

REGULAR MEETING
Chambers of the City Council
Thursday, June 12, 2025

CITY COUNCIL
Municipal Building
7:04 p.m.

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

LATE: No one.
ABSENT: Councillors Baptiste, Gomes, Lopes and Morad.

Council President Burgo called the meeting to order and presided.

Prayer led by: Reverend, Christopher Peschel, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish.

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

COMMUNICATION, Councillor Morad, to City Council, notifying that she will be unable to
attend the City Council Meeting on Thursday, June 12, 2025, as she will be attending the New Bedford
High School Graduation Ceremony at that time.

Received and Placed on File. (#0978)

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, June 12,
2025, due to a prior work-related commitment.

Received and Placed on File. (#0979)

COMMUNICATION, Councillor Gomes, to Members of the City Council, informing that he is
unable to attend the City Council meeting on Thursday, June 12, 2025.

Received and Placed on File. (#0980)

HEARING, Network Building and Consulting, on behalf of VERIZON New England, Inc., for
location of approximately 66' of Conduit at the Intersection of Union Street and Second Street.

Hearing Held.
Petition Placed on File. (#0981)

AN ORDER,
Adopted and ordered recorded.
Presented to the Mayor for approval June 16, 2025.
Approved June 18, 2025. (#0982)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting a Tax Increment Exemption
Housing Development Incentive Program and Agreement for Couto Residences, 4586 Acushnet Avenue.

Referred to the Committee on Finance. (#0983)

DRAFT, Housing Development Incentive Program and Tax Increment Exemption (TIE)
Agreement, between the City of New Bedford and Couto Residences LLC.

Referred to the Committee on Finance. (#0984)

RESOLUTION, Approving the Tax Increment Exemption Housing Development Incentive
Program and Agreement for Couto Residences, 4586 Acushnet Avenue.

Referred to the Committee on Finance. (#0985)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER, under which the City would accept Chapter 32B, Section 21-23 of the 2011 Municipal Health Care Reform Act, giving New Bedford the ability to request a neutral arbitrator to break impasses between the City and municipal employee unions during health insurance negotiations.

Motion to Adopt FAILED – Yas 0, Nays 7. (#0986)

AN ORDER,

Motion to Adopt FAILED – Yas 0, Nays 7. (#0987)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER, to accept Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 200A, Section 9A, to provide the City with the tools necessary to dispose of abandoned funds held in the custody of the City.

Referred to the Committee on Finance. (#0988)

AN ORDER,

Referred to the Committee on Finance. (#0989)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDINANCE, Chapter 2, Article VI, Section 2-105, of the City of New Bedford Code of Ordinances to conform with Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024, signed into law by Governor Healey, regarding payment agreements for delinquent taxes.

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances. (#0990)

AN ORDINANCE,

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances. (#0991)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER, for the TRANSFER of \$57,000.00 from VETERANS SERVICES OTHER CHARGES AND EXPENSES to COMMUNITY SERVICES PERSONAL SERVICES.

Received and Placed on File. (#0992)

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 12, 2025

ORDERED, that the sum of FIFTY-SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$57,000) now standing to the credit of the account from VETERANS SERVICES OTHER CHARGES AND EXPENSES be and the same is hereby transferred and appropriated to as follows:

COMMUNITY SERVICES PERSONAL SERVICES.....\$57,000

To be certified and approved by the Department Head.

Adopted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval June 16, 2025.

Approved June 18, 2025. (#0993)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$21,620.00 from VETERANS SERVICES OTHER CHARGES AND EXPENSES to COMMUNITY SERVICES PURCHASE OF SERVICES.

Received and Placed on File. (#0994)

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 12, 2025

ORDERED, that the sum of TWENTY-ONE THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED AND TWENTY DOLLARS (\$21,620) now standing to the credit of the account from VETERANS SERVICES OTHER CHARGES AND EXPENSES be and the same is hereby transferred and appropriated to as follows:

COMMUNITY SERVICES PURCHASE OF SERVICES.....\$21,620

To be certified and approved by the Department Head.

Adopted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval June 16, 2025.

Approved June 18, 2025. (#0995)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the
TRANSFER of \$3,218.00 from VETERANS SERVICES, OTHER CHARGES AND EXPENSES to
COMMUNITY SERVICES OTHER CHARGES AND EXPENSES.

