



Colonial Heights
City Council Regular Meeting
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- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Devotion – The Honorable Robert W. Wade**
- 4. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 5. Adoption of Agenda**
- 6. Declarations of Personal Interest**

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7. Commendations And Presentations:

None

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8. Reading of Manner Addressing Council

ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC addressing the Council shall approach the lectern, give his name and address in an audible tone of voice for the record, **AND ADDRESS THE COUNCIL AS A BODY RATHER THAN SPEAK TO ANY MEMBER.** Unless further time is granted by the Council, **ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC** shall address the Council for a maximum of five (5) minutes, regardless of the number of issues he desires to discuss. **PROVIDED** however, that the main proponent of any application, petition, or plan that is the subject of a public hearing shall be allowed to address the Council initially for a maximum of ten (10) minutes and later in rebuttal for a maximum of three (3) minutes.

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9. Written Petitions and Communications By Members of the Public and Council Members

None

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10. Advertised Public Hearings

A. AN ORDINANCE NO 23-1

(First Reading) Granting an easement to Verizon Virginia Inc. allowing Verizon Virginia Inc. to install communication system lines on utility poles across four parcels bordering the Boulevard or Dupuy Avenue that the City of Colonial Heights owns.

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11. Hearing of Citizens Generally on Non-Agenda Items

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12. Consideration of Uncontested Minutes, Ordinances, Resolutions, and Motions in Accordance with the Consent Agenda

A. AN ORDINANCE NO 23-FIN-1

(Second Reading) To amend the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023, by \$420,727 consisting of 1) \$1,021 from DMV select services, 2) \$9,539 from the Litter Grant, 3) \$11,860 from the Selective Enforcement Alcohol Grant, 4) \$937 from end of the year Shoe Fund donations, 5) \$2,000 from Sheriff donations, and 6) \$395,370 from end of the year unspent pavement preservation funds.

To amend the Water and Sewer Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023, by transferring \$140,885 in Contingency Funds from the General Fund Budget for emergency sewer repair.

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12. Consideration of Uncontested Minutes, Ordinances, Resolutions, and Motions in Accordance with the Consent Agenda

B. March 4-5, 2022 Retreat Minutes

C. December 13, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes

D. December 13, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

E. January 3, 2023 Organizational Meeting Minutes

F. January 10, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes

G. January 10, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

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13. Introduction And Consideration Of Ordinances And Resolutions:

A. AN ORDINANCEN NO 23-FIN-2

(First Reading) To amend the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023, by \$464,462 consisting of 1) \$716 from DMV Select Services to General and Financial Administration; 2) \$179 from DMV Select Services to Nondepartmental; 3) \$162,151 from assigned fund balance for the Lakeview Dam to Public Works; 4) \$1,236 in reimbursement for the diesel fuel spill to Public Safety; 5) \$240,080 from a FEMA grant to Public Safety; 6) \$100 to Public Safety for a donation to the Sheriff's Department; and 7) \$60,000 from assigned fund balance for implementation of Microsoft Office 365 to General and Financial Administration.

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14. Unfinished Business, Contested Ordinances And Resolutions, And Items Removed From The Consent Agenda

None

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15. Reports of Officers and Documents Related Thereto:

A. City Manager

1. Discussion And Consideration Of A Proposed City Logo Concept



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2. Discussion And Consideration Of A City Internship Program

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3. Staff Update On Lakeview Dam Improvements

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4. Staff Update On The Implementation Of Utility Infrastructure Improvements

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5. Briefing And Presentation Of Information By Chief William Anspach Of License Plate Reader Technology



Colonial Heights Police Department Leveraging Technology for Precision Policing



FLOCK SAFETY



AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE READER ALPR

- ALPR devices capture computer readable images of license plates and vehicles, allowing officers to compare plate numbers against those of stolen cars or wanted individuals on a crime database such as the NCIC.
- PROACTIVE USE-ALPR devices provide real-time alerts when a vehicle that is stolen or associated with a known suspect is detected.
- INVESTIGATIVE-ALPR devices help determine whether and which vehicle(s) were at the scene of a crime.

flock safety

When you get Flock you get:

objective, real-time and investigative leads

- Vehicle Fingerprint™ = license plate plus
- **Indiscriminate evidence** from fixed locations
- Cost effective subscription service, infrastructure free
- No people, no facial recognition, no traffic enforcement



Plate
TX LGS2639



Last Visit
3:15 PM EDT



Make
Toyota



Seen
3 OF 30 DAYS



Color
Gray



WORKS 2 WAYS

24 HOURS A DAY 7 DAYS A WEEK

How does this technology prevent and eliminate crime?

