



# City of New Bedford

## IN COMMITTEE

May 24, 2018

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

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council:

The Committee on Veterans Affairs, Elderly, Youth, Health & Housing & Disability Issues at a Meeting held on Monday, May 14, 2018, considered a WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Alves, requesting that the Committee on Veterans Affairs, Elderly, Health, Housing and Disability Issues meet with those involved in the proposed transfer of authority for the Veteran's Day Parade after over twenty years, from the Greater New Bedford Veteran Council (which represents the area Veterans Organizations) to the Mayor's Veteran's Advisory Board and determine who in the City authorizes such a move, this is especially disrespectful to the Veterans Organizations involved, in that after all these years of managing the Veteran's Day Parade, the Greater New Bedford Veteran's Council was never invited to a meeting to discuss the matter, or were involved in any decision to allow the transfer; and further, that the Committee on Veterans Affairs, Health, Housing and Disability Issues invite representatives of the Greater New Bedford Veteran's Council, the individual responsible for the decision, the Mayor's Veteran's Advisory Board and the City's Veteran's Agent Christopher Gomes to discuss the matter before such action is implemented. (Ref'd 09/12/13)

On motion by Councillor Dunn and seconded by Councillor Lima, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council to take "No Further Action" on a WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Alves, requesting that the Committee on Veterans Affairs, Elderly, Health, Housing and Disability Issues meet with those involved in the proposed transfer of authority for the Veteran's Day Parade after over twenty years, from the Greater New Bedford Veteran Council (which represents the area Veterans Organizations) to the Mayor's Veteran's Advisory Board and determine who in the City authorizes such a move, this is especially disrespectful to the Veterans Organizations involved, in that after all these years of managing the Veteran's Day Parade, the Greater New Bedford Veteran's Council was never invited to a meeting to discuss the matter, or were involved in any decision to allow the transfer; and further, that the Committee on Veterans Affairs, Health, Housing and Disability Issues invite representatives of the Greater New Bedford Veteran's Council, the individual responsible for the decision, the Mayor's Veteran's Advisory Board and the City's Veteran's Agent Christopher Gomes to discuss the matter before such action is implemented. This motion passed on a voice vote.

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ELDERLY, YOUTH, HEALTH & HOUSING  
& DISABILITY ISSUES

*Maria E. Giesta*  
Councillor Maria E. Giesta, Chairperson

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