

**CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**



Agenda Date:	July 20, 2020
Action Required:	Resolution Adoption
Staff Contacts:	John Blair, City Attorney
Presenters:	John Blair, City Attorney
Title:	Police Civilian Review Board Resolution

Background:

Virginia Governor, Ralph S. Northam, is expected to convene a special session of the General Assembly in August 2020 pursuant to Article IV, Section 6 of the Constitution of Virginia. One of the topics that the special session is expected to address is law enforcement.

Discussion:

In anticipation of the special session, the Virginia Legislative Black Caucus (VLBC) released a set of its legislative priorities on June 24, 2020.

One of the VLBC's priorities is creating police civilian review boards with subpoena powers.

The attached Resolution requests the City of Charlottesville's legislative delegation to support legislation to establish the duties, powers, and authorities of police civilian review boards in Virginia including the establishment of a subpoena power for these boards.

Budgetary Impact:

None.

Attachments:

Proposed Resolution

**RESOLUTION
REQUESTING LEGISLATORS
SUPPORT POLICE CIVILIAN
REVIEW BOARDS**

WHEREAS, Virginia Governor, Ralph S. Northam, is expected to call a special session of the Virginia General Assembly in August 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Legislative Black Caucus (hereinafter “VLBC”) released a set of priorities it plans to pursue during the special session; and

WHEREAS, one of the VLBC’s priorities for the special session is to enact legislation creating police civilian review boards with subpoena powers; and

WHEREAS, the current Code of Virginia does not establish the duties, powers, or authorities of police civilian review boards.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that it requests that Delegate Sally L. Hudson and Senator R. Creigh Deeds support legislation at the special session that establishes the duties, powers, and authority of police civilian review boards including subpoena powers.