

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, the City of Austin's budget for FY 2015-2016 includes funding for the first phase of body worn cameras for Austin Police Department officers; and

WHEREAS, trust between the Austin Police Department and all members of the Austin community is fundamental for effective community policing and public safety; and

WHEREAS, a clear policy that helps residents understand when body worn camera video will be released to the public can build further trust between the Austin Police Department and the community; so therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Council desires that the City have well-defined policies related to the release of body worn camera video that comply with applicable laws and reflect a consistent commitment to transparency, individual rights, and fairness for both police officers and the public.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Council directs the City Manager to provide staff support for continued stakeholder meetings for the Austin Police Department and the Office of the Police Monitor to solicit community input on Austin Police Department policies related to the release of body worn camera video.

The City Manager shall present the results of this stakeholder process to Council no later than 120 days after passage of this resolution. The Council

requests that the stakeholders also present the results of the stakeholder process to Council no later than 120 days after passage of this resolution.

The Council requests that the stakeholder group monitor the implementation of the Austin Police Department's policies concerning public release of body worn camera videos, and provide updates to Council each year to recommend updates to the policies.

ADOPTED: _____, 2016

ATTEST: _____

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk