Background:

David Swanson, a Charlottesville resident, crafted a petition requesting the Charlottesville City Council to prohibit the use of military style or “warrior” training for the Charlottesville Police Department as well as to prohibit the Charlottesville Police Department from acquiring weaponry from the United States armed forces.

Discussion:

The petition has received over 1,000 signatures.

The Charlottesville Police Department does not currently employ military style or “warrior” training, nor does it acquire weaponry from the United States armed forces according to Charlottesville Chief of Police, Dr. RaShall M. Brackney.

This Resolution establishes the Council’s policy on these types of training as well as weaponry acquisition.

Budgetary Impact:

None.

Attachments:

Proposed Resolution
RESOLUTION
OPPOSING CHARLOTTESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
RECEIVING MILITARY-STYLE TRAINING AND
ACQUIRING WEAPONRY FROM THE U.S. MILITARY

WHEREAS, the Charlottesville Police Department does not receive military-style or “warrior” training by the United States armed forces, a foreign military or police, or any private company; and

WHEREAS, the Charlottesville Police Department does not acquire weaponry from the United States armed forces; and

WHEREAS, the Charlottesville City Council opposes the Charlottesville Police Department receiving military-style or “warrior” training by the United States armed forces, a foreign military or police, or any private company; and

WHEREAS, the Charlottesville City Council opposes the Charlottesville Police Department acquiring weaponry from the United States armed forces.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that the Charlottesville Police Department shall not acquire weaponry from the United States armed forces.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that the Charlottesville Police Department shall not receive military-style or “warrior” training by the United States armed forces, a foreign military or police, or any private company.