



Agenda Item Report

Meeting Type: Committee of the Whole & Common Council

Meeting Date: August 18, 2026

Item Title: Flock Camera Policy

Submitted By: Matt Amundson, City Administrator

Detailed Description of Subject Matter:

The City recently received correspondence from a citizen (Jacob Hartman) expressing concerns regarding the City's use of Flock Safety cameras and requesting consideration of a policy governing their operation and use. Chief Weiner has corresponded with Mr. Hartman and Mayor Hammer met with Mr. Hartman and Chief Weiner has shared four City and Columbus Police Department policies that Chief Weiner feels address the concerns raised. I've included a segment of City Ordinance Chapter 58 below regarding the Chief's authority on policies.

Sec. 58-59. - Rules and policies for the police department.

The chief of police shall establish and promulgate rules of conduct, directives and policies and procedures and prescribe such duties for individual members as he may deem necessary for the effective and efficient command and operation of the department; provided no such rules of conduct, directive or policy procedure duties or assignment shall be in conflict with the statutes, ordinances and approved city personnel rules and regulations. The chief of police shall prepare a policy manual which shall be reviewed and updated annually.

The Council has the following options:

- Refer this issue to the Police & Fire Commission for further review and discussion
- Evaluate whether additional policies or procedures are necessary
- Ask Chief Weiner to provide additional information regarding the operation and use of Flock cameras
- Ask Chief Weiner to draft a policy regarding the operation and use of Flock cameras
- Determine that no additional policy is necessary

List all Supporting Documentation Attached:

n/a

Action Requested of Council:

Consider and take action on Flock Camera Policy