



Committee on Public Safety & Neighborhoods

February 21, 2017– 7:00 PM - **Agenda**
New Bedford Police Dept. Headquarters
871 Rockdale Ave. Media Room

1. 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, 5/19/16-table)

INVITEES: Joseph Cordeiro, Chief of Police

Chairman suggests 'Referral to the Internal Affairs Committee'

2. Written Motion, Councillor Lopes, requesting, that Department of Public Infrastructure Commissioner Ronald Labelle provide this body with an update as it relates to the Route 18 Phase II Project. (Ref'd 04/09/15, 9/17/15-tabled)
3. Written Motion, Councillor Lopes, requesting, that as part of the Special Event Application for Fort Tabor Park, that a Traffic Enforcement Officer be required to patrol the area when one of the three parking lots are rented. (Ref'd 8/18/16) (9/8/16-returned unsigned by the Mayor)
4. Written Motion, Councillors Lopes, Bousquet, Martins and Abreu, requesting, that the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods invite a representative from Murray Sign Company to the next committee meeting to discuss providing the City of New Bedford with free public service announcements on their digital bill boards located across the City, suggesting that people donate money to charity and not to the panhandlers. (Ref'd 9/22/16)

Chairman suggests 'Referral to the Committee on Licensing and Zoning for Cannabis'

5. Written Motion, Councillor Lopes, requesting, that the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods, review Ballot Question 4, which allows for the Legalization, Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and that the City of New Bedford begin the process for a ballot question on the next bi-annual State Election, to ask whether to allow, in the City of New Bedford, the sale of marijuana and marijuana products for consumption on the premises where sold, and that this be submitted to the voters of the City of New Bedford on the next bi-annual State Election. (Ref'd 9/22/16)