

REGULAR MEETING
Chambers of the City Council
Thursday, March 26, 2026

CITY COUNCIL
Municipal Building
7:01 p.m.

PRESENT: Council President Pereira, Councillors Abreu, Baptiste, Choquette, Gomes, Lopes,
Pemberton and Roy.

LATE: No one.
ABSENT: Councillors Burgo, Carney and Oliver.

Council President Pereira called the meeting to order and presided.

Prayer led by: Pastor Leona Fisher, In the Name of Jesus Church

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

COMMUNICATION, Councillor Burgo to Members of the City Council, informing, that he is
unable to attend the City Council Meeting on Thursday, March 26, 2026.

Received and Placed on File. (#0320)

COMMUNICATION, Councillor Oliver, to Council President Pereira and Honorable Members of
the City Council, informing that he will not be attending tonight's City Council Meeting on Thursday,
March 26, 2026, due to a previously scheduled commitment.

Received and Placed on File. (#0321)

COMMUNICATION, Councillor Carney, to City Council, notifying that she expects to be late
for the City Council Meeting on Thursday, March 26, 2026, as she will be attending the YWCA Red
Dress Event.

Received and Placed on File. (#0322)

HEARING, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for location of 58' of Conduit
encased in concrete in SOUTH STREET, this work is necessary to provide electric service to 65
Potomska Street for an Electric Bus Charging Station.

Hearing Held.
Petition Placed on File. (#0323)

AN ORDER,
Adopted and ordered recorded.
Presented to the Mayor for approval March 30, 2026.
Approved April 03, 2026. (#0324)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the
TRANSFER of \$91,054.00, from AIRPORT FREE CASH to AIRPORT PURCHASE OF SERVICES.

Received and Placed on File. (#0325)

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
IN CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 26, 2026

ORDERED, that the sum of NINETY-ONE THOUSAND, FIFTY-FOUR DOLLARS (\$91,054)
now standing to the credit of the account from AIRPORT FREE CASH be and the same is hereby
transferred and appropriated to as follows:

AIRPORT PURCHASE OF SERVICES.....\$91,054
To be certified and approved by the Department Head.
Adopted.
Presented to the Mayor for approval March 30, 2026.
Approved April 03, 2026. (#0326)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER for the TRANSFER of \$50,000.00, from EMS CAPITAL OUTLAY to EMS SUPPLIES.

Received and Placed on File. (#0327)

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
IN CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 26, 2026

ORDERED, that the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000) now standing to the credit of the account from EMS CAPITAL OUTLAY be and the same is hereby transferred and appropriated to as follows:

EMS SUPPLIES.....\$50,000

To be certified and approved by the Department Head.

Adopted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 30, 2026.

Approved April 03, 2026. (#0328)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER amending the Order Adopted by the City Council on June 26, 2025, and signed by the Mayor on July 09, 2025, which, in accordance with M.G.L., Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ , the Revolving Fund under the control of the Community Services Department, known as the **ADULT SOCIAL DAY PROGRAM REVOLVING FUND**, whose amount limited at **\$330,000** is hereby authorized at **\$530,000** for **FISCAL YEAR 2026**.

Received and Placed on File. (#0329)

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
IN CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 26, 2026

ORDER, amending the order adopted by the City Council on June 26, 2025, and signed by the Mayor on July 09, 2025, which, in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E½, the revolving fund under the control of the Community Services Department, known as the **ADULT SOCIAL DAY PROGRAM REVOLVING FUND**, whose amount limited at **\$330,000** is hereby authorized at **\$530,000** for **FISCAL YEAR 2026**.

Adopted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 30, 2026.

Approved April 03, 2026. (#0330)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER amending the Order Adopted by the City Council on May 22, 2025, and signed by the Mayor on May 29, 2025, which, in accordance with M.G.L., Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ , the Revolving Fund under the control of the EMS Department, known as the **EMS TRAINING ACADEMY REVOLVING FUND**, whose amount limited at **\$11,001** is hereby authorized at **\$22,401** for **FISCAL YEAR 2026**.

Received and Placed on File. (#0331)

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
IN CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 26, 2026

ORDER, amending the order adopted by the City Council on May 22, 2025, and signed by the Mayor on May 29, 2025, which, in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E½, the revolving fund under the control of the EMS Department, known as the **EMS TRAINING ACADEMY REVOLVING FUND**, whose amount limited at **\$11,001** is hereby authorized at **\$22,401** for **FISCAL YEAR 2026**.

