

City of New Bedford

IN COMMITTEE

March 14, 2019

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

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council:

The Committee on Public Safety & Neighborhoods at a Meeting held on Wednesday, February 27, 2019, considered a WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Gomes, Abreu, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Lima, Lopes, Markey, Rebeiro and Council President Morad, requesting, that the Fire Chief Gomes and the Administration report to the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods as to what is the delay in the reconstruction of the downtown fire station which had a three month plan of completion; and further, if this project completion continues to be delayed, action must be taken to address the housing of Ladder One and Engine One under the original plan proposed by this Councillor, said plan would be to locate Ladder One at Liberty Street and rent a house camper for the firefighters and place Engine One on Kempton Street at former Station Three, strong consideration has to be taken in light of the weather conditions changing and Engine One cannot be kept outside once the inclement weather and freezing temperatures approach which would not be good for the mechanics of that apparatus or in the best interest of response time to the residents living in high-rise units and the business community of the central and west areas of the City. (Ref'd 10/11/18)

On motion by Councillor Carney and seconded by Councillor Abreu, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council to take "No Further Action" on the WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Gomes, Abreu, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Lima, Lopes, Markey, Rebeiro and Council President Morad, requesting, that the Fire Chief Gomes and the Administration report to the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods as to what is the delay in the reconstruction of the downtown fire station which had a three month plan of completion; and further, if this project completion continues to be delayed, action must be taken to address the housing of Ladder One and Engine One under the original plan proposed by this Councillor, said plan would be to locate Ladder One at Liberty Street and rent a house camper for the firefighters and place Engine One on Kempton Street at former Station Three, strong consideration has to be taken in light of the weather conditions changing and Engine One cannot be kept outside once the inclement weather and freezing temperatures approach which would not be good for the mechanics of that apparatus or in the best interest of response time to the residents living in high-rise units and the business community of the central and west areas of the City. This motion passed on a voice vote.

IN COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY &

NEIGHBORHOODS Jones J. Councillor Brian K. Gomes, Chairman

BKG: dmb



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

CITY COUNCIL

October 11, 2018

WRITTEN MOTION

Requesting, that the Fire Chief Gomes and the Administration report to the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods as to what is the delay in the reconstruction of the downtown fire station which had a three month plan of completion; and further if this project completion continues to be delayed action must be taken to address the housing of Ladder One and Engine Two under the original plan proposed by this Councillor, said plan would be to locate Ladder One at Liberty Street and rent a house camper for the firefighters and place Engine One on Kempton Street at former Station Three, strong consideration has to be taken in light of the weather conditions changing and Engine One cannot be kept outside once the inclement weather and freezing temperatures approach which would not be good for the mechanics of that apparatus or in the best interest of response time to the residents living in high-rise units and the business community of the central and west areas of the City.

Brian K. Gomes, Councillor at Large
Ian Abreu, Councillor at Large
Naomi R.A. Carney, Councillor at Large
Debora Coelho, Councillor at Large
Hugh Dunn, Councillor Ward Three
Maria Giesta, Councillor Ward Two
Scott Lima, Councillor Ward Five
Joseph P. Lopes, Councillor Ward Six
Brad Markey, Councillor Ward One
Linda M. Morad, City Council President
Dana Rebeiro, Councillor Ward Four