Community’s Police Advisory Committee

City Council Study Session
September 22, 2020
ITEM # 2
Body Worn Cameras (BWC)

- Vendor Selection – Data and Trends subcommittee evaluated and concurred on preferred vendor
- Policies – Policy subcommittee evaluated and offers recommendations.
- Outreach subcommittee had a town hall with good participation.
- Policy advisories on BWC anticipated as ongoing reviews.
(BWC) Community Concerns

- Too much ambiguity with when to turn camera on
- General feeling that BWC’s should always default to “on”
- Activation amnesty period far too long—once training is given expectations should be to implement immediately
- Continued outreach to specific groups/community leaders
- Retention of data should be tiered/officer restricted
BWC CPAC Policy Recommendations

- Ensuring Body Worn Camera is fully charged prior to start of shift
- Ensuring BWCs are on in all encounters with residents
  - Should not be turned off, but if turned off, should be subject to consequences.
- Reducing amnesty to 1 week/3 shifts.
BWC CPAC Policy Recommendations

- Prohibition of uploading videos from home
- Allow CPAC to access recorded videos
- Outside review of encounters for biased policing
- Increase consequences (zero tolerance) for tampering with videos equal to tampering with evidence
BWC CPAC Policy Recommendations

- Scheduled open reviews of BWC effectiveness and compliance
- Scheduled open reviews for modification of BWC policies
- Ensure all stakeholders have access to policy data and review
- Change CPAC from an advisory to an oversight committee with oversight authorities/responsibility in line with other cities in the nation.
Retention Recommendations I

- The retention period begins from the date of recording automatically be deleted at 90 days if not labeled otherwise. Minimum Retention 1 Year.
- Arrest: 10 Years
- Citation: 5 Years
- Report Only: 1 Year
- Homicide/otherwise pending: Indefinitely
Retention Recommendations II

• Long-Term (Officer Involved Shootings, Sexual Assault, etc.): 20 Years

• Mid-Term (Risk Management): 7 Years

• Short-Term (non-evidentiary BWC footage): 1 Year