Adopted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 30, 2026.

Approved April 03, 2026. (#0332)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER authorizing the payment of one outstanding invoice from a prior Fiscal Year, **totaling \$162.77**, to be charged to the **Airport Enterprise Fund**.

Received and Placed on File. (#0333)

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
IN CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 26, 2026

ORDERED: that to provide for the payment of unpaid bills of a previous fiscal year of the City of New Bedford, the sum set against the **AIRPORT ENTERPRISE FUND SUPPLIES** is hereby approved to be expended in **FISCAL YEAR 2026** in the amount of **162.77**.

Adopted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 30, 2026.

Approved April 03, 2026. (#0334)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER authorizing the payment of one outstanding invoice from a prior Fiscal Year, **totaling \$39.99**, to be charged to the **General Fund, Labor Relations and Personnel Department**.

Received and Placed on File. (#0335)

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
IN CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 26, 2026

ORDERED: that to provide for the payment of unpaid bills of a previous fiscal year of the City of New Bedford, the sum set against the **LABOR RELATIONS AND PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT SUPPLIES** is hereby approved to be expended in **FISCAL YEAR 2026** in the amount of **39.99**.

Adopted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 30, 2026.

Approved April 03, 2026. (#0336)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER authorizing the payment of one outstanding invoice from a prior Fiscal Year, **totaling \$39.99**, to be charged to the **General Fund, Health Department**.

Received and Placed on File. (#0337)

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
IN CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 26, 2026

ORDERED: that to provide for the payment of unpaid bills of a previous fiscal year of the City of New Bedford, the sum set against the **HEALTH DEPARTMENT SUPPLIES** is hereby approved to be expended in **FISCAL YEAR 2026** in the amount of **39.99**.

Adopted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 30, 2026.

Approved April 03, 2026. (#0338)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting a Lease Extension and Amendment on behalf of the New Bedford Airport Commission and Sandpiper Air, Inc., Building 2.

Referred to the Special Committee on Airport. (#0339)

AN ORDER,

Referred to the Special Committee on Airport. (#0340)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of GEORGE BOLGER, New Bedford, MA, to the HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION; replacing Zoe Hansen-Dibello whose term has expired; this term will expire April 2028.

Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings. (#0341)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the APPOINTMENT of ZACHARY NIEDER, New Bedford, MA, to the HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION; replacing Chad Freitas whose term has expired; this term will expire April 2028.

Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings. (#0342)

REPORT, Committee on Ordinances, recommending to the City Council APPROVAL of the ORDINANCE, Amending Chapter 9, COMPREHENSIVE ZONING, Relative to Dimensional Requirements – Appendix B – Table of Dimensional Regulations, Residential Infill Development, and Multiple Buildings per Lot.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development – Yeas, 7, Nays 1. (Council President Perreira OPPOSED.) (#0343)

AN ORDINANCE, Amending Chapter 9, COMPREHENSIVE ZONING, Relative to Dimensional Requirements - Appendix B – Table of Dimensional Regulations, Residential Infill Development, and Multiple Buildings per lot.

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances and the Planning Board – October 9, 2025.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development – Yeas, 7, Nays 1. (Council President Perreira OPPOSED.) (#1617)

REPORT, Committee on Ordinances, recommending to the City Council APPROVAL of the ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED, Amending Chapter 9 – Appendix A – Table of Principal Uses Regulations.

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances. (#0344)

AN ORDINANCE (DRAFT), Amending Chapter 9 – Appendix A – Table of Principal Uses Regulations. Referred to the Committee on Ordinances and the Planning Board – October 9, 2025.

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances. (#1621)

REPORT, Committee on Ordinances, recommending to the City Council APPROVAL of the ORDINANCE, Amending 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.

Recommendation Followed. (#0345)

AN ORDINANCE, Amending 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 Ordinance – June 12, 2025.

Passed to a Second Reading. (#0991)

REPORT, Committee on Finance, recommending to the City Council ADOPTION of the LOAN ORDER, appropriating \$12,610,194.00 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. (#0346)

LOAN ORDER,

Referred to the Committee on Finance – January 22, 2026.

Passed to a Second Reading. (#0107)

REPORT, Committee on Finance, recommending to the City Council ADOPTION of the updated changes to the City's Fund Balance Management Policy.

