RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNION CITY TO ESTABLISH A COMMITTEE TO CREATE AND IMPLEMENT A COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PLAN REGARDING POLICING IN UNION CITY

WHEREAS, on Monday, May 25, 2020, George Floyd died at the hands of Minneapolis Police; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of George Floyd's death, protests and demonstrations erupted across all 50 states and around the world in support of the Black Lives Matter movement and to condemn racial injustice; and,

WHEREAS, these events have impacted all parts of the United States, including Union City; and,

WHEREAS, there has been public interest in better understanding the policies and practices of the Union City Police Department; and,

WHEREAS, the City Manager provided an oral report to the City Council on June 9, 2020 outlining recent community engagement steps the City and the Union City Police Department have taken since the death of George Floyd; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to create a committee to create and implement a community engagement plan regarding policing in Union City; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council desires the committee to be comprised of two members of the City Council and three members of the City's Human Relations Commission; and,

WHEREAS, this committee shall be named the Policing and Community Engagement Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor has appointed Vice Mayor Emily Duncan and Councilmember Pat Gacoscos to the committee. The Human Relations Commission has recommended the appointment of Chair Melissa Shuen-Mallory and Commissioners Michele Wms-Smith and Jonathan Pettey to the committee; and,

WHEREAS, Vice Mayor Emily Duncan shall lead the committee; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council approves the Human Relations Commission recommendation for appointments to the committee and the formation of this committee to create and implement a community engagement plan regarding policing in Union City; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager shall provide appropriate staff to support the committee; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee shall dissolve following the conclusion of its community engagement plan and reports its findings to the City Council.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Union City at a regular meeting held on the 23rd day of June 2020, by the following vote: