

A Resolution

NO. _____

AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTS WITH DR. ALEX DEL CARMEN, DR. THERON L BOWMAN, TOM PETROSKI, JD, MARCIA THOMPSON, JD AND DR. RITA WATKINS AND CONTRACTS WITH WASHINGTON LAWYERS' COMMITTEE – FOR CIVIL RIGHTS AND URBAN AFFAIRS AND THE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE ON CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS TO REVIEW PATTERNS, POLICIES, TRAINING, PROCEDURES AND PRACTICES IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, a final panel of individuals and organizations has been developed and is being recommended to the Mayor and City Council for approval of panel of experts to conduct the overall review; and

WHEREAS, the review will identify patterns and practices related to police interactions with the public during investigative stops, searches, arrests, and use of force incidents and the panel will examine police policies, operational practices, training, documentation, accountability systems, corrective and reporting procedures, and technology application; and

WHEREAS, the panel is also expected to review Community Policing and Engagement, Internal Affairs complaints, recruitment, hiring, and promotions, critical incident interactions with the mental health community and interactions with youths; and.

WHEREAS, the recommendations developed by the panel will provide a roadmap and focus areas for police department change and oversight; and

WHEREAS, the panel will be led by two locally based professionals, Dr. Alex del Carmen and Dr. Theron L. Bowman who have strong local and national ties with extensive police reform experience; and

WHEREAS, the other panel members will include Jonathan Smith, on the Washington Lawyers' Committee and a former USDOJ Civil Rights Division Chief; Emily Gunston on the Washington Lawyers' Committee and a former USDOJ Civil Rights Division Deputy Chief; Lynda Garcia on the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights and a former USDOJ Attorney; Tom Petroski, JD, a former FBI Dallas Chief Legal Counsel; Marcia Thompson, JD, a law enforcement and civil rights attorney and consultant; and Dr. Rita Watkins, the Executive Director of the Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager will execute individual contracts with each of the above-named individuals and entities in compliance with Section 2-9 of the City Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS:

1. That the City Council authorizes the creation of the panel and execution of individual contracts with each of the above named individuals and entities in compliance with Section 2-9 of the City Code to review the patterns, policies, training, procedures and practices and other matters stated herein as it related to the Fort Worth Police Department.
2. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this _____ day of _____ 2019.

ATTEST:

By: _____
Mary Kayser, City Secretary