

CITY OF NEWPORT

RESOLUTION NO. 3908

**CREATING A POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 3905**

WHEREAS, the City Council and citizens of the City of Newport have expressed interest in increased citizen engagement; and

WHEREAS, citizen advisory committees are a significant means to obtain citizen involvement on key issues; and

WHEREAS, the City of Newport desires to create a Police Advisory Committee to help ensure transparency and accountability in the ways that the Newport Police Department operates; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Newport adopted Resolution No. 3905 on December 7, 2020, which created a Police Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, the City Council subsequently expressed a desire to add another student member and another at-large member to the Committee's composition bringing the total membership to 11 members.

THE CITY OF NEWPORT RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Police Advisory Committee. There is hereby established a Police Advisory Committee whose responsibilities shall include, but not be limited to, advising and making recommendations via the Police Chief on issues concerning public safety and police services within the City of Newport.

Section 2. Committee Composition. The committee will be comprised of eleven members to be appointed by the Mayor and ratified by the City Council. Priority consideration for membership shall include:

- A. Two members shall be residents of the city of Newport, representing residential property owners and renters; and
- B. One member shall be an owner or manager of a business located within the city, regardless of place of residence; and
- C. One member shall represent the Lincoln County School District; and
- D. Two members shall represent the LatinX community; and
- E. Two members shall be students from Newport High School; and

- F. One member shall have qualified experience in dispute resolution; and
- G. Two members shall be at-large. In the event that a committee member holds more than one affiliation listed above, additional at-large members may be appointed.

Section 3. Committee Member Qualifications and Selection. All Committee members shall be willing to commit to two years of service, and to serve as an advocate on behalf of the community.

The following process will be used to select Committee members:

- A. Application submitted to the City of Newport;
- B. Candidates invited to interview with the City Council;
- C. Successful candidates will be appointed by the Mayor and ratified by the City Council.

Section 4. Ex-Officio Members. The Police Chief, or designee, shall serve as an ex-officio member. A Council member selected by the Mayor and ratified by the City Council may also serve as an ex-officio member. The ex-officio member may participate in Committee meetings and deliberations, but will not be a voting member.

Section 5. Terms of Office. The term of office of each Committee member shall be two years, and the Mayor shall appoint, with the ratification of the City Council, successors for each term of two years thereafter. Appointments shall be structured to ensure that terms overlap.

Section 6. Vacancies. Vacancies on the Police Advisory Committee shall be filled for the remaining term of the vacancy, in the same manner as the original appointment. It shall be the duty of the Chair to notify the City Recorder, through staff, when a vacancy exists.

Section 7. Committee Chair. The Committee shall select a Chair each January for a one-year term; provided that no member shall serve more than two consecutive terms as Chair.

Section 8. Meetings. The Committee shall meet at least bi-monthly on a specific schedule adopted for the year by the Committee members. Special meetings of the Committee may be called by the Chair, upon concurrence of three Committee members, or as scheduled by the Newport Police Department ex-officio member. Meeting locations shall rotate and may include other public meeting space (City Hall, Library, VAC, Fire Station, Recreation Center) and/or virtual to maintain a neutral, welcoming, and safe environment.

Section 9. Duties of the Committee. The duties of the Committee shall include, but not be limited to, advising and making recommendations via the Police Chief on issues concerning public safety and police services within the city, such as:

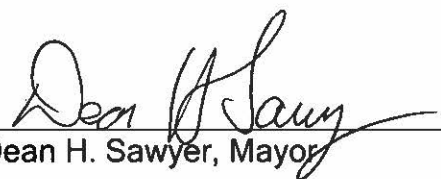
- A. To enhance police-community relations; and review police activity and calls for service.
- B. To educate Committee members regarding police practices, protocols, procedures and updates; to review police officer performance; and to provide a community perspective and recommendations concerning procedures, programs, and the effectiveness of the police services.
- C. To engage in training to learn about policing and to promote public awareness of the city's police services and programs, including, but not limited to, business and residential crime prevention programs, safety training, domestic violence intervention, and school district/police/ community programs.
- D. To hold public meetings, from time to time, to solicit public input regarding police services, conduct, and programs.
- E. To serve as a liaison between the Police Department and the community.
- F. To encourage individuals and community groups to assist the Police Department in the implementation of police programs and services.
- G. To review policies and procedures and make recommendations concerning such other and further matters as may be referred to the Committee by the Mayor, City Council, or Police Chief.
- H. To review officer training and frequency of training regarding cultural competency and awareness content, and augment as it reflects local demands.
- I. To provide input on, promote, and distribute an annual report for the community with a compilation of statistics on citations, violations, broken down by demographics, and collection of community feedback documented on police interactions with community.
- J. To promote and distribute an infographic with a clear protocol on the process - from initial complaint to response so as to build trust and transparency and responsiveness.
- K. To review Committee composition to determine efficacy in outreach methods and recruitment of community members from varied community groups.
- L. To respond to community concerns in a timely manner.

M. To prepare a report and recommendation to the Council determining formalization of the Police Advisory Committee.

Section 10. Resolution No. 3905 is repealed in its entirety.


Section 11. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

Adopted by the City Council on January 19, 2021.



Dean H. Sawyer, Mayor

ATTEST:



Margaret M. Hawker, City Recorder