



Committee on Public Safety & Neighborhoods

May 19, 2016– 7:00 PM - **Agenda**

Buttonwood Senior Center, Buttonwood Park, 1 Oneida Street

1. Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, requesting, that the City step up its enforcement laws, during and after a major winter snow storm and issue tickets and fines to those who violate the law by throwing snow back into the plowed street and who neglect to shovel sidewalks in residential or business areas throughout the City; and further, that the City report to the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods as to how many tickets were issued during the January 23rd snowstorm, to also include how many tickets were issued for parking violations and how many motor vehicles were towed during the snow storm. (Ref'd 1/28/16)

INVITEES: David Lizotte, Acting Police Chief; Ronald Labelle, DPI Commissioner

2. Written Motion, Councillors Gomes and Carney, requesting immediate action be taken at the Keith Middle School, due to the dozens of complaints from parents and teachers about the on-going problems with students, calling the school out-of-control, disrespecting faculty and fellow students, not following directions and even unbecoming actions; and further, requesting a second Resource Officer be placed at the school until the school is brought under control, along with periodic walking patrols by New Bedford Police Department Gang Squad or any other public safety resource that is available throughout the day; further, that any Member of the City Council's Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods be allowed at a moment's notice to enter the school for a valuation of their own; furthermore, that the Superintendent Pia Durkin meet with the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods to discuss these on-going issues of public safety in our public school system. (Ref'd 3/10/16)

INVITEES: David Lizotte, Acting Police Chief; Representative from the School Department

3. Written Motion, Councillor Coelho, requesting, that a representative from the Police Department be invited to appear before the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods to update the Committee members on the status of surveillance cameras throughout the City, these cameras are a tool in preventing crime; and further, that we look into the possibility of adding additional cameras in areas where panhandlers are aggressively attacking motorists in an attempt to curb some of this nuisance behavior. (Ref'd 4/28/16)

INVITEES: David Lizotte, Acting Police Chief