



City of New Bedford

IN COMMITTEE

March 25, 2021

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

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council:

The Committee on Public Safety at a Meeting held on Wednesday, March 10, 2021, considered a WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Gomes, Abreu, Baptiste, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Lima, Council President Lopes and Councillor Markey, requesting, that the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods meet with EMS Director Mark McGraw, for the purpose of discussing the overworked, overwhelmed EMS system and ambulance response service in the City of New Bedford; and further, that the EMS Director make available to the Committee the number of mutual aid ambulances that have been called to the City to service the residents since January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020; and further, that a breakdown of how much revenue is being lost, in addition to the time that it is taking for us to get mutual aid to the residents of the City; and further, to also re-look at how we are dispatching EMS Fire and Police during emergency medical calls. (Ref'd 01/14/2021)

On motion by Councillor Morad and seconded by Councillor Giesta, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council that the City Council go on record in supporting the Director of EMS in his attempt to secure a fourth ambulance in New Bedford. This motion passed on a Roll Call Vote of Yeas 11, Nays 0, with Councillors Abreu, yes; Baptiste, yes; Carney, yes; Coelho, yes; Dunn, yes; Giesta, yes; Gomes, yes; Lima, yes; Lopes, yes; Markey, yes; Morad, yes.

IN COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY &
NEIGHBORHOODS

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brian K. Gomes".

Councillor Brian K. Gomes, Chairman

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