

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY & NEIGHBORHOODS - June 26, 2018
MEETING AT 7:00 PM, 133 William Street, New Bedford, MA - City Council Chambers, Rm 214
AGENDA

1. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Abreu, Council President Lopes, Councillors Dunn, Coelho and Winterson, requesting that the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods, Police Chief Cordeiro, and the Administration discuss the feasibility of implementing an online police reporting system for our residents and visitors to use as a means to report non-violent crimes, as such, the Cities of Providence and Cranston, Rhode Island have both launched this service this past year, and have claimed to have reduced officer response time by about 10 to 30 percent, and will provide online access to citizens 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. (To be Referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods, Police Chief Joseph Cordeiro, CFO Ari Sky, and a representative of Mayor Mitchell's Office.) (Ref'd 11/21/17) (12/11/17-returned unsigned by the Mayor)

INVITEES: Joseph C. Cordeiro, Chief, New Bedford Police Department; Ari J. Sky, Chief Financial Officer; Representative, Mayor's Office

2. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting, that the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods, meet with a Representative from the Mayor's Office, Police Chief Cordeiro, the Community Development Director Patrick Sullivan, the President of Neighborhoods United, Scott Downing, Executive Secretary, Traffic Commission, and Chairs from neighborhood crime watch groups from across the City, for the purposes of discussing the creation of new neighborhood crime watch signs; these new signs will be placed in all present areas that have crime watch groups and awarded to new neighborhood crime watch groups that organize and participate in making their neighborhoods safer across the City. (Ref'd 1/25/18)

INVITEES: Joseph C. Cordeiro, Chief, New Bedford Police Department; Jerry Pinto, President, Neighborhoods United; Patrick J. Sullivan, Planning and Community Development Director; Chairs, New Bedford Neighborhood Associations; Representative, Mayor's Office

3. WRITTEN MOTION, Council President Morad, requesting that the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods invite Election Commission Chairperson Manuel DeBrito to the next meeting to discuss consolidation of polling locations across the City in an effort to find places that are safe for residents to access, accessible to those residents with disabilities, have ample off-street parking during voting hours and are comfortable for the Wardens and poll workers that are working on behalf of the City to ensure a fair election process. (To be Referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods.) (Ref'd 4/12/18)

INVITEES: Manuel DeBrito, Director, Election Commission; Dennis DeMarinis, Jr., Chairperson, Commission for Citizens with Disabilities; B.G. Shanklin, Architect, Threepoint Design Associates; Cynthia Wallquist, Director, Community Services

4. RELATED MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting that Mayor Mitchell and DPI Commissioner Ponte provide the City Council with the cost of installing cobblestone architecture at all major intersections with median strips throughout the City, such as the one that has been installed at the Octopus on Route 6 entering New Bedford from Fairhaven; and further, that the City work together with the State for permission to install cobblestone architecture median strips at some of the major State intersections, such as Rt. 195 and Rt. 140 that intervene with City intersections; and further, that the City consider masonry concrete planter boxes with diamond or triangle top edging to be placed at these intersections with non-maintenance annual green perennials keeping the intersections attractive and welcoming to tourist and City residents; and further, that the City consider Community Development Block Grant monies or Community Preservation funds for the project if needed. (To be Referred to Mayor Mitchell, DPI Commissioner Ponte and the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods.) (Ref'd 5/8/18)

INVITEES: Jamie Ponte, Commissioner, Department of Public Infrastructure; Representative, Mayor's Office

5. WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting, once more, that any new construction and/or reconstruction of traffic lights installed at main intersections throughout the City be equipped with surveillance and traffic control cameras, this is to include any major road work presently getting started or being worked on throughout the City, projects like Phase II of Route 18 and the Coggeshall Street reconstruction; and further, this should be added to the cost of completing the project. (To be Referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods.) (Ref'd 2/23/17) (2/15/18-tabled)

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Chair Suggests 'No Further Action' and 'Report Out to the Full City Council'

6. 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 6/26/16) (7/15/16-returned unsigned by the Mayor)

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WRITTEN MOTION re an Online Police Reporting System

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WRITTEN MOTION re Consolidation of Polling Locations

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ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
3. Voting for Persons with Disabilities	Cover Memo

Voting for Persons with Disabilities

Working to ensure equal access for all voters

The Elections Division of the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts office is committed to:

- Surveying every Massachusetts polling place to ensure polling places are accessible by meeting state regulations.
- Working with and helping train Election Day workers on sensitivity to all voters as well as the proper procedures and testing to ensure the polling location is accessible and the accessible voting equipment is made available to all voters.
- Working with outreach organizations to ensure voters are familiar with the accessible voting equipment and availability of such equipment at every polling location.

