

RESOLUTION NO. 20-487

WHEREAS, the tragic death of George Floyd, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, has provoked great concern and anger among citizens across the country, including the State of Alabama and the City of Huntsville; and

WHEREAS, that concern and anger has resulted in widespread protests and demonstrations across the country, including in Huntsville, Alabama, some of which have culminated in civil unrest and confrontations between civilians and law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, such confrontations in Huntsville, Alabama, have resulted in concerns being expressed by citizens over the interaction between protestors and demonstrators with local law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the Huntsville Police Citizens Advisory Council (HPCAC) was created by Ordinance in 2010, which Ordinance was later amended in 2012, to strengthen bonds between the Police Department and the community and to serve in an advisory capacity to the Police Department regarding issues relevant to police and community relations, including actions, philosophies, behaviors and practices that contribute to community tensions, grievances and complaints; and

WHEREAS, the HPCAC is composed of 10 diverse citizens from throughout the community, and conducts regularly scheduled meetings that are open to the public; and

WHEREAS, the HPCAC is ideally constituted to investigate and evaluate the circumstances surrounding interactions between protestors and demonstrators and the Huntsville Police Department, especially as occurred on June 1 and 3, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, that the Huntsville Police Citizens Advisory Council is hereby authorized and empowered as follows:

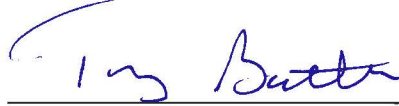
1. To fully review the protests and demonstrations which began on or about May 30, 2020, especially those which occurred on June 1 and 3, 2020, as to the interactions between the protestors and demonstrators and the Huntsville Police Department; and
2. In conducting their review, HPCAC will have access to any resources at the Huntsville Police Department, including access to employees involved in the events to be investigated and documentary evidence, such as video footage from aerial surveillance and body cameras, provided employees shall retain any constitutional or procedural protections to which they are entitled under the constitution and/or statutes of the United States and/or the State of Alabama or the Employee Policies and Procedures of the City of Huntsville; and
3. In conducting a vigorous review, the HPCAC shall remain independent of influence by the City Council or the Administration; and
4. That, upon completion of their review, HPCAC will make public their report and recommendations by reporting same to the City Council in open session.

ADOPTED this the 25th day of June, 2020.



President of the City Council of
the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 25th day of June, 2020.



Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama