



City of New Bedford

IN COMMITTEE

August 17, 2023

The Honorable City Council
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council:

The Committee on City Property at a Meeting held on Tuesday, July 25, 2023, considered a COMMUNICATION and DRAFT Request for Proposals, submitted by Mayor Mitchell, for the lease of the entire third floor of the Quest Center Building at 1213 Purchase Street. (Ref'd 05/24/2022) (06/08/2022 – VOTE: Committee send a communication to all City departments inquiring if the space was needed for municipal purposes; main motion tabled) (07/26/2022 – VOTE: Inform the City Council that the City Property Committee determined that the described third floor in the building commonly known as the Quest Center, located at 1213 Purchase Street in New Bedford, is not currently needed for municipal purposes; VOTE: that the City Council authorize the City to offer the described third floor of the building commonly known as the Quest Center, located at 1213 Purchase Street in New Bedford, for lease; VOTE: that the City Council authorize the City's Purchasing Department, in close consultation with the City Property Committee Chair, Councillor Giesta, to proceed with issuing the Request For Proposals (RFP) in accordance with Chapter 30B Sec. 16 of the General Laws in accordance with Section 2-16 of the City Code, and that all bids received be submitted to the Committee on City Property with any written recommendation for selection that the Administration may choose to make to the Committee, and further that the RFP be substantially similar to the Draft RFP that has been received by this Committee relative to this property; Remain in Committee) (06/21/2023 – Remain in Committee)

On motion by Councillor Abreu and seconded by Councillor Markey, the Committee VOTED: To recommend that the City Council take "NO FURTHER ACTION" on the COMMUNICATION and DRAFT Request for Proposals, submitted by Mayor Mitchell, for the lease of the entire third floor of the Quest Center Building at 1213 Purchase Street. This motion passed on a roll call vote of Yeas 9, Nays 0 with Councillor Abreu – yes; Councillor Burgo – yes; Councillor Baptiste – yes; Councillor Carney – yes; Councillor Giesta – yes; Councillor Lima – yes; Councillor Markey – yes; Councillor Morad – yes; Councillor Oliver – yes (Councillor Pereira was not present for vote.)

IN COMMITTEE ON CITY PROPERTY

Maria E. Giesta

Councillor Maria E. Giesta, Chairperson

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