Recommendation Followed. (#0347)

COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting the attached updated City's Fund Balance Management Policy.

Referred to the Committee on Finance – February 12, 2026.

Adopted City's Fund Balance Management Policy.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 30, 2026.

Approved April 03, 2026. (#0158)

REPORT, Committee on Finance, recommending to the City Council ADOPTION of the ORDER, for the TRANSFER of \$5,037,282.00 from FREE CASH to CABLE ACCESS, STABILIZATION FUND.

Recommendation Followed. (#0348)

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
IN CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 12, 2026

ORDERED, that the sum of FIVE MILLION, THIRTY-SEVEN THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO DOLLARS (\$5,037,282) now standing to the credit of the account from FREE CASH be and the same is hereby transferred and appropriated to as follows:

CABLE ACCESS STABILIZATION FUND.....\$5,037,282

To be certified and approved by the Department Head.

Referred to the Committee on Finance – February 12, 2026.

Adopted, Yeas 8, Nays 0.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 30, 2026.

Approved April 03, 2026. (#0160)

REPORT, Committee on Finance, recommending to the City Council ADOPTION of the ORDER, for the TRANSFER of \$60,386.00 from FREE CASH to PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE, PURCHASE OF SERVICES.

Recommendation Followed. (#0349)

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
IN CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 12, 2026

ORDERED, that the sum of SIXTY THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$60,386) now standing to the credit of the account from FREE CASH be and the same is hereby transferred and appropriated to as follows:

PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE PURCHASE OF SERVICES.....\$60,386

To be certified and approved by the Department Head.

Referred to the Committee on Finance – February 12, 2026.

Adopted, Yeas 8, Nays 0.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 30, 2026.

Approved April 03, 2026. (#0162)

REPORT, Committee on Finance, recommending to the City Council ADOPTION of the ORDER, for the TRANSFER of \$175,000.00 from FREE CASH to WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL, PURCHASE OF SERVICES.

Recommendation Followed. (#0350)

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
IN CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 12, 2026

ORDERED, that the sum of ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$175,000) now standing to the credit of the account from FREE CASH be and the same is hereby transferred and appropriated to as follows:

WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL, PURCHASE OF SERVICES.....\$175,000

To be certified and approved by the Department Head.

Referred to the Committee on Finance – February 12, 2026.

Adopted, Yeas 8, Nays 0.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 30, 2026.

Approved April 03, 2026. (#0164)

REPORT, Committee on Finance, recommending to the City Council ADOPTION of the ORDER, for the TRANSFER of \$84,700.00 from FREE CASH to TOURISM, PURCHASE OF SERVICES.

Recommendation Followed. (#0351)

CITY OF BEDFORD
IN CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 12, 2026

ORDERED, that the sum of EIGHTY-FOUR THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$84,700) now standing to the credit of the account from FREE CASH be and the same is hereby transferred and appropriated to as follows:

TOURISM, PURCHASE OF SERVICES.....\$84,700

To be certified and approved by the Department Head.

Referred to the Committee on Finance – February 12, 2026.

Adopted, Yeas 8, Nays 0.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 30, 2026.

Approved April 03, 2026. (#0166)

REPORT, Committee on Finance, recommending to the City Council ADOPTION of the ORDER, for the TRANSFER of \$70,000.00 from FREE CASH to RECREATION AND PARKS, PURCHASE OF SERVICES.

Recommendation Followed. (#0352)

CITY OF BEDFORD
IN CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 12, 2026

ORDERED, that the sum of SEVENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$70,000) now standing to the credit of the account from FREE CASH be and the same is hereby transferred and appropriated to as follows:

RECREATION AND PARKS, PURCHASE OF SERVICES.....\$70,000

To be certified and approved by the Department Head.

Referred to the Committee on Finance – February 12, 2026.

Adopted, Yeas 8, Nays 0.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 30, 2026.

Approved XXXX xx, 2026. (#0168)

REPORT, Committee on Finance, recommending to the City Council ADOPTION of the ORDER, for the TRANSFER of \$63,662.00 from FREE CASH to MIS, PURCHASE OF SERVICES.

Recommendation Followed. (#0353)

CITY OF BEDFORD
IN CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 12, 2026

ORDERED, that the sum of SIXTY-THREE THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO DOLLARS (\$63,662) now standing to the credit of the account from FREE CASH be and the same is hereby transferred and appropriated to as follows:

MIS, PURCHASE OF SERVICES.....\$63,662
To be certified and approved by the Department Head.
Referred to the Committee on Finance – February 12, 2026.
Adopted, Yeas 8, Nays 0.
Presented to the Mayor for approval March 30, 2026.
Approved April 03, 2026. (#0170)

REPORT, Committee on Finance, recommending to the City Council ADOPTION of the ORDER, for the TRANSFER of \$17,610.00 from FREE CASH to AUDITOR, PURCHASE OF SERVICES.

Recommendation Followed. (#0354)

CITY OF BEDFORD
IN CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 12, 2026

ORDERED, that the sum of SEVENTEEN THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED AND TEN DOLLARS (\$17,610) now standing to the credit of the account from FREE CASH be and the same is hereby transferred and appropriated to as follows:

AUDITOR PURCHASE OF SERVICES.....\$17,610
To be certified and approved by the Department Head.
Referred to the Committee on Finance – February 12, 2026.
Adopted, Yeas 8, Nays 0.
Presented to the Mayor for approval March 30, 2026.
Approved April 03, 2026. (#0172)

REPORT, Special Committee on Special Permits & Licensing, recommending to the City Council APPROVAL of the APPLICATION, Moses N. Kisembo d/b/a Knd Auto Rentals, LLC, for a SPECIAL PERMIT for Motor Vehicle Sales and/or Rentals at 297 Belleville Avenue, New Bedford, MA 02746.

Recommendation Followed. (#0355)

SPECIAL PERMIT APPLICATION, Moses N. Kisembo d/b/a Knd Auto Rentals, LLC, for a SPECIAL PERMIT for Motor Vehicle Sales and/or Rentals at 297 Belleville Avenue, New Bedford, MA 02746.

Public Hearing Held – March 19, 2026.
Special Permit Granted.
Presented to the Mayor for approval March 30, 2026.
Approved April 03, 2026. (#0356)

REPORT, Committee on Public Safety & Neighborhoods, recommending that the City Council take **“NO FURTHER ACTION”** on the WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Baptiste, requesting, that the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods invite Chief of Police Paul Oliveira to a meeting to discuss the Police Department's policy and procedures on reporting crime to the public and to City officials, specifically regarding shootings taking place in New Bedford, and what can be done to better inform the public and City officials of the basic facts related to shooting incidents in a timely manner without jeopardizing any Police investigation into a particular matter; and further, that the Committee discuss with the Chief Oliveira how general crime statistics for New Bedford can be made available on a regular basis to members of the Committee.

Recommendation Followed.

(#0357)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Baptiste, requesting, that the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods invite Chief of Police Paul Oliveira to a meeting to discuss the Police Department's policy and procedures on reporting crime to the public and to City officials, specifically regarding shootings taking place in New Bedford, and what can be done to better inform the public and City officials of the basic facts related to shooting incidents in a timely manner without jeopardizing any Police investigation into a particular matter; and further, that the Committee discuss with the Chief Oliveira how general crime statistics for New Bedford can be made available on a regular basis to members of the Committee.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Neighborhoods – November 09, 2023.

NO FURTHER ACTION.

(#1870)

REPORT, Committee on Public Safety & Neighborhoods, recommending that the City Council take **“NO FURTHER ACTION”** on the WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Morad and Lopes, requesting that the Committee on Public Safety & Neighborhoods convene a series of sub-committee meetings to include representatives from the Traffic Division, Traffic Commission, Department of Public Infrastructure, New Bedford Police Department, Solicitors Office, Legal Counsel for the City Council and four City Councillors (two Ward Councillors and two At Large Councillors), for the purpose of researching and ultimately recommending various alternatives of traffic control(s) to be implemented within the City of New Bedford.

Recommendation Followed.

(#0358)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Morad and Lopes, requesting that the Committee on Public Safety & Neighborhoods convene a series of sub-committee meetings to include representatives from the Traffic Division, Traffic Commission, Department of Public Infrastructure, New Bedford Police Department, Solicitors Office, Legal Counsel for the City Council and four City Councillors (two Ward Councillors and two At Large Councillors), for the purpose of researching and ultimately recommending various alternatives of traffic control(s) to be implemented within the City of New Bedford.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Neighborhoods – March 26, 2024.

NO FURTHER ACTION.

