



Legislation Text

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TO: Mayor and Members of City Council

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DATE: September 7, 2021

RE:
Community Police Advisory Board Membership Criteria and Appointment Process

COUNCIL DISTRICT(S):
ALL

Relationship To Strategic Plan:

Goal I: Safe and Secure Community

Objective 1.3: ensure low incidents of property and violent crime

Goal VI: Collaborate Citizen and Business engagement

Objective 6.3: Inform and education about local government by enhancing public outreach and increase community dialog, collaboration and empowerment

Executive Summary:

The formal establishment of a Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB) to enhance lines of communication between the Fayetteville Police Department and residents. The scope of authority for the board would be advisory only. City Council adopted the formation of the CPAB and recommended charter at the August 23, 2021 Regular Meeting. This item is to finalize the appointment process details.

Background:

At the March 1, 2021, Work Session, Council directed staff to conduct research and bring those findings back to Council regarding other comparable citizen advisory and review committees or boards. Consensus of Council was to formally establish a Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB) in partnership with citizens; work with staff to facilitate the charter and selection criteria, to include goals and objectives; create a consistent, transparent, open and honest line of communication between the Fayetteville Police Department and citizen representatives; improve community and police relationships through information sharing and collaborative problem solving; and set a target

launch date for four to six months.

At the June 7, 2021 Work Session, staff presented a proposed CPAB charter and Council directed staff to move forward with establishing a CPAB and to refine the details of both the Charter and appointment process.

During the August 2, 2021 Work Session, an amended proposed CPAB charter was presented with changes in the membership criteria and application/interview process for board members. After some modification were made during discussion, City Council consensus was reached the item was brought back and adopted at the August 23, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Issues/Analysis:

No known issues.

Budget Impact:

N/A

Options:

Recommended Action:

Attachments:

Adopted CPAB Charter