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## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE BREAKDOWN OF THE BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT'S MAIN RADIO CHANNEL

- WHEREAS:** Last Sunday, as the Dominican Festival was coming to a close, four people were shot. Boston Police worked to disperse the crowd as quickly as possible and victims were rushed to nearby hospitals. Concurrently, the Boston Police Department's radio communication channel was reportedly down and remained inoperable for a period of time; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Earlier this month, the Boston Police Department announced they would move from an analog radio system to a digital encrypted system, meaning police transmissions would no longer be available through the traditional radio equipment. Since August 9th, Boston Police has released a time-delayed online feed for residents to watch and listen to; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Neighbors have highlighted concerns relating to the reliability of the Boston Police Department's radio system, citing public safety risks for officers and the residents of Boston who are in emergency situations. It is critical that there is also effective communications between departments in the event of an emergency; *and*
- WHEREAS:** As residents continue to express concerns regarding this issue, it is appropriate to discuss the breakdown of the Boston Police Department's radio system to ensure similar incidents do not occur moving forward; *and*

#### NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss an investigation into the Boston Police Department's radio system failure. Representatives from the Boston Police Department, and other relevant and interested parties shall be invited to testify.

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