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**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

***ORDER FOR A WORKING SESSION REGARDING THE
OPIOID CRISIS***

- WHEREAS** According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), an average of 130 Americans die everyday, in the United States, from an opioid overdose; and
- WHEREAS** Federal, State and Local agencies, in partnership with the private-sector, have made efforts aimed at addressing the prescription drug abuse and heroin epidemic; and
- WHEREAS** The Commonwealth of Massachusetts drafted several pieces of legislation to make significant steps to prevent deaths, reduce negative economic impacts, and improve and increase access to care and treatment; and
- WHEREAS** The City of Boston is committed to the reconstructing of the Long Island bridge and re-open the facilities as a state of the art recovery campus, dedicated to a continuum of recovery services based on the needs of the City; and
- WHEREAS** Deaths across the United States have steadily grown over time, there is a need for immediate action from all fronts; and
- WHEREAS** Elected officials should work collaboratively to continue creating viable solutions to the opioid crisis; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**
- ORDERED** That the Boston City Council Committee on Homelessness, Mental Health and Recovery convene a working session, including all local elected officials regarding a collaborative approach to tackle the opioid crisis, including:
 1. Increased funding on-the-ground prevention, treatment, and recovery solutions, across all levels of government.
 2. Exploring and analyzing all opportunities to address that opiate epidemic, including the feasibility of a Public Health Surge targeting major encampments; reducing criminal activity, the unsheltered population, trash and overdoses; improving access to treatment, treatment beds, and point-of-time connection of services.
 3. Convening to report findings from a recent visit to Supervised Injection Facilities in Vancouver, Canada; **AND BE IT FURTHER**
- ORDERED:** That the Boston Public Health Commission, Boston Department of Health and Human Services, Massachusetts Department of Health, Boston Inspectional Services Department, Boston Emergency Medical Services, Boston Police Department Drug Unit, and the Mayor's Office of Public Safety along with other interested parties be invited to provide input.

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