



Special City Council Celebration Meeting – **Minutes**

CITY COUNCIL CALENDAR

Chambers of the City Council Municipal Building
Thursday, May 10, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Council President Morad, Councillors Bousquet, Carney, Coelho, Lopes, Martins, Oliveira, Rebeiro and Winterson.

LATE: No One

ABSENT: Councillors Abreu and Gomes.

Council President Morad called the meeting to order and presided.

COMMUNICATION, Councillor Abreu, to Members of the City Council, informing that he will be absent for the Special City Council Meeting on Thursday, September 15, 2016, due to a prior commitment.

Received and Placed on File. (1703a.)

COMMUNICATION, Councillor Gomes, to Members of the City Council, informing that he will be absent for the Special City Council Meeting on Thursday, September 15, 2016, due to an out of town commitment.

Received and Placed on File. (1704)

CITATION, Councillors Bousquet and Lopes, honoring JUAN GARCIA, in recognition of his quick actions and selfless thinking which helped to save the life of a victim of a motor vehicle accident.

Adopted. (1705)

The following Resolution was presented by Councillor Carney.

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

IN CITY COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 15, 2016

RESOLUTION HONORING RUTH DAVIS COSTA ON THE OCCASION OF HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

WHEREAS, Ruth Davis Costa was born on September 03, 1916, in Spotsylvania, Virginia and grew up in Summit, Virginia with her parents John and Amanda Davis and her twelve siblings; and

WHEREAS, Of the thirteen children born to John and Amanda Davis, there were three sets of twins, which included Ruth and her twin brother, Ralph, Ruth is the last surviving child; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Davis moved to Princeton, New Jersey, when she was a teenager to take care of one of her ailing sisters, where she met and befriended Albert Einstein, who was at the time teaching at Princeton University; and

WHEREAS, Professor Einstein would take his daily stroll by Ruth’s sister’s house on Leigh Avenue and would eventually become a friend and a mentor to her throughout the 1930’s; and

WHEREAS, In 1940, Ruth Davis met Manuel E. Costa Sr., in Princeton New Jersey, and they married in Bel Air, Maryland in 1941; and

WHEREAS, The Costas moved to New Bedford, Massachusetts, later that year and resided in the South End of the City for four decades, they also for a time during the 1940’s, lived at Fort Benning, Georgia, where Manuel was stationed in the Army and where Ruth became a champion equestrian; and

WHEREAS, Ruth and Manuel Costa had two children, Manuel “Butch” E. Costa, Jr., and Jeanne M. Costa, five grandchildren, Susan Whyte Saunders, Michelle Costa Tavares, Manuel E. Costa III, Mathew Costa, and Mandi Costa and six great-grandchildren, Bishop Saunders, Roman Saunders, Madison Tavares, Avery Tavares, Mathew Costa, Nina Costa; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Davis Costa currently resides on Union Street in New Bedford with her daughter Jeanne:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the New Bedford City Council hereby honors **RUTH DAVIS COSTA ON THE OCCASION OF HER 100TH BIRTHDAY**, congratulates her on a long well lived life and wishes her continued health and happiness.

Adopted.

(#1706)

The following Resolution was presented by Councillor Lopes and Council President Morad.

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

IN CITY COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 15, 2016

**RESOLUTION HONORING YOUR THEATRE, INC.,
ON THE OCCASION OF THE CELEBRATION OF THEIR 70TH ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, The origin of Your Theatre, Inc., began in September of 1946, when Mary A. Smith, a professional actress and dedicated teacher, founded the community-based, non-profit theatre as a means to enhance the cultural life of the Greater New Bedford Community, and to develop and encourage dramatic art, while entertaining audiences and Your Theatre, Inc., has been in continual operation since its inception, producing five or more shows each season; and

WHEREAS, From the Theatre’s first production of Rudolf Besier’s, The Barretts of Wimpole Street in 1947, staged at the Fairhaven Town Hall, Your Theatre, Inc., has for seventy years been at center stage, entertaining South Coast audiences for three generations; and

WHEREAS, In the early years, Your Theatre, Inc., performed at a variety of venues such as the Fairhaven Town Hall, the County Street New Bedford High School Auditorium, Kenyon-Campbell School, Keith Junior High and the Parker Street Mini Theatre, while members of the theatre company dreamed of a building they could call their own; and

