

RESOLUTION NO. 124
Calling on the Public Safety Committee
To Hold Hearings on the Use of Dashboard Camera Videos

WHEREAS, on December 20, 2011, St. Louis City police officer Jason Stockley fatally shot Anthony Lamar Smith after a high speed pursuit; an investigation into the death of Mr. Smith was conducted by the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department; and

WHEREAS, according to statements attributed to City officials, the investigation into Smith's shooting was sent to the Circuit Attorney's office for an "informal review" in 2012; and

WHEREAS, On May 17, 2016, former officer Stockley was arrested and later charged with murder relating to the incident on December 20, 2011; and

WHEREAS, video and audio footage of a St. Louis City Metropolitan Police Department's dashboard camera of the fatal police shooting on December 20, 2011, was recently aired by the local media; and

WHEREAS, according to published reports, the Circuit Attorney for the City of St. Louis did not see the dashboard camera video until April of 2016; and

WHEREAS, it is important for this Board of Aldermen to determine and report upon what policies and procedures exist relating to St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department dashboard camera videos and the role dashboard camera video plays as evidence in an investigation, and how those policies and procedures were applied to the dashboard camera video of Mr. Stockley on December 20, 2011; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen for the City of St. Louis that we direct the Public Safety Committee to convene hearings, under its authority granted by our Rules as adopted by Resolution 1, including the power of subpoena pursuant to Rule 18, for the purpose of determining an understanding of the policies and procedures relating to the use of police dashboard camera video and the role dashboard camera video plays as evidence in an investigation, and how those policies and procedures applied to the dashboard camera video of Mr. Stockley on December 20, 2011, and to include in such discussions any and all parties deemed appropriate by the Public Safety Committee, and we further direct the committee to report its findings and recommendations to the full Board of Aldermen by Friday, December 9, 2016.

Introduced on the 30th day of September, 2016, by:

The Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President, St. Louis Board of Aldermen
The Honorable Samuel L. Moore, Alderman, 4th Ward
The Honorable Chris Carter, Alderman, 27th Ward

Adopted on the _____ day of _____, _____, as attested by:

Timothy O'Connell
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen

