

NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

MEETING: COMMITTEE ON WAIVERS OF RESIDENCY
DATE: JUNE 29, 2020
TIME: 6:03 P.M.
PLACE: HELD REMOTELY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GOVERNOR OF MASSACHUSETTS' MARCH 12, 2020 ORDER SUSPENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN MEETING LAW G. L. C. 30A, SECTION 20 AND THE CITY COUNCIL'S VOTE TO WAIVE RULE 21A

PRESENT: COUNCILLORS LINDA MORAD, CHAIRPERSON; NAOMI CARNEY, VICE CHAIRPERSON; BRIAN GOMES, JOSEPH LOPES AND WILLIAM BRAD MARKEY

ABSENT: NO ONE

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Councillor Morad called the Waivers of Residency Committee Meeting to order and took attendance; everyone was present. Councillor Morad announced that Councillors Baptiste and Giesta were also present even though they are not members of this Committee.

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Notice, City Clerk of reference of AN ORDINANCE, Council President Morad, submitting an ORDINANCE, Relative to Employee Residency (To be Referred to the Committee on Ordinances.) (Ref'd 11/26/19) (1/23/20 - Ordinance Committee Discharged from Further Consideration) (1/23/20 - Referred to the Committee on Waivers of Residency) (1/29/2020 Tabled to 2/11/2020; 2/11/2020 Tabled; 5/20/2020 Tabled; 6/08/2020 Tabled) was removed from the table by Councillor Markey and seconded by Councillor Lopes. (1)

Notice, City Clerk of reference of a WRITTEN MOTION, Council President Lopes, requesting that the Special Committee on Waivers of Residency review all current and existing Residency Waivers and consider granting them as permanent waivers and establish conditions, if needed, for revocation of any permanent waivers (Ref'd 2/13/2020) (3/11/2020 Tabled; 5/20/2020 Tabled; 6/08/2020 Tabled) was removed from the table by Councillor Markey and seconded by Councillor Lopes. (2)

The Committee reviewed the positions that could or could not be required to live in the city.

Mikaela McDermott, City Solicitor stated that after review of the job descriptions the positions of Fire Chief and Police Chief cannot have residency requirements.

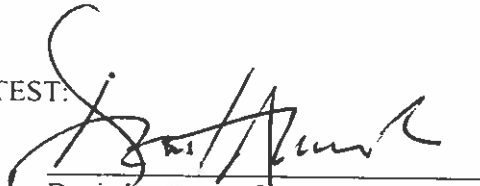
Attorney David Gerwatowski, Legal Counsel, confirmed that the positions of Administrative Assistant to the Board of Assessors is required to live in the City of New Bedford. Currently the positions of Director of Public Health, City Councils Legislative Attorney and City Planner could all receive waivers.

On motion by Councillor Lopes and seconded by Councillor Gomes, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council to request the Special Committee on Waivers of Residency to refer all the Communications and Minutes from the Special Committee on Waivers of Residency meetings to the Ordinance Committee. This motion passed on a voice vote.

Councillor Gomes made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Councillor Lopes.

This meeting adjourned @ 6:35 p.m.

ATTEST:



Denis Lawrence, Jr.
Clerk of Committees