(#0427)

REPORT, Committee on Public Safety & Neighborhoods, recommending that the City Council take **“NO FURTHER ACTION”** on the WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting, that the New Bedford Board of Health hold a public hearing on the proposed waste transfer facility by Parallel Products, doing business as South Coast Renewables, with the residents of the far north end of New Bedford; this meeting would provide an opportunity for the residents that were not notified or aware of the last public hearing to address the proposal and ask questions of the New Bedford Board of Health; and further, requesting that this meeting be held before the Board of Health votes on the proposal by Parallel Products, doing business as South Coast Renewables.

Recommendation Followed.

(#0359)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting, that the New Bedford Board of Health hold a public hearing on the proposed waste transfer facility by Parallel Products, doing business as South Coast Renewables, with the residents of the far north end of New Bedford; this meeting would provide an opportunity for the residents that were not notified or aware of the last public hearing to address the proposal and ask questions of the New Bedford Board of Health; and further, requesting that this meeting be held before the Board of Health votes on the proposal by Parallel Products, doing business as South Coast Renewables.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Neighborhoods and the Board of Health – August 21, 2025.

NO FURTHER ACTION.

(#1357)

REPORT, Committee on Public Safety & Neighborhoods, recommending that the City Council take **“NO FURTHER ACTION”** on the WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting, that Mayor Mitchell and Police Chief Thody consider immediately filling vacant positions within the New Bedford Police Department, including the Deputy Chief position, the North End Captain position and several Sergeant positions; these leadership positions are needed for the successful operation of the New Bedford Police Department.

Recommendation Followed.

(#0360)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting that Mayor Mitchell and Police Chief Thody consider immediately filling vacant positions within the New Bedford Police Department, including the Deputy Chief position, the North End Captain position and several Sergeant positions; these leadership positions are needed for the successful operation of the New Bedford Police Department.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Neighborhoods, Mayor Mitchell, and Police Chief Thody – October 23, 2025.

NO FURTHER ACTION.

(#1710)

REPORT, Committee on Finance, recommending that the City Council take **“NO FURTHER ACTION”** on the COMMUNICATION, Councillor Morad, submitting a letter from Joseph Gomes, expressing his concerns regarding property taxes and senior adjustments, highlighting the difficulties seniors face in making ends meet and remaining in their homes.

Recommendation Followed.

(#0361)

COMMUNICATION, Councillor Morad, submitting a letter from Joseph Gomes, expressing his concerns regarding property taxes and senior adjustments, highlighting the difficulties seniors face in making ends meet and remaining in their homes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance – November 13, 2025.

NO FURTHER ACTION.

(#1798)

REPORT, Committee on Finance, recommending that the City Council take **“NO FURTHER ACTION”** on the COMMUNICATION, Councillor Morad, submitting a letter issued by the Law Offices of David J. Hoey P.C. to the City of New Bedford, pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 258 § 4, relating to claims regarding the Estate of the late Paul N. Coderre, Jr. and his widow, Jane Coderre.

Recommendation Followed. (#0362)

COMMUNICATION, Councillor Morad, submitting a letter issued by the Law Offices of David J. Hoey P.C. to the City of New Bedford, pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 258 § 4, relating to claims regarding the Estate of the late Paul N. Coderre, Jr. and his widow, Jane Coderre.

Referred to the Committee on Finance – September 12, 2024.

NO FURTHER ACTION. (#1451)

REPORT, Committee on Appointments and Briefings, recommending that the City Council take **“NO FURTHER ACTION”** on the PETITION, **Ksea Swift and Justin Swift, East Freetown, MA d/b/a SWIFT SALES, 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.**

Recommendation Followed. (#0363)

PETITION, **Ksea Swift and Justin Swift, East Freetown, MA d/b/a SWIFT SALES, 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 - November 13, 2025.

NO FURTHER ACTION. (#1797)

REPORT, Committee on Appointments and Briefings, recommending that the City Council take **“NO FURTHER ACTION”** on the WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting, that the Committee on Appointments & Briefings meet with Derek Santos, Executive Director for the New Bedford Economic Development Council, along with Board Members of the New Bedford Business Park, for the purpose of having a discussion on implementing language in the Business Park’s governing rules to protect against any future trash and recycling businesses that handle hazardous waste materials from being located in the Business Park; putting this safeguard in place would protect the Business Park from any hazardous waste, trash and other detrimental materials.