Received and Placed on File. (#0996)

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 12, 2025

ORDERED, that the sum of THREE THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED EIGHTEEN DOLLARS
(\$3,218) now standing to the credit of the account from VETERANS SERVICES OTHER CHARGES
AND EXPENSES be and the same is hereby transferred and appropriated to as follows:

COMMUNITY SERVICES OTHER CHARGES AND EXPENSES.....\$3,218

To be certified and approved by the Department Head.

Adopted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval June 16, 2025.

Approved June 18, 2025. (#0997)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the
TRANSFER of \$30,000.00 from VETERANS SERVICES OTHER CHARGES AND EXPENSES to
LABOR RELATIONS AND PERSONNEL PERSONAL SERVICES.

Received and Placed on File. (#0998)

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 12, 2025

ORDERED, that the sum of THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$30,000)) now standing to the
credit of the account from VETERANS SERVICES OTHER CHARGES AND EXPENSES be and the
same is hereby transferred and appropriated to as follows:

LABOR RELATIONS AND PERSONNEL PERSONAL SERVICES.....\$30,000

To be certified and approved by the Department Head.

Adopted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval June 16, 2025.

Approved June 18, 2025. (#0999)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the
TRANSFER of \$27,000.00 from VETERANS SERVICES, OTHER CHARGES AND EXPENSES to
SOLICITOR PERSONAL SERVICES.

Received and Placed on File. (#1000)

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 12, 2025

ORDERED, that the sum of TWENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$27,000)) now
standing to the credit of the account from VETERANS SERVICES OTHER CHARGES AND
EXPENSES be and the same is hereby transferred and appropriated to as follows:

SOLICITOR PERSONAL SERVICES\$27,000

To be certified and approved by the Department Head.

Adopted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval June 16, 2025.

Approved June 18, 2025. (#1001)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$8,130.00 from VETERANS SERVICES OTHER CHARGES AND EXPENSES to INSPECTIONAL SERVICES PERSONAL SERVICES.

Received and Placed on File.

(#1002)

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 12, 2025

ORDERED, that the sum of EIGHT THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY DOLLARS (\$8,130)) now standing to the credit of the account from VETERANS SERVICES OTHER CHARGES AND EXPENSES be and the same is hereby transferred and appropriated to as follows:

INSPECTIONAL SERVICES PERSONAL SERVICES.....\$8,130

To be certified and approved by the Department Head.

Adopted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval June 16, 2025.

Approved June 18, 2025.

(#1003)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$7,000.00 from VETERANS SERVICES OTHER CHARGES AND EXPENSES to CITY CLERK PERSONAL SERVICES.

Received and Placed on File.

(#1004)

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 12, 2025

ORDERED, that the sum of SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$7,000)) now standing to the credit of the account from VETERANS SERVICES OTHER CHARGES AND EXPENSES be and the same is hereby transferred and appropriated to as follows:

CITY CLERK PERSONAL SERVICES.....\$7,000

To be certified and approved by the Department Head.

Adopted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval June 16, 2025.

Approved June 18, 2025.

(#1005)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$8,500.00 from EMS PERSONAL SERVICES to EMS OTHER CHARGES AND EXPENSES.

Received and Placed on File.

(#1006)

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 12, 2025

ORDERED, that the sum of EIGHT THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$8,500)) now standing to the credit of the account from EMS PERSONAL SERVICES be and the same is hereby transferred and appropriated to as follows:

EMS OTHER CHARGES AND EXPENSES.....\$8,500

To be certified and approved by the Department Head.

Adopted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval June 16, 2025.

Approved June 18, 2025.

(#1007)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$8,500.00 from INSPECTIONAL SERVICES PURCHASE OF SERVICES to INSPECTIONAL SERVICES PERSONAL SERVICES.

Received and Placed on File. (#1008)

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 12, 2025

ORDERED, that the sum of EIGHT THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$8,500)) now standing to the credit of the account from INSPECTIONAL SERVICES PURCHASE OF SERVICES be and the same is hereby transferred and appropriated to as follows:

INSPECTIONAL SERVICES PERSONAL SERVICES\$8,500

To be certified and approved by the Department Head.

Adopted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval June 16, 2025.

Approved June 18, 2025. (#1009)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$5,000.00 from FIRE PURCHASE OF SERVICES to FIRE OTHER CHARGES AND EXPENSES.

Received and Placed on File. (#1010)

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 12, 2025

ORDERED, that the sum of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000) now standing to the credit of the account from FIRE PURCHASE OF SERVICES be and the same is hereby transferred and appropriated to as follows:

FIRE OTHER CHARGES AND EXPENSES\$5,000

To be certified and approved by the Department Head.

Adopted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval June 16, 2025.

Approved June 18, 2025. (#1011)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$2,000.00 from ELECTIONS PERSONAL SERVICES to ELECTIONS OTHER CHARGES AND EXPENSES.

Received and Placed on File. (#1012)

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 12, 2025

ORDERED, that the sum of TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000) 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 OTHER CHARGES AND EXPENSES\$2,000

To be certified and approved by the Department Head.

Adopted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval June 16, 2025.

Approved June 18, 2025. (#1013)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$1,000.00 from ASSESSORS PURCHASE OF SERVICES to ASSESSORS OTHER CHARGES AND EXPENSES.

Received and Placed on File. (#1014)

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

CITY COUNCIL

JUNE 12, 2025

ORDERED, that the sum of ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000) now standing to the credit of the account from ASSESSORS PURCHASE OF SERVICES be and the same is hereby transferred and appropriated to as follows:

ASSESSORS OTHER CHARGES AND EXPENSES\$1,000

To be certified and approved by the Department Head.

Adopted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval June 16, 2025.

Approved June 18, 2025. (#1015)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$50.00 from PURCHASING PURCHASE OF SERVICES to PURCHASING OTHER CHARGES AND EXPENSES.

Received and Placed on File. (#1016)

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

CITY COUNCIL

JUNE 12, 2025

ORDERED, that the sum of FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50) now standing to the credit of the account from PURCHASING PURCHASE OF SERVICES be and the same is hereby transferred and appropriated to as follows:

PURCHASING OTHER CHARGES AND EXPENSES\$50

To be certified and approved by the Department Head.

Adopted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval June 16, 2025.

Approved June 18, 2025. (#1017)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting to REAPPOINTMENT of ESPERANZA ALEJANDRO-BERUBE, New Bedford, MA, to the COMMISSION FOR CITIZENS WITH DISABILITIES; this term will expire in May 2028.

Tabled . (#1018)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting to REAPPOINTMENT of CAROLINE CONZATTI, New Bedford, MA, to the GREATER NEW BEDFORD REGIONAL REFUSE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT; this term will expire in June 2028.

Tabled (#1019)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of ANTWAUN DONYEH MURPHY, New Bedford, MA, as a CONSTABLE.

Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings. (#1020)

AN APPLICATION,

Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings. (#1021)

LOAN ORDER, appropriating \$38,100,000.00 to pay the costs of Capital Planning and Construction of Water Distribution and Treatment Systems Improvements including a Lead Service Abatement Program, Transmission Main Inspection Program and general system improvements.

Referred to the Committee on Finance – April 24, 2025.

Passed to a Second Reading – May 22, 2025.

Tabled. (#0612)

LOAN ORDER, appropriating \$32,200,000.00 to pay the costs of projects outlined in the City’s Long Term CSO Control and Integrated Capital Improvement Plan including Wastewater Collection System Improvements, Pumping Station Improvements, Flood Control Structure Improvements, Water Quality Improvements, CSO Abatement and general system improvements.

Referred to the Committee on Finance – April 24, 2025.

Passed to a Second Reading – May 22, 2025.

Tabled. (#0614)

REPORT, Committee on Appointments & Briefings, recommending to the City Council APPROVAL of the APPLICATION of 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.)**

Recommendation Followed. (#1022)

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 – March 27, 2025.

Livery License Granted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval June 16, 2025.

Approved June 18, 2025. (#0488)

REPORT, Committee on Appointments & Briefings, recommending to the City Council APPROVAL of the APPLICATION of 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.)**

Recommendation Followed. (#1023)

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 – March 27, 2025.

Livery License Renewal Granted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval June 16, 2025.

Approved June 18, 2025. (#0489)

REPORT, Committee on Appointments & Briefings, recommending to the City Council APPROVAL of the APPOINTMENT of ANGELA CLARKE, New Bedford, MA, to the COMMISSION FOR CITIZENS WITH DISABILITIES.

Recommendation Followed. (#1024)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of ANGELA CLARKE, New Bedford, MA, to the COMMISSION FOR CITIZENS WITH DISABILITIES; Ms. Clarke will be replacing Heather Sylvia Chew, who has resigned; this term will expire in May 2026.

Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings – April 10, 2025.

Appointment Granted. (#0527)

REPORT, Committee on Appointments & Briefings, recommending to the City Council APPROVAL of the APPOINTMENT of JAMES (JIM) MCKEAG, New Bedford, MA, to the PLANNING BOARD as an ALTERNATE Member.

