



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: June 18, 2020

From: Clay Holstine, City Manager

Subject: Resolution No. 2020-47 Affirming the City's Commitment to Stand in Solidarity with the Black Community and Condemn Racism

Community Goal/Result

Community Building & Safe Community

Recommendation

Adopt Resolution Affirming the City's Commitment to Stand in Solidarity with the Black Community and Condemn Racism

Discussion

At the June 4, 2020 City Council meeting, councilmembers and Mayor O'Connell closed the meeting in memory of George Floyd, an African American man who was killed by police on May 25, 2020, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. In response to Floyd's death, protests calling an end to police brutality and racial discrimination quickly spread across the country and abroad. On June 6, 2020, a group of local Brisbane residents also wanted to speak out against Floyd's death and organized a vigil in the Brisbane Community Park.

Council felt that the City needed to issue a resolution affirming the City's commitment to stand in solidarity with the black community and condemn racism. It is recommended that Council adopt the proposed resolution.

Fiscal Impacts

None

Attachments

1. Resolution 2020-47

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Clay Holstine, City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-47
A RESOLUTION OF THE BRISBANE CITY COUNCIL
AFFIRMING THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE BLACK COMMUNITY
AND CONDEMN RACISM

WHEREAS, our country is mourning the senseless killing of George Floyd that occurred in Minneapolis on May 25, 2020. The actions and inactions of the police officers involved were deplorable, horrific, and unacceptable; and

WHEREAS, the most basic form of injustice and inequity occurs when a group of people feels their safety is placed into jeopardy by the very people entrusted with ensuring their safety; and

WHEREAS, police brutality and racism against the Black community has been persistent in our larger society, with the unrest regarding racial injustice, particularly towards the Black community, building up for decades; and

WHEREAS, the murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, David McAttee, Tony McDade, Ahmaud Arbery, Yassin Mohammed, Finan H Berhe, Sean Reed, Steven Demarco Taylor, Ariane McCree, Terrance Franklin, Miles Hall, Darius Tarver, William Green, Samuel David Mallard, Kwame Jones, De'von Bailey, Atatiana Jefferson, Christopher Whitfield, Anthony Hill, Eric Logan, Jamarion Robinson, Kayla Moore, Gregory Hill Jr., JaQuavion Slaton, Ryan Twyman, Brandon Webber, Jimmy Atchinson, Willie McCoy, Emantic Fitzgerald Bradford Jr., D'etrick Griffin, Jemel Roberson, DeAndre Ballard, Botham Shem Jean, Robert Lawrence White, Anthony Lamar Smith, Sandra Bland, Ramarley Graham, Manuel Loggins Jr, Trayvon Martin, Wendell Allen, Kendrec McDade, Pamela Turner, Larry Jackson Jr, Johnathan Ferrell, Jordan Baker, Victor White III, Dontre Hamilton, Eric Garner, John Crawford III, Michael Brown, Ezell Ford, Dante Parker, Kajieme Powell, Laquan McDonald, Akai Gurley, Tamir Rice, Romain Brisbon, Korryn Gaines, Jerame Reid, Charly Keunang, Tony Robinson, Walter Scott, Freddie Gray, Brendon Glenn, Samuel DuBose, Christian Taylor, Jamar Clark, Mario Woods, Quintonia LeGrier, Gregory Gunn, Akiel Denkins, Alton Sterling, Philando Castile, Terrence Sterling Crutcher, Natasha Terence, Keith Lamont Scott, Alfred Olango, Jordan Edwards, Stephon Clark, Danny Ray Thomas, DeJuan Guillory, Patrick Harmon, Johnathan Hart, Maurice Granton, Julius Johnson, Jamee Johnson, Nia Wilson, Oscar Grant and Michael Dean represent just a few of the black lives that were taken as a result of racial discrimination. Their lives mattered and black lives matter; and

WHEREAS, it is important that the City take the lead, speak out against racial injustices, and stand in solidarity with Black communities across the country; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brisbane is a diverse and multiracial community that supports positive relationships and mutual respect in order to build healthy and safe neighborhoods; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Brisbane does hereby affirm its commitment to stand in solidarity with the Black community, and resolves as follows:

The City of Brisbane condemns racism in all forms and violence against the Black community by law enforcement in particular; and

The City of Brisbane does not tolerate discrimination, racial injustice, or police brutality; and

The City of Brisbane will oppose any attempts to undermine the safety, security, and rights of members of our community and will work proactively to ensure the rights and privileges of everyone in the City—regardless of race; and

The City of Brisbane will promote safety, a sense of security, and equal protection of constitutional and human rights, leading by example through equitable treatment of all by City officials and departments; and

The City of Brisbane encourages the community to stand together through peaceful exchange and discourse to enact change and move forward towards a future with more equity and inclusion in Brisbane, California, and our country.

Terry O’Connell, Mayor

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2020-47 was duly and regularly adopted at the regular meeting of the Brisbane City Council on June 18, 2020 by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

Ingrid Padilla, City Clerk