Recommendation Followed. (#0364)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting, that the Committee on Appointments & Briefings meet with Derek Santos, Executive Director for the New Bedford Economic Development Council, along with Board Members of the New Bedford Business Park, for the purpose of having a discussion on implementing language in the Business Park’s governing rules to protect against any future trash and recycling businesses that handle hazardous waste materials from being located in the Business Park; putting this safeguard in place would protect the Business Park from any hazardous waste, trash and other detrimental materials.

Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings, Yeas 9, Nays 0 – December 11, 2025.

NO FURTHER ACTION. (#1936)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Pemberton, requesting, that Police Chief Jason Thody and the DPI Commissioner Jamie Ponte appear before the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods to explain why there were no operational cameras in the area of Ashley Boulevard and Tallman Street on the night of March 8, 2026, when approximately ten shots were reported; and further, requesting information on how long the cameras had been nonfunctional, whether they have since been repaired, and what actions are being taken to address the issue.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods. (#0365)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Pemberton, requesting, that the Health Department and Inspectional Services appear before the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods to address concerns regarding the property located on Conduit Street at the bottom of Shaw Street, and to determine what actions can be taken to address the accumulation of old vehicles and scattered debris across the lot, which poses a safety hazard and negatively impacts the quality of life in the surrounding neighborhood.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods. (#0366)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Burgo and Roy, requesting that the Legislative Counsel draft a Home Rule Petition to authorize the City of New Bedford to implement a randomized lottery system for ballot placement of candidates to ensure fair ballot placement for all candidates.

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances – Yeas 8, Nays 0. (#0367)

COMMUNICATION, City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council, submitting an Application for a **NEW PRIVATE LIVERY LICENSE**, on behalf of Ana Liz Valentin Burgos, 627 Allen Street, New Bedford, MA d/b/a **GERANA'S TRANSPORTATION, INC.**, 211 Weld Street, New Bedford, MA. **(Term of License July 01, 2026 – June 30, 2027.)**

Referred to the Special Committee on Special Permits and Licensing. (#0368)

COMMUNICATION, City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council, submitting an Application for **RENEWAL of a PRIVATE LIVERY LICENSE** on behalf of Rutilia Aguilar Orrego, d/b/a **TRANSPORTATION CABRERA AGUILAR**, 7 Phillips Avenue, Apt 1, New Bedford, MA. **(Term of License July 01, 2026 – June 30, 2027.)**

Livery License Renewal Granted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 30, 2026.

Approved April 03, 2026. (#0369)

COMMUNICATION, City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council, submitting an Application for **RENEWAL of a PRIVATE LIVERY LICENSE** on behalf of Rafaela Arita Guerra, d/b/a **RAFAELA'S TRANSPORTATION, LLC**, 122 Frank Street, New Bedford, MA. **(Term of License July 01, 2026 – June 30, 2027.)**

Livery License Renewal Granted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 30, 2026.

Approved April 03, 2026. (#0370)

COMMUNICATION, City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council, submitting an Application for **RENEWAL of a PRIVATE LIVERY LICENSE** on behalf of Christopher and Deborah Okafor, d/b/a **KIK TRANSPORTATION**, 27 Maddie Drive, New Bedford, MA. **(Term of License July 01, 2026 – June 30, 2027.)**

Livery License Renewal Granted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 30, 2026.

Approved April 03, 2026. (#0371)

COMMUNICATION, City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council, Dennis Farias, submitting a copy of a letter sent to the Office of the Attorney General notifying them of an additional Ordinance that was passed/amended regarding Chapter 9, Comprehensive Zoning, in compliance with MGL C. 40A, S.5.

Received and Placed on File. (#0372)

CITATIONS, Councillor Gomes, honoring LEIRA VAZQUEZ BERROCALES, CYNTHIA HARRINGTON, NIKOLAS KETCHIE, PEDRO MORAIS and PATRICK SLASON, in recognition of their Appointments as New Bedford Police Officers.

Adopted, to be presented at a later date. (#0373)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting, on behalf of Sister Trans Figuration, Immaculate Conception Church and St. Anthony of Padua Church, that the following street(s) be CLOSED: ACUSHNET AVENUE, from Ingraham Street to Duncan Street; (at St. Joseph's Church) ON SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026, FROM 1:30 P.M. TO 3:00 P.M., for the purpose of the LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS CEREMONY.

