



## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

Offered by Councilors Kim Janey and Matt O'Malley

### ORDER FOR A HEARING ON EFFORTS TO COMBAT SUMMER VIOLENCE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

- WHEREAS:** Violence is an ongoing issue that creates a traumatic impact on families and communities in the City of Boston; and
- WHEREAS:** The City of Boston encourages a public health approach to youth violence prevention and focuses on using City resources to connect youth with social services and jobs in the summer; and
- WHEREAS:** Between 2017 and 2018, the number of fatal and non-fatal shootings decreased from 260 to 202; and
- WHEREAS:** Communication and collaboration with civic leaders, City agencies, and other community organizations encourage trust and innovative safety techniques, such as the Text-A-Tip Program; and
- WHEREAS:** The Boston Police Department's Neighborhood Watch Unit strives to empower residents to work on issues related to crime and safety on a block-by-block and street-by-street basis. The Boston Police Department will host its 36th Annual National Night Out this summer in partnership with the community, youth, law enforcement, City and State agencies, and community based organizations; and
- WHEREAS:** In 2010, the Boston Police Department created "Operation Hoodsie Cup" which has encouraged engagement between BPD officers and children in the City of Boston and they have handed out more than 150,000 Hoodsie cups; and
- WHEREAS:** The Department of Youth Engagement and Employment provides over 3,000 summer jobs for youth and young adults, providing engagement, career skills, and economic opportunities; and
- WHEREAS:** With the summer approaching, every young person should be protected from gun violence, and violence of all kinds. *NOW, THEREFORE BE IT*
- ORDERED:** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss summer violence and explore ways to strengthen community-driven reporting, and that representatives from the Boston Police Department, Office of Public Safety, Boston Public Health Commission, the Boston Housing Authority, the Neighborhood Watch Unit, the Department of Youth Engagement and Employment, and community members be invited to testify.