Recommendation Followed. (#1025)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of JAMES (JIM) MCKEAG, New Bedford, MA, to the PLANNING BOARD as an ALTERNATE Member; Mr. McKeag will be replacing Shayne M. Trimbell, who has been appointed as a full-time member; this term will expire in September 2027.

Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings – April 10, 2025.

Appointment Granted. (#0528)

REPORT, Committee on Ordinances, recommending to the City Council ADOPTION of the ORDINANCE, Rezoning SS Bates Street, Plot 108/Lot 317, from INDUSTRIAL “A” to RESIDENTIAL “C”.

Recommendation Followed. (#1026)

AN ORDINANCE, Rezoning SS Bates Street, Plot 108/Lot 317, from INDUSTRIAL “A” to RESIDENTIAL “C”.

Passed to a Second Reading. (#1027)

REPORT, Committee on Ordinances, recommending to the City Council ADOPTION of AN ORDINANCE, as Amended, 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.

Recommendation Followed. (#1028)

AN ORDINANCE, CC-TOD District.

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances and the Planning Board – February 27, 2025.

Passed to a Second Reading. (#0202)

APPENDIX A – Table of Principal Use Regulations (as Amended.)

Passed to a Second Reading. (#1029)

REPORT, Committee on Ordinances, recommending that the City Council order the Committee on Ordinances and the Planning Board hold Public Hearings relative to the Definitions, Section 1200 of the City Code and Appendix A; Table of Principal Use Regulations.

Recommendation Followed. (#1030)

RELATED MOTION, Councillors Morad and Carney, requesting that the City Council order the Committee on Ordinances and the Planning Board hold Public Hearings relative to the Definitions, Section 1200 of the City Code and Appendix A; Table of Principal Use Regulations.

Referred from the Committee on Ordinances – May 28, 2025.

Adopted. (#1031)

REPORT, Committee on Appointments & Briefings, recommending that the City Council take “NO FURTHER ACTION” on the WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Baptiste, requesting that P.A. Landers, Inc., be asked to come before the Committee on Appointments and Briefings to explain to the Council why they are not informing businesses or the Department of Public Infrastructure why they are beginning work without proper notification.

Recommendation Followed. (#1032)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Baptiste, requesting that P.A. Landers, Inc., be asked to come before the Committee on Appointments and Briefings to explain to the Council why they are not informing businesses or the Department of Public Infrastructure why they are beginning work without proper notification.

Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings – April 10, 2025.

NO FURTHER ACTION. (#0533)

REPORT, Committee on Appointments & Briefings, recommending that the City Council take **“NO FURTHER ACTION”** on the 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.

Recommendation Followed. (#1033)

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 – March 27, 2025.)

NO FURTHER ACTION. (#0457)

REPORT, Committee on Ordinances, recommending that the City Council take **“NO FURTHER ACTION”** on the COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDINANCE, Amending Chapter 9, Section 20, Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs).

Recommendation Followed. (#1034)

AN ORDINANCE,

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances and the Planning Board – August 13, 2024.

NO FURTHER ACTION. (#1323)

REPORT, Committee on Ordinances, recommending that the City Council take **“NO FURTHER ACTION”** on the COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDINANCE, Amending Chapter 9, Sections 1200 & 2340 – RELATIVE TO ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS.

Recommendation Followed. (#1035)

AN ORDINANCE, (Matter ID #0450)

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances – March 27, 2025.

NO FURTHER ACTION. (#0450)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Abreu, Giesta, Carney, Choquette, Lopes, Oliver, requesting that the New Bedford City Council go on record in opposition to the current structure and proposal of Eversource’s Smart Meter statewide rollout, whereas new and additional monthly usage charges, monthly opt-out penalty fees, the use of unlicensed installers, and the lack of adequate cybersecurity assurances could potentially create additional economic and safety risks for New Bedford residents; and further, the New Bedford City Council urges the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (DPU) suspends the implementation of this program until a comprehensive public review can be conducted, including hearings on safety, privacy, and consumer cost impact.

Rule 17 Waived and Referred to our State Legislative Delegation, Massachusetts Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs Rebecca Tepper, and Department of Public Utilities Chairman James M. Van Nostrand. (#1036)

WRITTEN MOTION, Council President Burgo, requesting that the MassDOT team, Gareth Saunders, Liaison Government & Public Affairs, Valerie Kilduff, Project Manager, Design-Build Major Projects, City Planner Jennifer Carloni and DPI Commissioner Jamie Ponte, update the Committee on Appointments & Briefings on the Route I-195 to Route 18 Interchange Rehabilitation Project.

Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings. (#1037)

PETITION, **Marc DeCambra, Taunton, MA d/b/a SIDE QUEST COMPLETE LLC, 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. (#1038)

COMMUNICATION, Department of Parks, Recreation and Beaches, submitting a Memorial Park Bench and Tree Dedication Program Application for the Dedication of Diamond #3 at Brooklawn Park in honor of the Founders of the Whaling City Youth Baseball League, MILTON WEAVER, LUCIAN BEAUREGARD, and LEO PARADIS.

Referred to the Special Committee on Memorials & Dedications – Yeas 7, Nays 0. (#1039)

COMMUNICATION, Department of Parks, Recreation and Beaches, submitting a Memorial Park Bench and Tree Dedication Program Application for a Banner to be located at Monte’s Park, in the northeast corner, in honor of ANTONE T. FORTES.

Referred to the Special Committee on Memorials & Dedications. (#1040)

COMMUNICATION, Community Preservation Committee, submitting the CPA annual budget for fiscal year 2026, for Committee administrative expenses and Community Preservation Projects in fiscal year 2026.

Referred to the Committee on Finance. (#1041)

COMMUNICATION, Councillor Morad submitting a copy of a letter sent to Mass Development Finance Agency in support of the Cape Verdean Association’s application for the Mass Development Transformative District Initiative Equity Grant and Underutilized Properties Program Grant.

Received and Placed on File. (#1042)

On a motion, the Council then took a roll call of Yeas 7, Nays 0 to take up the Consent Agenda.

CITATION, Council President Burgo and Councillor Morad, honoring Miss New Bedford, ASHLEY CLARK, with heartfelt wishes for success as she represents the City of New Bedford at the Miss Massachusetts Competition.

Adopted, to be presented at a later date. (#1043)

CITATION, Council President Burgo and Councillor Morad, honoring Miss New Bedford’s Teen, BREE LEFAVOR, with heartfelt wishes for success as she represents the City of New Bedford at the Miss Massachusetts Teen Competition.

Adopted, to be presented at a later date. (#1044)

CITATIONS, Councillor Gomes, honoring LT. ANDREW SIMMONS, SGT. ALAN LORD, SGT. STEVEN WADMAN, and SGT. DACUNHA, in recognition of their promotion within the New Bedford Police Department.

Adopted, to be presented at a later date. (#1045)

CITATIONS, Councillor Gomes, honoring POLICE OFFICERS LORENZO GONZALEZ, BRIAN REI, NOAH BRUM, EMILY PACHECO, BRANDON DUARTE, PATRICK KUSTKA, MICHEAL DANE, TYLER WHITE, JENNY ROMAN, DETECTIVE TERREL PARENT AND SGT JORDAN FERREIRA, in recognition of their award from the New Bedford Police Department.

Adopted, to be presented at a later date. (#1046)

CITATIONS, Councillor Gomes, honoring RAIMUNDO DEPINA and EMMA FERLAND, in recognition of their appointment as New Bedford Police Officers.

Adopted, to be presented at a later date. (#1047)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Baptiste, requesting, on behalf of the New Bedford Whaling Museum, that the following street(s) BE CLOSED: WILLIAM STREET, from Johnny Cake Hill to North Water Street, from 7:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. (NOON) on THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2025, for the purpose of a Press Event. **PLEASE NOTE: CONES TO BE PLACED THE NIGHT BEFORE** GRANTED PROVISIONALLY BY THE 2025 CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT SHANE A. BURGO ON MONDAY, JUNE 02, 2025, TO BE RATIFIED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2025.

Received and Action of the City Council President Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval June 16, 2025.

Approved June 18, 2025. (#1048)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Baptiste, requesting, on behalf of AHA! New Bedford that the following streets be CLOSED: ACUSHNET AVENUE, from William Street to Union Street AND WILLIAM STREET, from Second Street to Bethel Street on THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2025, FROM 3:00 P.M. TO 10:00 P.M., for the purpose of KIDS RULE ACTIVITIES.

Permission Granted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval June 16, 2025.

Approved June 18, 2025. (#1049)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Lopes, requesting, that the following street(s) be CLOSED: FULLER MEMORIAL PARKWAY, from Rockdale Avenue, westerly through Buttonwood Park, to Brownell Avenue; BUTTONWOOD STREET, from the Monument to Lake Street AND ONEIDA STREET, from Lt. Walter P. Fuller Memorial Parkway to Lake Street (In Front of the Buttonwood Senior Center), FROM: 7:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY, JULY 09, 2025, THROUGH: 7:00 P.M., MONDAY, JULY 14, 2025, for the purpose of THE WHALING CITY FESTIVAL.

