

## MEMPHIS CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Memphis City Council joined the throngs of citizens across this community in its outrage over the beating of a citizen by a law enforcement official who had a sworn duty to protect, serve and uphold the law; and

WHEREAS, the beating video brought to light the apparent disregard by some officers for the humane treatment of certain individuals and signifies the need for an evaluation of police policies and procedures to ensure that those officers who lack the capacity to deal with citizens in a manner that respects the civil and human rights of others are identified expeditiously and dealt with appropriately; and

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of the recent beating of a citizen in police custody, the police administration should capitalize on this opportunity to analyze its training, psychological and complaint protocols and identify deficiencies which have allowed law enforcement personnel lacking the diversity and sensitivity training and skills to conduct themselves in a non-professional and possibly criminal manner; and

WHEREAS, the Memphis City Council is committed to finding solutions that provide increased public confidence and accountability of law enforcement personnel and encourages the administration to work cooperatively with an outside entity, such as the Internal Audit Department and /or the Civilian Law Enforcement Review Board, to review departmental policies, protocols, procedures and how claims against officers are investigated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MEMPHIS CITY COUNCIL hereby requests that an audit investigation by the Internal Audit Department and/or the Civilian Law Enforcement Review Board, be conducted of Memphis Police Department policies, protocols, procedures and citizen complaint processes to determine corrective actions which will ensure that the human and civil rights of citizens are protected.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Internal Audit Department and/or the Civilian Law Enforcement Review Board is requested to present its findings and recommendations within ninety days of the passage of this resolution.

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