

**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY & NEIGHBORHOODS – SEPTEMBER 10, 2019
7:00 PM – CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER – ROOM 214
AGENDA (REVISED)**

1. COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting a ONE-YEAR WAIVER OF RESIDENCY for MELISSA BATCHILDER, Compliance Officer (Community Relations Specialist) for the New Bedford Police Department, who currently resides in Fairhaven, MA. (Ref'd 7/18/19)

INVITEES: Melissa Batchilder

2. WRITTEN MOTION, Council President Morad requesting that EMS Director Mark McGraw and Deputy Director Michael Thomas be invited to the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods to demonstrate the new LUCAS device, an automatic CPR machine, which is now being utilized by the EMS Department to save lives of the residents in the City of New Bedford. (To be Referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods.) (Ref'd 8/15/19)

INVITEES: Mark McGraw, Director, Emergency Medical Services; Michael Thomas, Deputy Director, Emergency Medical Services

3. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Gomes and Dunn, requesting, that the City of New Bedford and Massachusetts Department of Transportation immediately conduct a traffic study at the Route 140 North exit to Hathaway Road, this exit has become a real challenge and unsafe to motorists exiting onto Hathaway Road going east and west, there is nonstop traffic making it a challenge to enter and exit onto Route 140 North; and further, that DOT take immediate action on all exits around the City of New Bedford in making sure that the grass is cut, tall grass obstructs the vision of motorists entering and exiting highway exits, including said Hathaway Road exit. (To be Referred to the City, Mass DOT, SRPEDD, the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods, and Representative William M. Straus, Chairperson, Joint Committee on Transportation.) (Ref'd 7/19/18)

INVITEES: Paul Mission, Transportation Planning Manager, SRPEDD; Mary-Joe Perry, District Five Highway Director, Mass DOT; Manuel Silva, New Bedford Representative, Joint Transportation Planning Group, SRPEDD; Representative William M. Straus, Chairperson, Joint Committee on Transportation; Representative, Mayor's Office

4. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting, that the Department of Public Infrastructure do an immediate inventory of all of the City's street lights and their ground bases, due to the number of deteriorating ground bases throughout the City; and further, that immediate action be taken to replace those streetlights and ground bases, this request is made on behalf of public safety and liability to the City if one of these light poles should come down due to their deteriorating conditions. (To be Referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods.) (Ref'd 4/25/19)

INVITEES: Jamie Ponte, Commissioner, Department of Public Infrastructure

5. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Coelho, requesting, in the interest of public safety, that the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods address what can be done with the matter of pocket parks that are being vandalized by overnight loiterers, the homeless and those engaging in illicit activity, also the trash and debris that is left behind; and further, that representatives from the Police Department and DPI be invited when this matter is heard before the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods. (Ref'd 7/18/19)

INVITEES: Joseph Cordeiro, Chief, New Bedford Police Department; Captain Paul Dacosta, Uniform Patrol Station Three, New Bedford Police Department; Jamie Ponte, Commissioner, Department of Public Infrastructure

Chair Suggest 'No Further Action' and 'Report Out to the Full City Council'

6. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, notifying the City Council that this Councillor is suspending a call at this time for a public safety summit, due to the lack of support from the Administration, along with others that feel at this time the City is a safe place to live, work, raise a family and have a business; and further, requesting that the Administration and the Police Chief provide the City Council with documentation that agencies such as the FBI, State Police, Homeland Security and any other Federal or State public safety agencies located in New Bedford are working with our public safety officials to combat gang violence, illegal guns and drug dealers on a Federal level to collectively bring safety to the entire City with a zero tolerance approach; and furthermore, that letters be sent to Third District Court Judges requesting that they take every initiative under the law to protect the people of this City from the criminal elements, and that they be prosecuted to the full extent of the law sending a clear message to offenders that the court will not tolerate criminal activity or threats to life and property in the City and Region, also that our State and Federal Delegation be sent letters asking what is being done on the State and Federal level to assist the City of New Bedford's law-enforcement with Federal monies for equipment and public safety personnel. (To be Referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods, and requesting that Rule 40 be Waived.) (Ref'd 9/14/17)

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