this work is necessary to provide
electric service to 635 South First Street.

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

PETITION, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy, for location of approximately 64’ of Conduit and one new manhole on COUNTY STREET, this work is necessary for MassDOT project 608535.

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

PETITION, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy, for location of approximately 15’ of Conduit and one new handhole on RIVET STREET, this work is necessary for MassDOT project 608535.

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

PETITION, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy, for location of one FO pole with sidewalk fixture on SHAWMUT AVENUE, this work is necessary to provide electric service to 1936 Shawmut Avenue.

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

On a motion, the Council then adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

ATTEST:

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