Permission Granted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 30, 2026.

Approved March 31, 2026. (#0374)

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Baptiste, requesting, on behalf of the Whaling Museum, that the following street(s) be CLOSED: JOHNNY CAKE HILL, from William Street to Union Street, ON MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2026, FROM 6:00 A.M. TO 9:00 A.M. PLEASE NOTE: NO PARKING BOTH SIDES OF JOHNNY CAKE HILL; WILLIAM STREET, from North Second Street to Bethel Street/Johnny Cake Hill, AND BETHEL STREET, from Elm Street to William Street, ON MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2026, from 6:00 A.M. TO: 9:00 A.M., for the purpose of Relocating a Large Anchor in the Seamen's Bethel Side Yard.

Permission Granted.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 30, 2026.

Approved March 31, 2026. (#0375)

PETITION/INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, Jesus Hernandez, d/b/a El Punto Del Sabor, 128 County Street, New Bedford, MA, for permission to erect and maintain an internally illuminated sign to overhang City property 60 1/2" x 97 1/2" at 128 County Street, New Bedford MA; Provisionally Granted, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of the Department of Inspectional Services 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 30, 2026.

Approved March 31, 2026. (#0376)

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

Approved.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 30, 2026.

Approved March 31, 2026. (#0377)

CONSTABLE BOND, JEFFREY DAVID FOISY, New Bedford, MA, in the amount of \$5,000.00 with the Western Surety Company.

Approved.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 30, 2026.

Approved March 31, 2026. (#0378)

APPLICATION, **New England Construction Co.**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **193 - 197 Union Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on March 12, 2026, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 30, 2026.

Approved March 31, 2026. (#0379)

APPLICATION, **Environmental Restoration, LLC**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **19 Coffin Avenue**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on March 18, 2026, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 30, 2026.

Approved March 31, 2026. (#0380)

APPLICATION, **Dupre, Inc.**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **615 - 689 Belleville Avenue**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on March 20, 2026, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 30, 2026.

Approved March 31, 2026. (#0381)

APPLICATION, **Aqua Line Utility Inc.**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **184 Harwich Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on March 10, 2026, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 30, 2026.

Approved March 31, 2026. (#0382)

APPLICATION, **RJ Canessa Excavating**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **146 Rockland Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on March 11, 2026, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 30, 2026.

Approved March 31, 2026. (#0383)

APPLICATION, **Haugland Energy Group**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **County Street, between Union Street – Elm Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on March 12, 2026, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 30, 2026.

Approved March 31, 2026. (#0384)

APPLICATION, **Aqua Line Utility Inc.**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **57 Hassey Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on March 12, 2026, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 30, 2026.

Approved March 31, 2026. (#0385)

APPLICATION, **WC Smith and Son**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **1 - 3 Pine Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on March 16, 2026, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 30, 2026.

Approved March 31, 2026. (#0386)

APPLICATION, **Aqua Line Utility Inc.**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **49 Potomska Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on March 19, 2026, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 30, 2026.

Approved March 31, 2026. (#0387)

APPLICATION, **Roto-Rooter**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **23 Linden Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on March 20, 2026, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 30, 2026.

Approved March 31, 2026. (#0388)

APPLICATION, **JLC Construction**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **193 Summer Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on March 23, 2026, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 30, 2026.

Approved March 31, 2026. (#0389)

APPLICATION, **Aqua Line Utility Inc.**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **184 Harwich Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on March 10, 2026, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 30, 2026.

Approved March 31, 2026. (#0390)

APPLICATION, **RJ Canessa Excavating**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **146 Rockland Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on March 11, 2026, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 30, 2026.

Approved March 31, 2026. (#0391)

APPLICATION, **Haugland Energy Group**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **County Street, between Union Street – Elm Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on March 12, 2026, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 30, 2026.

Approved March 31, 2026. (#0392)

APPLICATION, **Aqua Line Utility Inc.**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **57 Hassey Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on March 12, 2026, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 30, 2026.

Approved March 31, 2026. (#0393)

APPLICATION, **WC Smith and Son**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **1 - 3 Pine Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on March 16, 2026, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 30, 2026.

Approved March 31, 2026. (#0394)

APPLICATION, **Aqua Line Utility Inc.**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **49 Potomska Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on March 19, 2026, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 30, 2026.

Approved March 31, 2026. (#0395)

APPLICATION, **Roto-Rooter**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **23 Linden Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on March 20, 2026, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 30, 2026.

