

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

CITY COUNCIL
Municipal Building
7:01 p.m.

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

LATE: No one.
ABSENT: No one.

Council President Burgo called the meeting to order and presided.

Prayer led by: Reverend Morgan Proudfoot, Grace Harbor Church

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

HEARING, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for location of approximately 40' of Conduit and one handhole in PLEASANT STREET, this work is necessary to provide underground electric service to 111 Pleasant Street.

Hearing Held.

Petition Placed on File. (#0407)

AN ORDER,

Adopted and ordered recorded.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 31, 2025.

Approved April 03, 2025. (#0408)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$918,000.00 from FREE CASH to STABILIZATION FUND.

Received and Placed on File. (#0409)

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
IN CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 27, 2025

ORDERED, that the sum of NINE HUNDRED AND EIGHTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$918,000) now standing to the credit of the account from FREE CASH be and the same is hereby transferred and appropriated to as follows:

STABILIZATION FUND.....\$918,000

To be certified and approved by the Department Head.

Adopted – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 31, 2025.

Approved April 03, 2025. (#0410)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$368,000.00 from FREE CASH to OPEB TRUST FUND.

Received and Placed on File. (#0411)

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
IN CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 27, 2025

ORDERED, that the sum of THREE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$368,000) now standing to the credit of the account from FREE CASH be and the same is hereby transferred and appropriated to as follows:

OPEB TRUST FUND.....\$368,000

To be certified and approved by the Department Head.

Adopted – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 31, 2025.

Approved April 03, 2025. (#0412)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$275,963.00 from FREE CASH to PENSION CONTRIBUTION.

Received and Placed on File. (#0413)

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
IN CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 27, 2025

ORDERED, that the sum of TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-THREE DOLLARS (\$275,963) now standing to the credit of the account from FREE CASH be and the same is hereby transferred and appropriated to as follows:

PENSION CONTRIBUTION.....\$275,963

To be certified and approved by the Department Head.

Adopted – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 31, 2025.

Approved April 03, 2025. (#0414)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$4,250,000.00 from WATER RETAINED EARNINGS to WATER OTHER FINANCING USES.

Received and Placed on File. (#0415)

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
IN CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 27, 2025

ORDERED, that the sum of FOUR MILLION, TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$4,250,000) now standing to the credit of the account from WATER RETAINED EARNINGS be and the same is hereby transferred and appropriated to as follows:

WATER OTHER FINANCING USES.....\$4,250,000

To be certified and approved by the Department Head.

Adopted – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 31, 2025.

Approved April 03, 2025. (#0416)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$2,750,000.00 from WASTEWATER RETAINED EARNINGS to WASTEWATER SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND.

Received and Placed on File. (#0417)

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
IN CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 27, 2025

ORDERED, that the sum of TWO MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,750,000) now standing to the credit of the account from WATER RETAINED EARNINGS be and the same is hereby transferred and appropriated to as follows:

WASTEWATER SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND.....\$2,750,000
To be certified and approved by the Department Head.
Adopted – Yeas 11, Nays 0.
Presented to the Mayor for approval March 31, 2025.
Approved April 03, 2025. (#0418)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$1,225,995.00 from WATER RETAINED EARNINGS to WATER STABILIZATION FUND.

Received and Placed on File. (#0419)

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
IN CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 27, 2025

ORDERED, that the sum of ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED AND NINETY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$1,225,995) now standing to the credit of the account from WATER RETAINED EARNINGS be and the same is hereby transferred and appropriated to as follows:

WATER STABILIZATION FUND.....\$1,225,995
To be certified and approved by the Department Head.
Adopted – Yeas 11, Nays 0.
Presented to the Mayor for approval March 31, 2025.
Approved April 03, 2025. (#0420)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$16,000.00 from CITY COUNCIL PERSONAL SERVICES to CITY COUNCIL, OTHER FINANCING USES in the amount of \$8,600.00, CITY CLERK PURCHASE OF SERVICES in the amount of \$7,000.00; and CITY CLERK SUPPLIES in the amount of \$400.00.