WHEREAS, In the Spring of 1961, through the generosity of Rudolph Brenneke, Your Theater, Inc., rented the building at the rear of 100 Parker Street, which was converted to a small theatre and became the Theatre's home for the next 18 years, as the theatre company staged over 50 productions ranging in diversity of theme to include high drama, comedy, musicals and children's plays, thereby securing Your Theatre's reputation as a treasure for live theatre in the Greater New Bedford area; and

WHEREAS, In September 1979, in conjunction with the City of New Bedford and then Mayor John A. Markey, Your Theatre Inc., assumed occupancy of the New Bedford Textile School, located at 71 Maxfield Street, and began the expansion of this facility into the most fully equipped community theatre of its kind in Southeastern Massachusetts, building an 88 seat main theatre and a 44 seat mini-theatre, and allowing the theater company to expand and diversify operations to a variety of new and exciting productions; and

WHEREAS, Your Theatre, Inc., remained at the Maxfield Street location, until November 2004, when the Theatre moved to the present location at St. Martin's Episcopal Church, where the auditorium provides a proscenium stage, 25 foot ceilings, unobtrusive audience viewing and opens a new chapter of possibilities for this community theatre company; and

WHEREAS, This civic-minded organization, annually pays tribute to its founder through the Mary Smith Scholarship Fund, granting awards to High School Seniors pursuing a career in the performing arts; and

WHEREAS, In 2009, Your Theatre, Inc., hired its first Executive Director and continues the original mission of providing diversity and excellence in theatre, priding itself on being the most professional, nonprofessional theatre group in the area, and inviting new volunteers to join this small, fiercely independent theatre company, which provides numerous opportunities for experienced actors and newcomers, both on stage and off; and

WHEREAS, In celebration of Your Theatre, Inc.'s 70th Season, five major plays are scheduled to be staged; California Suite, Born Yesterday, Never the Sinner, The House of Blue Leaves and What the Butler Saw, in addition, Your Theatre, Inc., will also offer special attractions and events promoting theatre arts throughout the season:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the New Bedford City Council hereby commends and congratulates **YOUR THEATRE, INC.,** a true treasure of community theatre, and all the volunteers throughout the past 70 years for their commitment and dedication to local community theatre and the performing arts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That New Bedford and its Citizens eagerly anticipate **YOUR THEATRE, INC.,** productions continuing for many years to come.

Adopted.

(#1707)

The following Resolution was presented by Council President Morad and Councillor Winterson.

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

IN CITY COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 15, 2016

**RESOLUTION HONORING THE NEW BEDFORD JEWISH CONVALESCENT HOME ON
THE OCCASION OF THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, Founded in 1961, The New Bedford Jewish Convalescent Home, Inc., was established when visionary leaders within the Jewish community were notified that the Fall River Jewish Home would no longer accept patients from New Bedford, leaving the elder members of the Jewish community without an option for high quality, compassionate, personalized long-term health services and rehabilitative care; and

WHEREAS, The founding committee, led by Dr. Harold Berger, began the planning for the construction of a facility in New Bedford, often meeting at the Hawthorn Street home of David Lumiansky, who always hoped that his home would one day be converted into a home for the aged; and

WHEREAS, When Mr. Lumiansky passed away in April 1964, a \$210,000 grant from the Hill-Burton Act provided the seed money for the purchase of the Hawthorn Street property, shortly thereafter, a fundraising campaign for the construction of the New Bedford Jewish Convalescent Home began and the groundbreaking for the 40 bed, one story building was held on a cold Sunday in November of 1964; and

WHEREAS, On January 16, 1966, the Dedication Day for the facility brought out so many local community members that the dedication ceremonies were moved to Lincoln Park to accommodate the 420 people who came to celebrate this outstanding accomplishment; and

WHEREAS, On March 6, 1966, under the direction of Estelle Shanbrun, who served as the original Administrator, seven patients were admitted to the New Bedford Jewish Convalescent Home, the first of thousands of patients that for a half a century have been welcomed by the home-like atmosphere and caring services provided to people in their elder years, those recuperating from a debilitating illness or patients who require short-term rehabilitation services; and

