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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE BPPA CONTRACT TIMELINE, COMMUNITY PROCESS, AND PRIORITIES

WHEREAS, In 2017, Mayor Walsh and the Boston Police Patrolmen’s Association agreed to a four-year contract totaling \$68 million for 1,500 patrol officers, which expired in 2020; *and*

WHEREAS, Over the last decade, the nationwide calls for police reform have highlighted the role of police union contracts—negotiated mainly outside of public view— in limiting or enabling reform, accountability, and fiscal oversight; *and*

WHEREAS, The Boston City council is the legislative body of the City, and the implementation of necessary policy changes and reforms is also subject to bargaining and will require alterations to the new contracts; *and*

WHEREAS, The Boston City council must represent the public interest and provide a public forum for constituents to share their priorities and concerns in a way that will facilitate transparency while preserving our right to collectively bargain with represented city employees; *and*

WHEREAS, The Boston City Council believes in the right to collective bargaining and does not sit at the table during negotiations but can play a role, in collaboration with community-based organizations, in educating the public and setting policy expectations; *and*

WHEREAS, Mayor Wu has committed to moving towards more transparency, accountability, and deeper community engagement in the police contract negotiations and embedding structural changes in the collective bargaining agreements with the City; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association contract timeline, community process, and priorities. Representatives from the Mayor’s Offices of Public Service and the Labor Relations Department, community advocates, and other interested parties are invited to testify.

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