Received and Placed on File. (#0421)

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
IN CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 27, 2025

ORDERED, that the sum of SIXTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$16,000) now standing to the credit of the account from CITY COUNCIL PERSONAL SERVICES be and the same is hereby transferred and appropriated to as follows:

CITY COUNCIL OTHER FINANCING USES.....\$8,600
CITY CLERK PURCHASE OF SERVICES.....\$7,000
CITY CLERK SUPPLIES.....\$ 400
To be certified and approved by the Department Head.
Adopted – Yeas 11, Nays 0.
Presented to the Mayor for approval March 31, 2025.
Approved April 03, 2025. (#0422)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$805,559.00 from FREE CASH to WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL, PURCHASE OF SERVICES.

Referred to the Committee on Finance. (#0423)

AN ORDER,

Referred to the Committee on Finance. (#0424)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$731,000.00 from FREE CASH to FIRE PERSONAL SERVICES.

Referred to the Committee on Finance. (#0425)

AN ORDER,

Referred to the Committee on Finance. (#0426)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$150,000.00 from FREE CASH to SOLICITOR PURCHASE OF SERVICES.

Referred to the Committee on Finance. (0427)

AN ORDER,

Referred to the Committee on Finance. (#0428)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$93,100.00 from FREE CASH to PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE PURCHASE OF SERVICES.

Referred to the Committee on Finance. (#0429)

AN ORDER,

Referred to the Committee on Finance. (#0430)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$84,238.00 from FREE CASH to AUDITOR PURCHASE OF SERVICES.

Referred to the Committee on Finance. (#0431)

AN ORDER,

Referred to the Committee on Finance. (#0432)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$54,000.00 from FREE CASH to MIS PURCHASE OF SERVICES.

Referred to the Committee on Finance. (#0433)

AN ORDER,

Referred to the Committee on Finance. (#0434)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$45,000.00 from FREE CASH to TOURISM PURCHASE OF SERVICES.

Referred to the Committee on Finance. (#0435)

AN ORDER,

Referred to the Committee on Finance. (#0436)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$42,000.00 from FREE CASH to WORKERS’ COMPENSATION PURCHASE OF SERVICES.

Referred to the Committee on Finance. (#0437)

AN ORDER,

Referred to the Committee on Finance. (#0438)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$40,000.00 from FREE CASH to ASSESSORS PURCHASE OF SERVICES.

Referred to the Committee on Finance. (#0439)

AN ORDER,

Referred to the Committee on Finance. (#0440)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$28,000.00 from FREE CASH to FACILITIES AND FLEET MANAGEMENT PURCHASE OF SERVICES.

Referred to the Committee on Finance. (#0441)

AN ORDER,

Referred to the Committee on Finance. (#0442)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$20,500.00 from FREE CASH to RESILIENCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP PURCHASE OF SERVICES.

Referred to the Committee on Finance. (#0443)

AN ORDER,

Referred to the Committee on Finance. (#0444)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the TRANSFER of 15,500.00 from FREE CASH to ELECTIONS CAPITAL OUTLAY.

Referred to the Committee on Finance. (#0445)

AN ORDER,

Referred to the Committee on Finance. (#0446)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$13,000.00 from ELECTIONS PERSONAL SERVICES to ELECTIONS PURCHASE OF SERVICES.

Received and Placed on File. (#0447)

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
IN CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 27, 2025

ORDERED, that the sum of THIRTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$13,000) now standing to the credit of the account from ELECTIONS PERSONAL SERVICES be and the same is hereby transferred and appropriated to as follows:

ELECTIONS PURCHASE OF SERVICES.....\$ 13,000

To be certified and approved by the Department Head.

Adopted – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 31, 2025.

Approved April 03, 2025 (#0448)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDINANCE, amending Chapter 9, Sections 1200 & 2340 – RELATIVE TO ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS.

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances and the Planning Board. (#0449)

AN ORDINANCE,

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances and the Planning Board. (#0450)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the REAPPOINTMENT of DONALD GAUDETTE, New Bedford, to the ELECTION COMMISSION; this term will expire April 2027.

