

**CITY OF ST. ANTHONY VILLAGE
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

RESOLUTION 16-070

**A RESOLUTION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORKGROUP TO MAKE
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICIES ON OFFICER WORN
BODY CAMERAS**

- WHEREAS, the protests resulting from recent high-profile shootings of African American men in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and Falcon Heights, Minnesota highlight the distrust that exists across racial and ethnic lines; and
- WHEREAS, the murders of five Dallas, Texas police officers assigned to keep safe and protect peaceful Black Lives Matter protestors in the City's downtown area demonstrate the very real dangers faced by officers because they are officers; and
- WHEREAS, communities, such as St. Anthony, Falcon Heights and Lauderdale, must recognize the need to critically balance the enforcement of law with effective, fair and transparent police services; and
- WHEREAS, despite a Constitution that considers all people equal, profound disparities exist for African Americans and other people of color across the United States, including, Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS, the City of St. Anthony has identified racial equity as a strategic priority with the standard expectation being fair and equitable service delivery to all people who live, work, or visit St. Anthony; and
- WHEREAS, it is recognized that of all the services provided by the City, police services by their very nature, have the greatest potential to result in controversy and grow distrust; and
- WHEREAS, the City of St. Anthony values and honors the critical role of our police officers in enhancing the safety and quality of life for the community; and
- WHEREAS, it is widely recognized that communities receive the kind of policing they demand and as the policymakers representing the whole of St. Anthony, we endeavor to provide the most effective, fair, and transparent police services possible.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that to foster effective, fair, and transparent police services, the City of St. Anthony along with the cities of Falcon Heights and Lauderdale shall establish a Workgroup made up of diverse cadre of St. Anthony, Falcon Heights and Lauderdale residents to make recommendations for Police Department policies on officer worn body cameras, and further directs that:

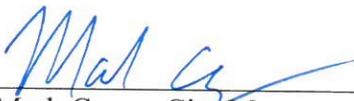
- The City Manager solicit letters of interest from St. Anthony residents willing and able to serve as a member of the Workgroup, as soon as practicable;

- Following a reasonable application period, the City Manager shall present the Council copies of the letters of interest from all qualified applicants for review and final selection;
- The workgroup shall consist of three residents each from St. Anthony, Falcon Heights and Lauderdale.
- From the final Workgroup membership, the Mayors will select one member to serve as Co-Chair, along with the Police Chief;
- The City Council's from St. Anthony, Falcon Heights and Lauderdale select a Councilmember to serve as the Council Liaison to the Workgroup;
- The Police Chief shall make available members of the department considered subject matter experts or other resources, as may be needed;
- The Workgroup co-chairs will establish meeting agendas in cooperation with the Workgroup membership to provide substantive background information, a review of current practice, and the department's current policies and related training protocols;
- The City Manager, or his designee, shall, in accordance with the City's established purchasing authority, engage the services of an outside facilitator(s) familiar with police practices and/or criminal justice to guide the review and discussion;
- Upon completion of its work, the Workgroup shall make recommendations to the Police Chief regarding officer worn body cameras;
- The Police Chief shall provide a written report to the City Manager and Workgroup members detailing the integration of the Workgroup's recommendations into police department policy;
- Should certain recommendations or elements of recommendations not be adopted, the Police Chief shall provide a written rationale for the decision. When practical, the City Manager will present the report to the City Council.

Adopted this 27th day of September, 2016.


 Jerome O. Faust, Mayor

ATTEST: 
 Nicole Miller, City Clerk

Review for Administration: 
 Mark Casey, City Manager