



City of New Bedford

IN COMMITTEE

July 19, 2018

The Honorable City Council
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council:

The Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods at a Meeting held on Tuesday, June 26, 2018, considered a WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Gomes and Lopes, requesting, that the decision to prohibit the carrying of service weapons from all Shellfish Wardens Waterfront Patrols be reconsidered, that with proper training and licensing, that all Shellfish Wardens be allowed to carry a service weapon while on the job, which has been the policy for the last four years with no incidences, the Shellfish Warden's job requires them to be out in the Harbor alone patrolling at all hours of the day and night enforcing shellfish and fishing laws and dealing with all kinds of situations of enforcement, the times have changed along the Waterfront; and further requesting that their right to carry service weapons be reinstalled immediately, to guarantee their safety and the safety of others. (To be referred to the Mayor, Police Chief Cordeiro and the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods) (Ref'd 6/23/16) (7/15/16-returned unsigned by the Mayor)

On motion by Councillor Carney and seconded by Councillor Rebeiro, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council to take "No Further Action" on the WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Gomes and Lopes, requesting, that the decision to prohibit the carrying of service weapons from all Shellfish Wardens Waterfront Patrols be reconsidered, that with proper training and licensing, that all Shellfish Wardens be allowed to carry a service weapon while on the job, which has been the policy for the last four years with no incidences, the Shellfish Warden's job requires them to be out in the Harbor alone patrolling at all hours of the day and night enforcing shellfish and fishing laws and dealing with all kinds of situations of enforcement, the times have changed along the Waterfront; and further requesting that their right to carry service weapons be reinstalled immediately, to guarantee their safety and the safety of others. This motion passed on a voice vote.

IN COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND
NEIGHBORHOODS

Brian K. Gomes

Councillor Brian K. Gomes, Chairman

BKG: dmb



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

CITY COUNCIL

June 23, 2016

WRITTEN MOTION

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Brian K. Gomes, Councillor at Large

Joseph P. Lopes, Councillor Ward Six