Rule 38 Waived, Reappointment Confirmed and Rule 40 Waived – Yeas 11, Nays 0.
(#0451)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the REAPPOINTMENT of DIANE HENRY, New Bedford, to the BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES; this term will expire April 2028.

Rule 38 Waived, Reappointment Confirmed and Rule 40 Waived – Yeas 11, Nays 0.
(#0452)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the REAPPOINTMENT of MARIA GLORIA DE SA, New Bedford, to the BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES; this term will expire April 2028.

Rule 38 Waived, Reappointment Confirmed and Rule 40 Waived – Yeas 11, Nays 0.
(#0453)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the REAPPOINTMENT of PATRICIA A. LAREAU, New Bedford, to the NEW BEDFORD PORT AUTHORITY; this term will expire December 2026.

Rule 38 Waived, Reappointment Confirmed and Rule 40 Waived – Yeas 11, Nays 0.
(#0454)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the REAPPOINTMENT of JAMES D. OLIVEIRA, New Bedford, to the NEW BEDFORD PORT AUTHORITY; this term will expire December 2027.

Rule 38 Waived, Reappointment Confirmed and Rule 40 Waived – Yeas 11, Nays 0.
(#0455)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the REAPPOINTMENT of JOSEPH M. TAVARES, New Bedford, to the NEW BEDFORD PORT AUTHORITY; this term will expire December 2027.

Rule 38 Waived, Reappointment Confirmed and Rule 40 Waived – Yeas 11, Nays 0.
(#0456)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the REAPPOINTMENT of LEE BLAKE, New Bedford, to the BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES; this term will expire April 2028.

Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings. (#0457)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of FLORENTINO CORREA, Fall River, as a CONSTABLE.

Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings. (#0458)

AN APPLICATION,

Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings. (#0459)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of MICHAEL GONZALEZ, New Bedford, as a CONSTABLE.

Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings. (#0460)

AN APPLICATION,

Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings. (#0461)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of ALEX RODRIGUEZ, SR., DARTMOUTH, as a CONSTABLE.

Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings. (#0462)

AN APPLICATION,

Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings. (#0463)

REPORT, Committee on Appointments and Briefings recommending to the City Council APPROVAL of the APPOINTMENT of KAREN TREADUP, New Bedford, MA, to the GREATER NEW BEDFORD REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE; replacing the late Frederick J. Toomey; this term will expire May 2028.

Recommendation Followed. (#0464)

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

Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings – January 23, 2025.

Appointment Confirmed and Rule 40 Waived – Yeas 11, Nays 0. (#0109)

REPORT, Committee on Appointments and Briefings, recommending to the City Council APPROVAL of the APPOINTMENT of JAMES P. DEE, New Bedford, MA, to the LICENSING BOARD, replacing Marcelino “Sonny” Almeida”, who has resigned; this term will expire June 2028.

Recommendation Followed. (#0465)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of JAMES P. DEE, New Bedford, MA, to the LICENSING BOARD, replacing Marcelino “Sonny” Almeida, who has resigned; this term will expire June 2028.

Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings – February 13, 2025.

Appointment Confirmed and Rule 40 Waived – Yeas 11, Nays 0. (#0147)

REPORT, Committee on Appointments and Briefings, recommending to the City Council APPROVAL of the APPOINTMENT of ROBYN BRANCO, New Bedford, MA, as an ALTERNATE MEMBER of the ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, this term will expire December 2029.

Recommendation Followed. (#0466)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of ROBYN BRANCO, New Bedford, MA, as an ALTERNATE MEMBER of the ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, this term will expire December 2029.

Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings – February 13, 2025.

Appointment Confirmed and Rule 40 Waived – Yeas 11, Nays 0. (#0149)

REPORT, Committee on Appointments and Briefings, recommending to the City Council APPROVAL of 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.

Recommendation Followed. (#0467)

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 on Appointments and Briefings – February 27, 2025.

Appointment Confirmed and Rule 40 Waived – Yeas 11, Nays 0. (#0205)

REPORT, Committee on Appointments and Briefings, recommending to the City Council APPROVAL of 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.