Approved March 31, 2026. (#0396)

APPLICATION, **JLC Construction**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, of **193 Summer Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on March 23, 2026, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.
Presented to the Mayor for approval March 30, 2026.
Approved March 31, 2026. (#0397)

APPLICATIONS, **Eversource Gas**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on March 12, 2026, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council as follows:

Valley Road, Hillcrest Road to Pinehill Drive (working in street/street to houses) (#0398)
Valley Court, Valley Road to 18 Valley Court (working in street/street to houses) (#0399)
Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.
Presented to the Mayor for approval March 30, 2026.
Approved March 31, 2026.

APPLICATIONS, **Eversource Gas**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on March 16, 2026, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council as follows:

Plymouth Street, Brigham Street – Brownell Street (including intersections & 50ft. in all directions) (#0400)
Grinnell Street – Wing Street (working in street/street to houses, including intersections & 50ft. in all directions) (#0401)
Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.
Presented to the Mayor for approval March 30, 2026.
Approved March 31, 2026.

APPLICATIONS, **Eversource Gas**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on March 19, 2026, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council as follows:

997 Lloyd Street (#0402)
2620 Acushnet Avenue (#0403)
107 - 109 Belleville Road (#0404)
127 Belleville Road (#0405)
198 - 200 Branscomb Street (#0406)
1028 Churchill Street (#0407)
285 Clifford Street (#0408)
74 Howard Avenue (#0409)
119 Lowell Street (#0410)
105 - 107 Maxfield Street (#0411)
92 - 110 South Second Street (#0412)
87 Willis Street (#0413)
Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.
Presented to the Mayor for approval March 30, 2026.
Approved March 31, 2026.

APPLICATIONS, **Eversource Gas**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on March 20, 2026, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council as follows:

569 - 573 North Street (#0414)
588 - 598 Brock Avenue (#0415)
1060 Pleasant Steet (#0416)
615 - 689 Belleville Avenue (#0417)
Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.
Presented to the Mayor for approval March 30, 2026.
Approved March 31, 2026.

APPLICATIONS, **Eversource Gas**, to DISTURB THE SURFACE, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on March 23, 2026, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council as follows:

686 - 688 Brock Avenue (#0418)

832 Rockdale Avenue (#0419)

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 30, 2026.

Approved March 31, 2026.

APPLICATION, **EL Harvey New Bedford**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **536 Middle Road**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on March 12, 2026, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 30, 2026.

Approved March 31, 2026. (#0420)

APPLICATION, **Costello Home Come Construction LLC**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **75 Mosher Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on March 13, 2026, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 30, 2026.

Approved March 31, 2026. (#0421)

APPLICATION, **Cyclone Cleaning Services**, for permission to maintain a STREET OBSTRUCTION at **2301 Purchase Street**, provisionally granted by the City Clerk on March 19, 2026, subject to ratification by the Mayor and City Council.

Received and Action of the City Clerk Ratified.

Presented to the Mayor for approval March 30, 2026.

Approved March 31, 2026. (#0422)

PETITION, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for location of one Handhole and approximately 62' of Conduit in ACUSHNET AVENUE, this work is necessary to provide service to 1780 Acushnet Avenue.

Received and Hearing Ordered for Thursday, April 9, 2026.

PETITION, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for location of approximately 244' of Conduit, enlarge two Manholes, re-roof a Manhole in UNION STREET, this work is necessary to provide service to 193 Union Street.

Received and Hearing Ordered for Thursday, April 9, 2026.

PETITION, CORNERSTONE ENERGY SERVICES on behalf of NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for location of underground electric transmission lines and associated appurtenances in ASHLEY BOULEVARD, this work is necessary to improve system reliability.

Received and Hearing Ordered for Thursday, April 9, 2026.

PETITION, CORNERSTONE ENERGY SERVICES on behalf of NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for location of underground electric transmission lines and associated appurtenances in NASH ROAD, this work is necessary to improve system reliability.

Received and Hearing Ordered for Thursday, April 9, 2026.

PETITION, CORNERSTONE ENERGY SERVICES on behalf of NSTAR Electric Company
d/b/a Eversource Energy for location of underground electric transmission lines and associated
appurtenances in BELLEVILLE AVENUE, this work is necessary to improve system reliability.

Received and Hearing Ordered for Thursday, April 9, 2026.

On a motion, the Council then adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

ATTEST:

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