Permission Granted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval June 16, 2025.

Approved June 18, 2025. (#1050)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Pereira and Morad, requesting, on behalf of Outsider Endurance, that the following street(s) be CLOSED: East Rodney French Boulevard will be closed in both directions between South Rodney French Boulevard and David Street; David Street will be closed in both directions between East Rodney French Boulevard and Cleveland Street; Cleveland Street will be closed between David Street and Mott Street, in both directions; Mott Street closed in both directions between Cleveland Street and East Rodney French Boulevard; South Rodney French Boulevard will be closed between East and West Rodney French Boulevard in both Directions; West Rodney French Boulevard will be partially closed between Bayview Street and Valentine Street; West Rodney French Boulevard between Bayview Street and Valentine Street will have 2 lines of cones placed on the road to create 3 lanes – 2 lanes for bikes, 1 lane for cars. The car lane will be furthest from Clark’s Cove and allow cars to travel north on West Rodney French Boulevard, the 2 bike lanes will be the 2 lanes closest to Clark’s Cove with one lane for cyclists to ride north and one lane for cyclists to ride south; West Rodney French Boulevard closed in both directions between Valentine Street and Willard Street, **a road management crew will place barrels, barricades and traffic cones on the roads impacted by this plan between 4:30 A.M., until 7:00 A.M. The closure of roads will begin at 6:45 A.M., for the race to be ready to start at 7:30 A.M. All roads associated with this plan are expected to be open for traffic to flow normally by 11:30 A.M., ON SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2025, FROM 6:45 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M., for the purpose of THE WHALING CITY TRIATHLON.**

Permission Granted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval June 16, 2025.

Approved June 18, 2025. (#1051)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Baptiste, requesting, that the following street(s) be CLOSED: PURCHASE STREET, from Spring Street to Union Street, (In Front of Star Store), SPRING STREET, from Pleasant Street to Purchase Street AND PURCHASE STREET, from Spring Street to School Street, ON FRIDAY, JULY 18, 2025, FROM 3:00 P.M. TO SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2025, AT 1:00 P.M., the purpose of THE ROOTS AND BRANCHES FESTIVAL.

Permission Granted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval June 16, 2025.

Approved June 18, 2025. (#1052)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Baptiste, requesting, that the following street(s) be CLOSED: NORTH WATER STREET, from the Intersection of Centre Street to the Intersection of Rose Alley, ON SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 2025, FROM 12:00 P.M.(NOON) TO 5:00 P.M., for the purpose of THE WHALER'S TAVERN 10TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION.

Permission Granted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval June 16, 2025.

Approved June 18, 2025. (#1053)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Pereira, requesting, that the following street(s) be CLOSED: NINA STREET, from East Rodney French Boulevard to Seaview Terrace, to the West End of the intersection so traffic may not enter Seaview Terrace, ON FRIDAY, JULY 04, 2025, FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 10:00 P.M., for the purpose of A NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY.

Permission Granted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval June 16, 2025.

Approved June 18, 2025. (#1054)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Baptiste, requesting, on behalf of the New Bedford Whaling Museum, that the following street(s) be CLOSED: JOHNNY CAKE HILL, from William Street to Union Street, ON SATURDAY, JULY 12, 2025, FROM 3:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M., for the purpose of a SUMMER BENEFIT.

Permission Granted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval June 16, 2025.

Approved June 18, 2025. (#1055)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Giesta, requesting, on behalf of Irmandade Do Divino Espirito Santo Do Pico (Brotherhood of Holy Spirit), that the following street(s) be CLOSED: ACUSHNET AVENUE, from Hadley Street to Wood Street, ON SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 2025, FROM 11:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M., for the purpose of the Organization's Annual Procession from their Cultural Center to the Immaculate Conception Church on Earle Street (for Mass) and Return to the Cultural Center for their Annual Feast.

Permission Granted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval June 16, 2025.

Approved June 18, 2025. (#1056)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Baptiste, requesting, that the following street(s) be CLOSED: CHANCERY STREET, from Kempton Street to Middle Street, ON SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 2025, FROM 11:30 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M., for the purpose of a NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY.

Permission Granted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval June 16, 2025.

Approved June 18, 2025. (#1057)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Baptiste, requesting, on behalf of Our Lady’s Chapel, that the following street(s) be CLOSED: PLEASANT STREET, from William Street to Market Street, at 11:00 A.M. THROUGH 1:30 P.M., AND PLEASANT STREET, from William Street to Union Street, at 1:30 P.M. THROUGH 3:00 P.M., ON SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2025, for the purpose of A RELIGIOUS PROCESSION.