Recommendation Followed. (#0468)

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 on Appointments and Briefings – February 27, 2025.

Appointment Confirmed and Rule 40 Waived – Yeas 11, Nays 0. (#0206)

REPORT, Committee on Appointments and Briefings, recommending to the City Council APPROVAL of the PETITION for the WAIVER OF RESIDENCY for **Melody Frechette, Middleborough, MA 02346 d/b/a THE KNIGHTS BAZAAR, 127 West Rodney French Boulevard, New Bedford, MA**, 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**.

Recommendation Followed. (#0469)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the 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 – February 27, 2025.

Waiver of Residency Granted – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 31, 2025.

Approved April 03, 2025. (#0232)

REPORT, Committee on Appointments and Briefings, recommending to the City Council APPROVAL of the COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell to City Council, submitting the recommendation that the 2025 Preliminary Election be held on Tuesday, September 16, 2025.

Recommendation Followed. (#0470)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the recommendation that the 2025 Preliminary Election be held on Tuesday, September 16, 2025.

Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings – February 13, 2025.

Grant Approval FAILED – Yeas 3, Nays 8. (Councillors Baptiste, Burgo and Giesta IN FAVOR.)

(#0150)

REPORT, Committee on Appointments and Briefings, recommending that the City Council refer the matter to the Mayor, and that the month of July be recognized as ~~Cape~~-Cabo Verdean Heritage Month. This motion passed on a roll call vote of Yeas 11, Nays 0.

Recommendation Followed and Referred to the Administration – Yeas 11, Nays 0.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 31, 2025.

Approved April 03, 2025. (#0471)

REPORT, Committee on City Property, recommending to the City Council ADOPTION of AN ORDER, AS AMENDED, transferring the City owned property located at 1215 Purchase Street, the former New Bedford Textile School complex, to the New Bedford Redevelopment Authority for the purposes of development for residential use or mixed use on the first floor. The care and custody of the property shall revert to the City Council if the Redevelopment Authority does not have the property under agreement with a developer within eighteen (18) months. The City Property Committee may extend the eighteen (18) months upon majority vote, and further upon sale of the property, the Redevelopment Authority shall retain proceeds to cover their costs plus an additional 10%, and with the remaining 90% of the proceeds to revert to the City's General Fund.

Recommendation Followed. (#0472)

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
IN CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 27, 2025

ORDERED, that the City Property Committee recommend the ADOPTION of AN ORDER, AS AMENDED, transferring the City owned property located at 1215 Purchase Street, the former New Bedford Textile School complex, to the New Bedford Redevelopment Authority for the purposes of development for residential use or mixed use on the first floor. The care and custody of the property shall revert to the City Council if the Redevelopment Authority does not have the property under agreement with a developer within eighteen (18) months. The City Property Committee may extend the eighteen (18) months upon majority vote, and further, upon sale of the property, the Redevelopment Authority shall retain proceeds to cover their costs plus an additional 10%, and with the remaining 90% of the proceeds to revert to the City's General Fund.

Adopted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 31, 2025

Approved April 03, 2025. (#0473)

REPORT, Committee on Finance, recommending to the City Council, ADOPTION of the LOAN ORDER, AS AMENDED, as detailed in Exhibit A, that reflects the Finance Committee Vote on the various projects, appropriating \$9,320,249.00 for the purpose of making critically needed repairs to City-owned buildings including, but not limited to, projects for the repair and renovation of public safety facilities, recreational facilities, general office space, replacement of capital equipment and vehicles, and roads and infrastructure improvements.

Recommendation Followed. (#0474)

LOAN ORDER, AS AMENDED,

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

Motion was made to Table - FAILED – Yeas 1, Nays 10. (Councillor Carney IN FAVOR.)

Passed to a Second Reading as Amended – Yeas 10, Nays 1. (Councillor Carney OPPOSED.)

