



# *Committee on Public Safety & Neighborhoods*

February 16, 2016– 7:00 PM - **Agenda**  
Chambers of the City Council, City Hall, Room 214

1. Written Motion, Councillor Coelho, requesting, that the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods hold Citizens Input Time prior to meetings *that are held outside of Council Chamber*; and further, that Committee members take said Committee out of Council Chambers and on the road, to include locations where Neighborhood Groups are held and Community Centers, to allow New Bedford's citizens to voice their concerns.(Ref'd 1/28/16)
2. Written Motion, Councillors Coelho, Abreu, Rebeiro and Carney, requesting, ONCE AGAIN, that the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods review the streetlight situation in the City of New Bedford and request an update from DPI Commissioner Ronald Labelle, in addition to ONCE AGAIN, make plans for Ride-Along with all Councillors to review certain neighborhoods and areas to determine whether they received increased streetlighting.( Ref'd 1/28/16)

***INVITEES: Ronald Labelle, DPI Commissioner***

3. Written Motion, Councillor Coelho, requesting, that the Police Department provide the City Council with the number of repeat overdoses in a twenty-four hour period in New Bedford, and that we look into possibly drafting an Ordinance addressing the matter; and further, that we ask our State Legislative Delegation to assist us in drafting a policy that would make it mandatory that anyone who overdoses, especially those who overdose repeatedly, not be treated and released, but held in the hospital for twenty-four hour surveillance, they are a harm to themselves and to society and are using up our resources. (Ref'd 1/28/16)

***INVITEES: David Lizotte, Acting Police Chief; David Gerwatowski, Legal Counsel; Mikaela McDermott, City Solicitor***

4. Written Motion, Councillor Bousquet, requesting on the behalf of the residents of Rockdale Avenue, that several areas be considered for sidewalks and sidewalk improvement where there is a push for safe routes to schools; and further, that crosswalks also need to be assessed in an effort to make walking to schools safer for children trying to do so.(Ref'd 11/24/15)

***INVITEES: Ronald Labelle, DPI Commissioner***

***Chairman suggests taking "No Further Action" on the following items:***

5. Written Motion, Councillors Winterson, Bousquet and Coelho, requesting, that the City Council send a letter to the School Department relative to the Elizabeth Carter Brooks Elementary School, asking that they look into the current busing situation and explore alternative methods to provide busing to students who live within the 1.5 mile radius, the present situation creates a hardship for parents, grandparents and is a public safety for the students themselves.( Ref'd 9/10/15)

6. Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, requesting, that the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods, meet with the Superintendent of Schools, a representative of the Administration, along with the Chief of Police to discuss what prevention policies are in place in City schools to guarantee the safety of all students, elementary to high school, in buildings across the City; and further, to discuss any safety precautions that can be implemented to guarantee the safety of all students while attending our public schools and anything that the City Council can do to make this an affirmative action on behalf of the students and the teachers in the New Bedford Public School System.( Ref'd 12/20/12, 05/14/13-tabled for 6 months, 03/25/14-tabled)
7. Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, requesting, that a round table summit meeting be held with the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods, for the purpose of discussing and addressing a strategic plan of action on criminal and gang activity in the City of New Bedford; and further, that the following agencies be invited to attend said summit; Massachusetts Department of Public Safety, the District Attorney, the Police Chief, the City Solicitor, a representative from the Mayor's Office and the Mayor's Housing Task Force, the State Police, a member of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and any agency presently working with local law enforcement; and further, that all members of our State and Federal Legislative Delegation be invited to said meeting, which will be a collaborative effort working together for a safer City.(Ref'd 08/21/14)
8. Written Motion, Councillors Gomes, Oliveira, Martins, Winterson, Bousquet, Alves, Coelho, Carney, Rebeiro, Council President Lopes and Councillor Morad requesting, that the New Bedford Police Union, Police Chief Provencher and Mayor Mitchell adopt the following wording "Loyalty, Integrity, Courage" uniformly placed on every Police vehicle, which will be a Mission Statement to the people and the City they serve, this will be the first time ever in the City of New Bedford that a statement in wording has ever been placed on Police Cruisers.(Ref'd 09/11/14, 03/16/15-tabled, 9/17/15- tabled)