RESOLUTION # 30-2020

Resolution Creating Process and Timeline for Revising the City of Geneva Police Department Body Camera Policy

WHEREAS, The Geneva Police department established general order 409 "Body Worn Cameras" in 2019 with a stated purpose "to enhance Officer and public safety, public trust and provide transparency;" and

WHEREAS, the 2019 policy contains guidelines for "Optional Use," retention, storage, and access of body worn cameras and the footage recorded by them that is not aligned with best practices for facilitating officer and public safety, public trust, and transparency; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that review of body worn camera footage provides qualitative data that meaningfully augments quantitative data collected and reported by departments as a normal course of business; and

WHEREAS, Sections 9-2 and 9-3 of the Geneva City Charter vest the City Manager and City Council with oversight of orders and policies of the Geneva Police Department;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that

The Geneva City Council shall convene a task force to modify, improve, affirm, or amend G.O. 409 consistent with national standards and best practices, in keeping with the stated purpose of the order and addressing identified areas of deficiency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that

The convened task force shall consist of no less than two (2) members of City Council as well as no less than four (4) members recommended by the Community Compact as expanded per diversity requirements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the convened task force shall offer said modifications, affirmations, or amendments to the City Council no later than December 31, 2020.