(#1818)

REPORT, Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods, recommending that the City Council take **“NO FURTHER ACTION”** on the WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Morad, requesting, that Department of Public Infrastructure Commissioner Jamie Ponte and the appropriate representative from Eversource's Roadway Repair Division appear before the Committee on Public Safety & Neighborhoods to review the detailed listing of streets in the City of New Bedford that are scheduled to be repaved and restored in the 2024 construction season.

Recommendation Followed. (#0475)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Morad, requesting, that Department of Public Infrastructure Commissioner Jamie Ponte and the appropriate representative from Eversource's Roadway Repair Division appear before the Committee on Public Safety & Neighborhoods to review the detailed listing of streets in the City of New Bedford that are scheduled to be repaved and restored in the 2024 construction season.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods – July 18, 2024.

NO FURTHER ACTION. (#1215)

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 Public Safety & Neighborhoods Committee meet with Police Chief Paul Oliveira, Fire Chief Scott Kruger and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Director Michael Thomas for the purpose of implementing EpiPens and nasal spray treatments in every Emergency Department and First Responder Unit throughout the City in order to safely and effectively treat severe allergic reactions.

Recommendation Followed. (#0476)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting, that the Public Safety & Neighborhoods Committee meet with Police Chief Paul Oliveira, Fire Chief Scott Kruger and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Director Michael Thomas for the purpose of implementing EpiPens and nasal spray treatments in every Emergency Department and First Responder Unit throughout the City in order to safely and effectively treat severe allergic reactions.

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

NO FURTHER ACTION. (#1766)

REPORT, Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods, recommending that the City Council take **“NO FURTHER ACTION”** on the WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Oliver, requesting, that Fire Chief Scott Kruger and Fire Safety Educator Anthony Poente appear before the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods, to discuss safety protocols and standard operating procedures in anticipation of the new fleet of electric school buses scheduled to be stored in close proximity to New Bedford High School and Keith Middle School, in response to the recent fire which involved 4 electric school buses in Wilbraham, Massachusetts, ensuring we are prepared to secure the safety of the neighborhood, students, faculty, general public and city buildings.

Recommendation Followed. (#0477)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Oliver, requesting, that Fire Chief Scott Kruger and Fire Safety Educator Anthony Poente appear before the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods, to discuss safety protocols and standard operating procedures in anticipation of the new fleet of electric school buses scheduled to be stored in close proximity to New Bedford High School and Keith Middle School, in response to the recent fire which involved 4 electric school buses in Wilbraham, Massachusetts, ensuring we are prepared to secure the safety of the neighborhood, students, faculty, general public and city buildings.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods – February 13, 2025.

NO FURTHER ACTION. (#0152)

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, meet with a Representative from the Mayor’s Office, Police Chief Cordeiro, the Community Development Director Patrick Sullivan, the President of Neighborhoods United, Scott Downing, Executive Secretary, Traffic Commission, and Chairs from neighborhood crime watch groups from across the City, for the purposes of discussing the creation of new neighborhood crime watch signs; these new signs will be placed in all present areas that have crime watch groups and awarded to new neighborhood crime watch groups that organize and participate in making their neighborhoods safer across the City.

Recommendation Followed. (#0478)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting, that the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods, meet with a Representative from the Mayor’s Office, Police Chief Cordeiro, the Community Development Director Patrick Sullivan, the President of Neighborhoods United, Scott Downing, Executive Secretary, Traffic Commission, and Chairs from neighborhood crime watch groups from across the City, for the purposes of discussing the creation of new neighborhood crime watch signs; these new signs will be placed in all present areas that have crime watch groups and awarded to new neighborhood crime watch groups that organize and participate in making their neighborhoods safer across the City.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods – January 25, 2018.

NO FURTHER ACTION. (#0105)

REPORT, Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods, recommending that the City Council take **“NO FURTHER ACTION”** on the WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Gomes, Baptiste, Carney, Abreu, Oliver and Lima, requesting, that the Mayor take \$100,000 of ARPA monies to purchase 10 to 12 solar radar speed limit signs; this signage is needed throughout the City to reduce speeding.