Permission Granted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval June 16, 2025.

Approved June 18, 2025. (#1058)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Giesta and Abreu, requesting, on behalf of the Senhor Da Pedra Club and Feast Committee, that the following street(s) be CLOSED: WEBSTER COURT, from Madeira Avenue to Funchal Place (Hope Street) and TINKHAM STREET, from Madeira Avenue to Funchal Place (Hope Street), ON SATURDAY, JULY 12, 2025, FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M. (MIDNIGHT), AND SUNDAY, JULY 13, 2025, FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 11:00 P.M., for the purpose of THE ANNUAL SENHOR DA PEDRA HOLY GHOST FEAST.

Permission Granted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval June 16, 2025.

Approved June 18, 2025. (#1059)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Lopes and Pereira, requesting, that the following street(s) be CLOSED: MAXFIELD STREET, from Summit Street to Rockdale Avenue, ON SATURDAY, JULY 12, 2025, FROM 10:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M., for the purpose of a NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY.

Permission Granted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval June 16, 2025.

Approved June 18, 2025. (#1060)

PETITION/INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, 95-127 West Rodney French Boulevard LLC, for permission to erect and maintain a vertical sign at 95-127 West Rodney French Boulevard, New Bedford, MA 02744. Provisionally granted subject to approval of the Building Commissioner and subject to ratification by Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval June 16, 2025.

Approved June 18, 2025. (#1061)

CONSTABLE BOND, MICHAEL JUNIOR GONZALEZ, New Bedford, MA, in the amount of \$5,000.00 with NGM Insurance Company.

Approved.

Presented to the Mayor for approval June 16, 2025.

Approved June 18, 2025. (#1062)

CONSTABLE BOND, FLORENTINO CORREA, New Bedford, MA in the amount of \$5,000.00 with NGM Insurance Company.

Approved.

Presented to the Mayor for approval June 16, 2025.

Approved June 18, 2025. (#1063)

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 Community Preservation Committee for meetings held on February 10, 2025 and May 27, 2025; the Board of Health for a meeting held on May 28, 2025; the Library Board of Trustees for meetings held on February 25, 2025 and March 25, 2025; the Licensing Board for a meeting held on December 16, 2024; the Park Board for a meeting held on March 19, 2025 and the GNB Regional Refuse Management District for a meeting held on April 17, 2025.

Received and Placed on File.

(#1064)

APPLICATION, **Pariseault Builders, Inc.**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **936 Purchase Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on June 04, 2025, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval June 16, 2025.

Approved June 18, 2025. (#1065)

APPLICATION, **Mike Andrade Excavation, LLC**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **9 York Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on May 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 June 16, 2025.

Approved June 18, 2025. (#1066)

APPLICATIONS, **W.C. Smith & Son, Inc.**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on May 22, 2025, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council as follows:

452 West Clinton Street (#1067)

15 Brock Avenue (#1068)

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval June 16, 2025.

Approved June 18, 2025.

APPLICATION, **JC Excavation**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **506 Hawes Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on May 22, 2025, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval June 16, 2025.

Approved June 18, 2025. (#1069)

APPLICATION, **Century Paving & Construction**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **1420 - 1438 Acushnet Avenue**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on May 23, 2025, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval June 16, 2025.

Approved June 18, 2025. (#1070)

APPLICATIONS, **Frank Corp. Environmental Services**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on May 27, 2025, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council as follows:

635 South First Street (#1071)

37 Taber Street (#1072)

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval June 16, 2025.

Approved June 18, 2025.

APPLICATIONS, **JLC Construction**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on May 30, 2025, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council as follows:

19 Elmwood Road (#1073)

30 Welcome Street (#1074)

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval June 16, 2025.

Approved June 18, 2025.

APPLICATIONS, **Rosciti Construction Co. LLC**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on May 30, 2025, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council as follows:

Union Street @ Atlantic Street	(#1075)
Chancery Street @Arnold Street	(#1076)
Rockdale Avenue @Arnold Street	(#1077)
Hillman Street, between Chestnut Street and Spruce Street	(#1078)
Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.	
Presented to the Mayor for approval June 16, 2025.	
Approved June 18, 2025.	

