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Resolution to Establish the Citizens Police Academy Group (CPAG) as a Hampton City Council Appointed Committee

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

The Hampton Police Division and Hampton City Council generally support the recommendations of the Final Report of the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing. Recommendation 4.5.3 of that report advocates for a citizen group to advise the Police on crime prevention strategies and agency policies from a citizen's perspective. In accordance with that recommendation, Hampton City Council passed a resolution to establish a City Council-appointed committee, the Citizens Police Advisory Group (CPAG), on October 12, 2016. The Resolution was amended on January 10, 2018. The staff's recommendation is based on the consensus of the City Council that the following resolution, amending the resolution adopted on January 10, 2018, establishing the Citizens Police Advisory Group, be adopted. The amendments add two additional representatives from the Community at Large, replacing the youth representatives as appointment requires members to be eighteen years of age and pass a background check. The amendments also add three representatives from the Business Community and two Non-Profit representatives.

Discussion:

The amendments to the Citizens Police Advisory Group (CPAG) will provide more diverse citizen input on Police policies and procedures. Providing a more well-rounded representation of opinions from various community segments is an advantage to the Hampton Police Division and the community as a whole.

Impact:

No economic impact.

Recommendation:

Approve the resolution.

WHEREAS, the Hampton City Council has endorsed the Hampton Police Division’s support for the recommendations of the Final Report of the President’s Task Force on 21st Century Policing;

WHEREAS, recommendation 4.5.3 of that report advocates for the establishment of a citizen group to advise the Police on crime prevention strategies and agency policies;

WHEREAS, the Hampton City Council deems it advisable to appoint an advisory committee, the Citizens Police Advisory Group (CPAG), to consult with the Hampton Police Division and serve in this advisory role.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Hampton, Virginia that the Council does hereby establish the Hampton Citizen Police Advisory Group that shall consist of nineteen (19) citizens (who shall serve without compensation). The citizens appointed to this advisory committee shall have the knowledge and abilities required to advise the Hampton Police Division on crime prevention strategies and agency policies from a citizen’s perspective.

1. Appointments: The members of the Citizens Police Advisory Group shall be comprised of citizen representatives from the following stakeholder groups:

- A. One representative from Hampton City Schools
- B. Two representative from the Faith Community
- C. One representative from Langley Air Force Base
- D. One representative from the Legal Community
- E. One representative from the Hampton Citizens’ Unity Commission
- F. One representative from the Hampton Neighborhood Commission
- G. Four representatives from the Community at Large
- H. One representative from a Civil Rights Organization
- I. Three representatives from the Business Community
- J. Two representatives from Institutions of Higher Education
- K. Two representatives from the Non-Profit Community

The representatives from Hampton City Schools, Langley Air Force Base, and the Institutions of Higher Learning (Hampton University and Virginia Peninsula Community College) shall hereinafter be referred to as “the Institutional Members.” Institutional members shall be ex-officio members of the Citizens’ Police Advisory Group and may be selected by their respective agencies.

All Non-Institutional Members shall be appointed by City Council. All other Non-Institutional Members shall be appointed for a term of four (4) years. Any vacancy of a Non-Institutional Member on the committee shall be filled by Council for the unexpired term. Members whose terms have expired, shall continue to serve until their successor has been appointed. In order to stagger the terms of the representatives appointed, the initial appointments only shall be for the following term lengths (thereafter appointments shall be for the normal four (4) year terms):

- Initial three (3) year terms: One representative from the Faith Community, one representative from Community at Large, the representative from the Hampton Citizens’ Unity Commission and the representative from the Hampton Neighborhood Commission
- Initial four (4) year terms: One representative from the Faith Community, one representative from the Community at Large, the representative from the Legal Community, and the representative from a Civil Rights Organization.

2. Meetings: The Citizens Police Advisory Group shall meet on a regular basis with the Chief of Police or his designee(s) and at such times as the Chief of Police or his designee(s) shall

request a meeting to consult on items of interest to the committee.

3. Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Quorum: the committee shall elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson from its membership who shall serve at the pleasure of the membership. A quorum for all purposes shall consist of ten (10) members.

4. Duties of Citizens Police Advisory Group: The committee shall act in an advisory capacity to the Chief of Police and shall consult with the Chief of Police on matters brought to the committee by the Chief of Police or his designee(s) concerning crime prevention strategies or Hampton Police Division policies. Items brought up by the membership of the committee, and receiving a majority vote of the committee, shall be referred to the Chief of Police or his designee(s) for investigation and consideration as to the feasibility of adoption for Hampton Police Division policy.

5. Responsibilities of the Chief of Police to the Citizens Police Advisory Group: At the meetings of the committee, the Chief of Police or his designee(s) shall make a report on such items as may have been referred to him by a majority vote of the committee. The Chief of Police shall cause minutes of the committee meetings to be recorded.