Recommendation Followed. (#0479)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Gomes, Baptiste, Carney, Abreu, Oliver and Lima, requesting, that the Mayor take \$100,000 of ARPA monies to purchase 10 to 12 solar radar speed limit signs; this signage is needed throughout the City to reduce speeding.

Referred to Mayor Mitchell and the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods – August 17, 2023.

Presented to the Mayor for approval August 21, 2023.

RETURNED UNSIGNED September 11, 2023.

NO FURTHER ACTION. (#1431)

REPORT, Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods, recommending that the City Council take **“NO FURTHER ACTION”** on the COMMUNICATION, Councillor Gomes, submitting a letter from MassDOT, District Highway Director, in response to an invitation to the Committee on Public Safety & Neighborhoods meeting that was held on March 19, 2024.

Recommendation Followed. (#0480)

COMMUNICATION, Councillor Gomes, submitting a letter from MassDOT, District Highway Director, in response to an invitation to the Committee on Public Safety & Neighborhoods meeting that was held on March 19, 2024.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods – April 11, 2024.

NO FURTHER ACTION. (#0494)

REPORT, Committee on Appointments and Briefings, recommending that the City Council take “**NO FURTHER ACTION**” on the WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Gomes and Choquette, requesting, that the Committee on Appointments and Briefings meet with the developers of Rosa Drive along with any other developers in the City that have not completed road work, sidewalks and streetlights in order to give residents trash pickup and other City services required by City law.

Recommendation Followed. (#0481)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Gomes and Choquette, requesting, that the Committee on Appointments and Briefings meet with the developers of Rosa Drive along with any other developers in the City that have not completed road work, sidewalks and streetlights in order to give residents trash pickup and other City services required by City law.

Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings and the Planning Board – October 10, 2024.

NO FURTHER ACTION. (#1662)

REPORT, Committee on Appointments and Briefings, recommending that the City Council take “**NO FURTHER ACTION**” on the COMMUNICATION, Council President Morad submitting a copy of a letter from Theresa Brum, regarding the public outreach meeting held at Normandin Middle School on June 13, 2023, that was hosted by Southcoast Renewables, LLC.

Recommendation Followed. (#0482)

COMMUNICATION, Council President Morad submitting a copy of a letter from Theresa Brum, regarding the public outreach meeting held at Normandin Middle School on June 13, 2023, that was hosted by Southcoast Renewables, LLC.

Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings – August 17, 2023.

NO FURTHER ACTION. (#1453)

REPORT, Committee on Appointments and Briefings, recommending that the City Council take “**NO FURTHER ACTION**” on the WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Oliver, Abreu, Pereira, Burgo, Giesta, Baptiste, Carney and Markey, requesting, that the Committee on Appointments and Briefings meet with Judith Keating, the Director of Personnel and Evan Bielski, President of the New Bedford Police Union, to discuss the feasibility of conducting a survey of the New Bedford Police Officers who have chosen to terminate employment with the City’s Police Department over the last five years.

Recommendation Followed. (#0483)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Oliver, Abreu, Pereira, Burgo, Giesta, Baptiste, Carney and Markey, requesting, that the Committee on Appointments and Briefings meet with Judith Keating, the Director of Personnel and Evan Bielski, President of the New Bedford Police Union, to discuss the feasibility of conducting a survey of the New Bedford Police Officers who have chosen to terminate employment with the City’s Police Department over the last five years.

Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings – September 14, 2023.

NO FURTHER ACTION. (#1530)

COMMUNICATION, City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council, submitting an Application for **RENEWAL of a PRIVATE LIVERY LICENSE** on behalf of Flor Pineda, 7 Upton Street, New Bedford, MA, d/b/a **FLOR TRANSPORTATION**, 7 Upton Street, New Bedford, MA. (**Term of License July 01, 2025 – June 30, 2026.**)

Livery License Granted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 31, 2025.

Approved April 03, 2025. (#0484)

COMMUNICATION, City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council, submitting an Application for **RENEWAL of a PRIVATE LIVERY LICENSE** on behalf of Sean Ciminello, 22 Shannon Way, Dartmouth, MA, 02747, d/b/a **YES WE VAN LLC**, 651 Orchard Street, Suite 202A, New Bedford, MA. **(Term of License July 01, 2025 - June 30, 2026.)**

Livery License Granted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 31, 2025.

Approved April 03, 2025. (#0485)

COMMUNICATION, City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council, to City Council, submitting an Application for a **RENEWAL of a PRIVATE LIVERY LICENSE**, on behalf of Camille Taylor, 14 Beetle Street, New Bedford, MA d/b/a **CT LIVE YOUR BEST LIFE TRANSPORTATION LLC**, 14 Beetle Street, New Bedford, MA. **(Term of License July 01, 2025 – June 30, 2026.)**

Livery License Granted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 31, 2025.

Approved April 03, 2025. (#0486)

COMMUNICATION, City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council, to City Council, submitting an Application for a **RENEWAL of a PRIVATE LIVERY LICENSE**, on behalf of Karla Mejia & Jose Herrera, 1781 East Rodney French Boulevard, Apt.1, New Bedford, MA d/b/a **KARLA MEJIA TRANSPORTATION**, 1781 East Rodney French Boulevard, New Bedford, MA. **(Term of License July 01, 2025 – June 30, 2026.)**

Livery License Granted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 31, 2025.

Approved April 03, 2025. (#0487)

COMMUNICATION, City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council, to City Council, submitting an Application for a **NEW PRIVATE LIVERY LICENSE**, on behalf of Stephania Zenon Pierre and Jean Fleurant Pierre, 50 New Plainville Road, New Bedford, MA d/b/a **PATHWAY PARTNERS TRANSPORTATION & PLUS**, 127 West Rodney French Boulevard, New Bedford, MA. **(License to expire – June 30, 2025.)**

Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings. (#0488)

COMMUNICATION, City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council, to City Council, submitting an Application for a **RENEWAL of a PRIVATE LIVERY LICENSE**, on behalf of Stephania Zenon Pierre and Jean Fleurant Pierre, 50 New Plainville Road, New Bedford, MA d/b/a **PATHWAY PARTNERS TRANSPORTATION & PLUS**, 127 West Rodney French Boulevard, New Bedford, MA. **(Term of License – July 01, 2025 – June 30, 2026.)**

Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings. (#0489)

COMMUNICATION, David Gerwatowski, Legal Counsel to the City Council, to Dennis W. Farias, City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council, responding to the Open Meeting Law complaint submitted by Patrick Higgins of Patrick Higgins and Associates, Northport, AL.

Received and Placed on File and Rule 40 Waived – Yeas 11, Nays 0. (#0490)

COMMUNICATION, Department of Parks, Recreation and Beaches, submitting a Memorial Park Bench and Tree Dedication Program Application for a Memorial Park Bench to be located at Buttonwood Park, in memory of DEBORAH G. ROHER.

Referred to the Special Committee on Memorials and Dedications. (#0491)

COMMUNICATION, Councillor Gomes, submitting a report from Michael Thomas, Director of Emergency Medical Services (EMS), in response to the request made at the March 11, 2025, Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods Meeting regarding the purchasing of EpiPens at a reduced price.

Received and Placed on File. (#0492)

CITATION, Councillor Morad and Councillor Lopes, honoring MANNY RIVERA-RAMIREZ, in recognition of your being honored by M.O.L.I.F.E. as the recipient of the 2025 Katie Brienzo Personal Achievement Award and with many thanks for your continued efforts to enhance the lives of so many in our Community.

Adopted, to be presented at a later date. (#0493)

CITATION, Councillor Morad and Councillor Lopes, honoring MELISSA DINEEN, in recognition of your being honored by M.O.L.I.F.E. as the recipient of the 2025 Katie Brienzo Personal Achievement Award and with many thanks for your continued efforts to enhance the lives of so many in our Community.

Adopted, to be presented at a later date. (#0494)

CITATION, Councillor Morad and Councillor Lopes, honoring M.O.L.I.F.E., in recognition of The 30th Anniversary Celebration and with sincere appreciation for the organization's leadership and advocacy on behalf of those with disabilities living in the Greater New Bedford Community.