Accessible Polling Places

All polling locations in Massachusetts are required to be accessible. All polling places must provide access on a permanent or temporary basis on Election Day. Voting assistance and absentee voting offer options that persons with disabilities may use to vote, but are not considered substitutes actual accessibility to the voting location. Accessible voting provides the same opportunity for access and participation to persons with disabilities as for other voters.

Accessible Voting Procedures

A voter can choose someone to assist entering the polling location, checking in, entering the voting booth, preparing the ballot, exiting the booth and checking out. Voting via mail-in absentee ballot at home is another option used by elderly and disabled voters. For more information regarding absentee voting, [click here](#) or you may contact your local election official.

Accessible Voting Equipment

Both federal law and state requirements mandate that voting systems be equipped for voters with disabilities allowing such voters to have the same opportunity to vote privately and independently. It is required that every precinct must have at least one accessible voting machine available.

There is at least one accessible marking unit in every polling place in Massachusetts. The AutoMARK Voter Assist Terminals are marking devices that use audio cue capacity for visually impaired voters. The AutoMark also has a feature that will greatly magnify the ballot or display the ballot high-contrast for voters that have limited visual impairment. The AutoMark can also produce an oral report to the voter as the choices selected prior to the voter printing the ballot.

For more information on the AutoMARK Voter Assist Terminal, please visit [AutoMARK Video](#).

Contact us if we can help

The Elections Division of the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is committed to making voting as accessible for all voters. Please let us know how we can improve accessibility by calling us at 800-462-VOTE (8683) (toll free) or 617-727-2828. You may also e-mail us at elections@sec.state.ma.us.

*** POLLING PLACES ***

2015

1A	Normandin Middle School	Orleans St, Entrance
1B *	Campbell School	Phillips Rd. & Morton Ave.
1C *	Campbell School	Phillips Rd. & Morton Ave.
1D	Fire Station #5	3665 Acushnet Ave.
1E	Dottin Place	8 Amanda Ave.(Administration Bldg.)
1F	Christian Fellowship Center	822 Church St (lower level)
2A *	Taber Mill Community Center (3C)	217 Dean St. (Coffin Ave entrance.)
2B *	Senhor da Pedra Club	81 Tinkham St.
2C *	Senhor da Pedra Club	81 Tinkham St.
2D *	Wilks Branch Library	1911 Acushnet Avenue
2E *	Wilks Branch Library	1911 Acushnet Avenue
2F	Lincoln School	Ashley Blvd. (Query St. entrance)
3A	Hayden/McFadden School	361 Cedar Grove St. (Main entrance)
3B	Hillside Court	525 Coggeshall St.
3C *	Taber Mill Community Center (2A)	217 Deane St. (Coffin Ave. entrance.)
3D *	Holy Name of the Sacred Heart of Jesus	Mt Vernon St.
3E *	Holy Name of the Sacred Heart of Jesus	Mt. Vernon St.
3F	First Church of the Nazarene	764 Hathaway Road
4A	Boa Vista	134 S. Second St.
4B	Carney Academy	247 Elm St.
4C	New Bedford Hotel Apts.	725 Pleasant St.
4D	Parker Street School	705 County St.
4E	Caroline St. Community Center	26 Caroline St.
4F	Boys and Girls Club	166 Jenney St.
5A *	Kennedy Youth Center	377 County St. (entrance on Orchard St.)
5B *	Kennedy Youth Center	377 County St. (entrance on Orchard St.)
5C *	Moose Home (6F)	Enter on Dartmouth or Hemlock St.
5D	Hathaway School Gym	256 Court St.
5E *	Buttonwood Warming House	Buttonwood Park (near pond)
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6A *	Hazelwood Community Center	553 Brock Ave.
6B *	Hazelwood Community Center	553 Brock Ave.
6C	Tripp Towers	12 Ruth St.
6D	Howland Green Library	3 Rodney French Blvd
6E	Ashley Park Community Center	543 Bolton St.
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* Represents double precincts



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RELATED MOTION re Cobblestone Architecture

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