



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

CITY COUNCIL

February 23, 2023

WRITTEN MOTION

Requesting, that the City Council discharge the Special Covid-19 Business Committee of consideration and take **NO FURTHER ACTION** on the following 5 items currently pending in said Committee: WRITTEN MOTION, Council President Lopes, Councillors Abreu, Markey, Lima, Dunn, Giesta, Baptiste, Gomes and Carney, requesting that the City Council establish a Special COVID-19 Business Committee tasked with the reopening procedures and timelines for business to operate within the City of New Bedford; and further requesting, that the Chairperson is allowed to discuss matters not specifically referred to it by the City Council. (Ref'd 05/14/2020)

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COMMUNICATION, Council President Lopes, submitting a list of phases to reopening the City. (Referred to the Special COVID-19 Business Committee – May 14, 2020.) and

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Abreu, Council President Lopes, Councillors Lima, Giesta, Baptiste and Markey, requesting that the City Council discuss with the New Bedford Economic Development Council, Administration and the Planning Department the feasibility on creating a "Small Business Sustainability Fund" where local companies, philanthropic organizations, philanthropists and private citizens can donate funds to help assist and support New Bedford businesses that have been adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. (To be Referred to the Special COVID-19 Business Committee, New Bedford Economic Development Council, Administration and Planning Department) (Referred to the Special COVID-19 Business Committee – June 25, 2020.) and

COMMUNICATION, Councillor Abreu submitting the Small Business Sustainability Fund application from the City of Taunton. (To be Referred to the Special COVID-19 Business Committee) (Referred to the Special COVID-19 Business Committee – June 25, 2020.) and

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Gomes, Abreu, Baptiste, Carney, Dunn, Giesta, Lima, Council President Lopes and Councillor Markey, requesting, that the Administration along with the Health Department, consider a COVID 19 vaccine mobile unit, this mobile unit will establish times and locations throughout the City, especially low income neighborhoods and developments in order to vaccinate, test and educate the City's entire population on COVID 19 precautions; and further, this unit can be used to vaccinate all Seniors that are unable to leave their homes or living arrangements; and further requesting, that the City look into COVID 19 monies that have been acquired by the Federal government, this action will guarantee that every Citizen has the opportunity to receive the COVID 19 vaccination shot. (To be Referred to the Mayor, the Health Department and the Special COVID 19 Business Committee, also requesting that Rule 40 be Waived.) (Referred to the Special COVID-19 Business Committee – March 11, 2021.)

Linda M. Morad, City Council President



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May 14, 2020

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Chartering our Course back to Normalcy

As we start the discussion of reopening our City, it's important to mention that our progress to date, has been driven by the hard work of the dedicated health care professionals, first responders, essential workers and our City residents who with their sacrifices have helped move us through this pandemic.

As we look forward, we'll need to maintain this collective effort and work even closer for the continued benefit of our community and to be better prepared for the process of economic recovery and a return to our normal life with a stronger public and economic health.

The City will be challenged to make independent decisions while working closely with the Governor as we simultaneously open our community with the state and transition out together. We know reopening New Bedford won't happen in one day and to balance safety with economic success, we will reopen our City in four overlapping phases allowing for a quicker safe pace.

Phase I:

- Define and determine what "non-essential" businesses may voluntarily reopen under TEMPORARY restrictions. While still following social distancing measures recommended by the Board of Health. An example of a new measure would be; no walk-ins at a barbershop or beauty salon, instead all patrons would have to have an appointment and they would not be able to wait inside for their appointment to start. Additionally, both the customer and the technician would have to wear a mask.
- Childcare center owners will need to structure a cleaning plan to allow for the safety of all kids and child care center staff.
- Retail stores may open, but employees and customers will be asked and encouraged to continue to wear facial coverings for an additional but temporary period. Additionally, we would work with the Board of Health to determine new temporary occupancy numbers.
- Reopen golf courses for walking golfers only, no tournaments for an undisclosed period. All outings would start with a more staggered start time. Additionally, raised cups at each hole and no flags in the holes, and the removal of ball cleaners. These would also be temporary measures.
- Social events and public gatherings over 20 people would still be prohibited.

Phases II: Would include a discussion on each of the following:

- The gradual reopening of dine-in restaurants and bars under a revised occupancy count. We need to work the owners of each these businesses both for their longevity and the safety of both patrons and employees.
- Gym owners will need to structure a cleaning plan to allow for the safety of all users and gym members.
- Beaches and parks and playgrounds would be reopened but with social distancing still in play. Possible wearing of masks for adults and children.

- The following would remain prohibited in phase II for an additional undisclosed period of time, but with the most care and thoughtfulness to get back to normal as soon as possible.
 - Nursing homes
 - sporting events including youth sports
 - In-person worship services

Phase III

Will include a review of the occupancy numbers for business with the goal to increase the occupancy and to also increase the size or limitation on the number of people allowed to gather.

During this phase, the goal would be to include in-person worship services and sporting events including youth sports.

Phased IV

A return to normalcy.

The goal of phased in reopening is to both make sure that we are all safe and that our business community continues to prosper. Our continued progress will be carried by all our sacrifices in the last month and our continued unity as we move forward together.



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City of Taunton Small Business Sustainability Fund

The Purpose of the Fund is to assist local small businesses that have been affected by the COVID19 pandemic

CRITERIA

- Business must be in good standing with the City of Taunton (all Fees and Taxes need to be current)
- Business must be located in the City of Taunton and provide proof of Taunton Address/Business License
- Employ up to 30 employees
- Have a positive revenue not exceeding \$1,000,000
- Provide an EIN and/or DUNS number

APPLICATION

Name of Business: _____

Address: _____

Contact and Job Title: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

What communities do you do business in? _____

Structure of Business (for-profit corporation, LLC, sole proprietorship): _____

Revenue in the last year: _____

Grant Amount Requested (up to \$5,000.00): _____

City of Taunton Small Business Sustainability Fund

Please describe the impact COVID-19 had had on your business (200 words or less):

How much revenue loss has the business experienced because of COVID-19? _____

Are you still able to do any business? What is the percent versus normal? _____

What is your plan to use the Grant as it relates to your business? (Please provide copies of any invoices or back up documentation.)

Have you applied for or received any Federal or State assistance related to COVID-19? If yes, how much have you received and from whom?

Signature _____ Date _____

EMAIL OR MAIL THE APPLICATION TO THE FOLLOWING:

EMAIL: theneighborhoodcorporation@gmail.com

MAIL: The Neighborhood Corporation

Attention: City of Taunton Covid19 Grant Fund

120 Ingell St.

Taunton, Ma 02718



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