Adopted, to be presented at a later date. (#0495)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting, on behalf of Sister Trans Figuration, Immaculate Conception Church and the St. Anthony of Padua Church, that the following streets be closed: ACUSHNET AVENUE, from Ingraham Street to Duncan Street, at St. Joseph's Church, on SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., for the purpose of a Living Stations of the Cross Ceremony.

Permission Granted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 31, 2025.

Approved April 03, 2025. (#0496)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Baptiste requesting, on behalf of JLC Construction, that the following street(s) be CLOSED: DOVER STREET, from Acushnet Avenue to North Second Street, ON, MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2025, AT 7:00 A.M. TO THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2025, AT 4:00 P.M., for the purpose of a fire supply installation at 47 North Second Street. **PLEASE NOTE: Requested that JLC Construction provide police detail.**

Permission Granted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 31, 2025.

Approved April 03, 2025. (#0497)

CONSTABLE BOND, PATRICK RICHARD DUDDY, Plympton, MA, in the amount of \$5,000.00 with NGM Insurance Company.

Approved.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 31, 2025.

Approved April 03, 2025. (#0498)

COMMUNICATION, City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council, to the City Council, notifying that the Office of the City Clerk has received Meeting Minute from the Board of Assessors for meetings held on February 27, 2025 and March 6, 2025; the Cemetery Board for a meeting held on December 12, 2024; the Board of Health for a meeting held on January 27, 2025; the Licensing Board for meetings held on August 17, 2023 and October 19, 2023; and the Zoning Board of Appeals for meetings held on March 21, 2024 and January 16, 2025.

Received and Placed on File. (#0499)

APPLICATION, **Trexan, LLC**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **1501 Acushnet Avenue**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on March 20, 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 31, 2025.

Approved April 03, 2025. (#0500)

APPLICATION, **Collins Crane & Rigging Service, Inc.**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **749 Purchase Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on March 21, 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 31, 2025.
Approved April 03, 2025. (#0501)

APPLICATION, **JLC Construction**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **47 North Second Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on March 19, 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 31, 2025.
Approved April 03, 2025. (#0502)

APPLICATION, **P.A. Landers, Inc.**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **Brownell Avenue, from Kempton Street to Gaywood Street, & Kempton Street, from Brownell Avenue to Cornell Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on March 19, 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 31, 2025.
Approved April 03, 2025. (#0503)

APPLICATION, **JLC Construction**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **47 North Second Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on March 19, 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 31, 2025.
Approved April 03, 2025. (#0504)

APPLICATION, **P.A. Landers, Inc.**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **Brownell Avenue, from Kempton Street to Gaywood Street, & Kempton Street, from Brownell Avenue to Cornell Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on March 13, 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 31, 2025.
Approved April 03, 2025. (#0505)

APPLICATION, **Eversource Gas**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **Aquidneck Street, from Brock Avenue – E. Rodney French Boulevard (street & street to houses, including intersections & 50 ft. in all directions)**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on March 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 31, 2025.
Approved April 03, 2025. (#0506)

APPLICATIONS, **Eversource Gas**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on March 12, 2025, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council as follows:

- 941 Pine Hill Drive (#0507)
- 39 Little Oak Road (#0508)
- 29 East Clinton Street (#0509)
- 1131 Chaffee Street (#0510)
- 800 – 802 Belleville Avenue (#0511)

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.
Presented to the Mayor for approval March 31, 2025.
Approved April 03, 2025.

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

206 Hathaway Street (#0512)

285 Sawyer Street (#0513)

Logan Street, Acushnet Avenue – Railroad tracks (working from street to street to houses, including intersections & 50 ft. in all directions) (#0514)

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 31, 2025.

Approved April 03, 2025.

APPLICATION, **Eversource Gas**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **Church Street, Loc 1: 562 - 582 Church Street, Loc 2: Nash Road - Church Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on March 18, 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 31, 2025.

Approved April 03, 2025. (#0515)

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

ATTEST:

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