APPLICATION, **Danella Line Services of MA, Inc.**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **700 Acushnet Avenue**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on June 04, 2025, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.
Presented to the Mayor for approval June 16, 2025.
Approved June 18, 2025. (1079)

APPLICATION, **Geosearch, Inc.**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **1793 to 1805 - 1807 Acushnet Avenue**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on June 04, 2025, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.
Presented to the Mayor for approval June 16, 2025.
Approved June 18, 2025. (1080)

APPLICATION, **Dirty Diggin Construction, LLC**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **345 Orchard Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on June 05, 2025, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.
Presented to the Mayor for approval June 16, 2025.
Approved June 18, 2025. (1081)

APPLICATION, **Mike Andrade Excavation, LLC**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **9 York Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on May 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 June 16, 2025.
Approved June 18, 2025. (1080)

APPLICATIONS, **W.C. Smith & Son, Inc.**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on May 22, 2025, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council as follows:

452 West Clinton Street	(1083)
15 Brock Avenue	(1084)
Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.	
Presented to the Mayor for approval June 16, 2025.	
Approved June 18, 2025.	

APPLICATION, **JC Excavation**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **506 Hawes Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on May 22, 2025, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.
Presented to the Mayor for approval June 16, 2025.
Approved June 18, 2025. (1085)

APPLICATION, **Century Paving & Construction**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **1420 - 1438 Acushnet Avenue**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on May 23, 2025, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval June 16, 2025.

Approved June 18, 2025. (#1086)

APPLICATIONS, **Frank Corp. Environmental Services**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on May 27, 2025, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council as follows:

635 South First Street (#1087)

37 Taber Street (#1088)

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval June 16, 2025.

Approved June 18, 2025.

APPLICATIONS, **JLC Construction**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on May 30, 2025, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council as follows:

19 Elmwood Road (#1089)

30 Welcome Street (#1090)

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval June 16, 2025.

Approved June 18, 2025.

APPLICATIONS, **Rosciti Construction Co. LLC**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on May 30, 2025, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council as follows:

Union Street @ Atlantic Street (#1091)

Chancery Street @ Arnold Street (#1092)

Rockdale Avenue @ Arnold Street (#1093)

Hillman Street, between Chestnut Street and Spruce Street (#1094)

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval June 16, 2025.

Approved June 18, 2025.

APPLICATION, **Danella Line Services of MA, Inc.**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **700 Acushnet Avenue**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on June 04, 2025, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval June 16, 2025.

Approved June 18, 2025. (#1095)

APPLICATION, **Geosearch, Inc.**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **1793 to 1805 - 1807 Acushnet Avenue**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on June 04, 2025, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval June 16, 2025.

Approved June 18, 2025. (#1096)

APPLICATION, **Dirty Diggin Construction, LLC**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **345 Orchard Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on June 05, 2025, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval June 16, 2025.

Approved June 18, 2025. (#1097)

APPLICATIONS, **Eversource Gas**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on May 22, 2025, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council as follows:

County Street, from 167 – 344 County Street	(#1098)
Rockland Street, from County Street to Warwick Street, including intersections	(#1099)
Thompson Street, from Warwick Street to Purchase Street, including intersections	(#1100)
Warwick Street, from Rockland Street to Thompson Street, including intersections	(#1101)
Intersection of Washington Street and County Street	(#1102)

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval June 16, 2025.

Approved June 18, 2025.

APPLICATIONS, **Eversource Gas**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on June 06, 2025, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council as follows:

85 - 87 Woodlawn Street	(#1103)
39 Stephen Street	(#1104)
161 Richmond Street	(#1105)
1211 Pleasant Street	(#1106)
89 North Water Street	(#1107)
27 Nelson Street	(#1108)
26 Nelson Street	(#1109)
559 Mt. Pleasant Street	(#1110)
83 Locust Street	(#1111)
33 Crapo Street	(#1112)

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval June 16, 2025.

Approved June 18, 2025.

APPLICATION, **Eversource Gas**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **761 Rockdale Avenue**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on June 09, 2025, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval June 16, 2025.

Approved June 18, 2025. (#1113)

PETITION, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for location of approximately 20' of Conduit in SHAWMUT AVENUE, this work is necessary to provide electric service to 1166 Shawmut Avenue.

Received and Hearing Ordered for Thursday, June 26, 2025.

PETITION, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for location of approximately 125' of Conduit and one manhole in SPRING STREET, this work is necessary to provide electric service to 278 Union Street.

Received and Hearing Ordered for Thursday, June 26, 2025.

PETITION, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for location of approximately 101' of Conduit in EIGHTH STREET, this work is necessary to provide electric service to 278 Union Street.

Received and Hearing Ordered for Thursday, June 26, 2025.

On a motion, the Council then adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

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

