



# City of New Bedford

## IN COMMITTEE

October 22, 2020

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, October 14, 2020, considered a WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Gomes and Giesta, on behalf of the Seniors and over 55 residents at Whalers Place, and Whalers Cove on Riverside Avenue, requesting the following action be taken after meeting with residents on safety and quality of life issues; A) that the Traffic Commission and Department of Public Infrastructure paint the following crosswalks yellow, giving motorists more of a visual of where each crosswalk is located; Coffin Avenue, Phillips Avenue, Collette Street, Davis Street and Manomet Street, all streets running to Riverside Avenue; B) requesting that the Traffic Commission install Stop Signs at the following intersections, Phillips Avenue, Davis Street and Collette Street, south east corner, in an easterly direction approaching Riverside Avenue; and further, that the Traffic Commission make Riverside Avenue a "20 MILES PER HOUR" roadway and install signs from Coffin Avenue, north and south to Belleville Road, this request comes with a large population of Seniors and handicap residents that live in this area; C) requesting that the Department of Public Infrastructure check all newly installed handicap accessible ramps leading to sidewalks on Riverside Avenue to make sure that the sidewalk is meeting the street and there is not a lip causing residents to trip or fall; and further, that they fill in all potholes on Riverside Avenue and replace water shut off metal caps; and further, that the Department of Public Infrastructure fill in all the potholes or large holes located in the back of Whalers Cove, and Whalers Place on the paper street owned by the City; D) requesting that Police Chief Cordeiro and the Commanding Officer from Station 3 do periodic speed radar control checks on Riverside Avenue especially during the 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., when traffic is the heaviest; and further, that the Police Chief implement a D run at least twice a night in the area, early evening and after the midnight hour and that the Chief order regular patrols of the perimeter of the buildings due to criminal activity and prostitution taking place behind the buildings; E) requesting, that a letter be sent to the management at Whalers Place requesting if possible, that they install a surveillance camera on the south east side of the building at Coffin Avenue and Riverside Avenue; and further, evaluate the outside perimeter for additional cameras facing the parking lot on Riverside Avenue and in the back of the building for the safety of their elderly residents; and further, that the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods meet with management for an update on action taken and the possibilities of sharing the surveillance cameras with the New Bedford Police Department, that would include Whalers Cove, also if not already participating. (To be Referred to the Traffic Commission, the Department of Public Infrastructure, Police Chief Cordeiro, the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods and the management of Whaler's Cove and Whaler's Place.) (Ref'd 01/10/19)

On motion by Councillor Lopes and seconded by Councillor Giesta, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council to take "No Further Action" on the above referenced Written Motion. This motion passed on a voice vote.

IN COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY &  
NEIGHBORHOODS

Councillor Brian K. Gomes, Chairman

BKG: dmb



# CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

## CITY COUNCIL

January 10, 2019

### WRITTEN MOTION

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Brian K. Gomes, Councillor at Large  
Maria E. Giesta, Councillor Ward Two