WHEREAS, Quickly reaching capacity and with strong community support, additions to the kitchen, dining area, nursing stations and a large outdoor porch began almost immediately after the opening of the facility in 1966, and soon the founders and administrators began the planning for the major expansion that would construct a second floor to the facility, this endeavor required a \$1,000,000 fundraising campaign which commenced in November 1973, and allowed for the July 1977 dedication of the second floor, doubling the capacity of the New Bedford Jewish Convalescent Home to 80 beds to provide twenty-four hour a day skilled nursing and rehabilitation therapy designed to meet the unique needs of each resident; and

WHEREAS, Continuing the mission to provide quality long and short term care to the community, in 2006, the New Bedford Jewish Convalescent Home embarked upon yet another \$4,000,000 project, which expanded the services to include therapy capabilities and broadening the population mix to include shorter stay residents who return home following the skilled nursing and rehabilitative care they received at the New Bedford Jewish Convalescent Home; and

WHEREAS, The New Bedford Jewish Convalescent Home has continually been recognized over the years, both regionally and nationally for excellence in providing a unique blend of compassionate quality patient and rehabilitative services, and has received the highly prestigious quality care award in both 2014 and 2016 from the American Health Care Association, which is the Nation's largest association of long-term and post-acute care provider services:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the New Bedford City Council hereby honors the **NEW BEDFORD JEWISH CONVALESCENT HOME ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY**, thanks the founders for their visionary leadership in establishing this truly remarkable facility, and expresses our deepest gratitude for providing a half-century of compassionate care to patients and their families in the Greater New Bedford area.

Adopted.

(#1708)

The following Resolution was presented by Councilor Lopes, Council President Morad and Councillor Martins.

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

IN CITY COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 15, 2016

**RESOLUTION HONORING KRISTEN ROSE
MISS NEW BEDFORD 2016**

WHEREAS, The Miss New Bedford Pageant is the official preliminary to the Miss America Pageant, and is the largest single source of scholarships for young women in the world; and

WHEREAS, Since the New Bedford Jaycees began sponsoring the Miss New Bedford Pageant in 1954, the young women who have competed for the crown of Miss New Bedford are intelligent, articulate, motivated to succeed, hardworking and talented, they choose their platform issues carefully and are contributors to public service; and

WHEREAS, Miss New Bedford 2016, Kristen Victoria Rose is the daughter of Anthony and Doreen Rose of Dartmouth, Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, Kristen Rose is a 2016 graduate of UMass Dartmouth, where she received a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice, she has also interned for Bristol County District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn, III; and

WHEREAS, As Miss New Bedford 2016, Kristen Rose dedicated her year of service to the platform she created "Be the Best You": A Fun Approach to Fitness and Nutrition, she promoted her platform weekly for school children in our community; and

WHEREAS, During her year-long reign as Miss New Bedford 2016, Kristen Rose made over one-hundred and thirty appearances throughout the community, raising over twelve hundred dollars for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals; and

WHEREAS, As Miss New Bedford 2016, Kristen Rose was the Host of the Cable TV show "Miss New Bedford Insider" and

WHEREAS, Miss New Bedford 2016, Kristen Rose volunteered at the United Way of Greater New Bedford, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater New Bedford, Showstoppers, Girls Rule Tour, Big Brother and Big Sister Organizations, YWCA of Southeastern Massachusetts and was a YMCA Dartmouth Sharing the Harvest Volunteer; and

WHEREAS, Miss New Bedford 2016, Kristen Rose, Co-Captain of the UMass Dartmouth Women's Tennis Team during her Senior year, was named the Championship's Most Outstanding Player when they won the 2015 Little East Conference Women's Tennis Championship title at the Rosen Memorial Tennis Courts on Saturday, October 24, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Kristen Rose is the 63rd young woman to wear the crown of Miss New Bedford:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the New Bedford City Council hereby thanks **KRISTEN ROSE** for her year of service as **MISS NEW BEDFORD 2016** and for representing our City so well, congratulates her on her many individual accomplishments and wishes her much luck and success in the future.

Adopted, to be presented at a later date.

(#1709)

On a motion, the Council then adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

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