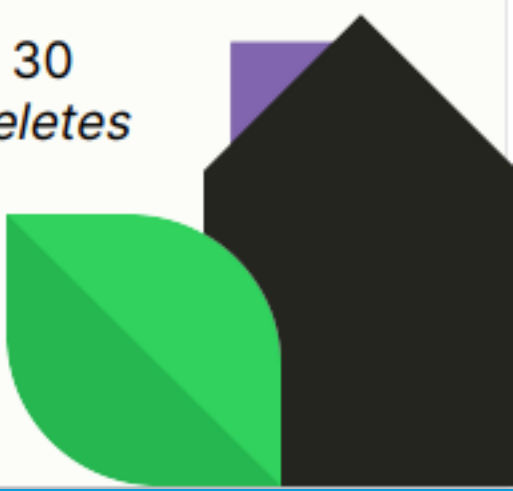
- **Proactive:** Real Time Alerts when Stolen or Wanted Vehicles enter your City
- **Investigative:** As clearance rates increase, crime rates decrease
- Flock cameras act as a deterrent



What is this tech?

- License plate recognition
- Gathers objective evidence and facts about vehicles, not people
- Alerts police of wanted vehicles
- Used to solve crime
- Adheres to all state laws

What ISN'T this tech?

- Not facial recognition
 - Not tied to personal information
 - Not used for traffic enforcement
 - Data not stored beyond 30 days → *automatically deletes every 30 days*
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ENSURING OUR CITIZENS PRIVACY



Ethics-Driven Innovation

Protecting Privacy

- Footage owned by Agency/City and will never be sold or shared by Flock
- 30 day data retention, then deleted
- Short retention period ensures that all data not associated with a crime is automatically deleted & unrecoverable
- Takes human bias out of crime-solving by detecting objective data, and detecting events that are objectively illegal (ex. Stolen vehicles)
- Not connected to registration data or 3rd party databases (Carfax, DMV)

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- All data is stored securely in the AWS Cloud, and end to end encryption of all data
- Search reason is required for audit trail
- NOT facial recognition software
- NOT predictive policing
- NO PII is identifiable in Flock
- NOT used for traffic enforcement
- Transparency Portal (optional)



SUCCESS STORY

CASE STUDY *Amber Alert*



CPD



Chamblee, Georgia



Stranger on Stranger Abduction
August 28, 2020

When every second matters, Flock Safety's Machine Vision is Critical

- 12:33 PM ● Amber Alert Issued
- 1:01 PM ● Search Conducted with Flock Safety
- 2:30 PM ● Suspect Vehicle Located
- 5:03 PM ● Felony Stop + Arrest
- 6:00 PM ● Baby Reunited with Mother

SUCCESS STORY

Flock ALPR: Investigative Data



Van Buren PD



Van Buren Township

- A 26-year-old woman was hit by a vehicle while walking along a service woman and killed
- Near the location of the hit-and-run, police recovered debris from a vehicle and **used Flock's system** to identify a vehicle matching the debris in the area
- Police did additional investigative work to identify who was driving the vehicle at the time of the incident and made an arrest in the case.

New technology leads to hit-and-run arrest in Van Buren Township

'It's been a game changer for us'

CHESTERFIELD HOMICIDE ARREST

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killing ex-girlfriend, 3 kids assaulted woman in

Mark Bowes Nov 22, 2022 4

On Friday, Cottle and her three children — Kaelyn Parson, 13; Kinsey Cottle, 4; and Jayson Cottle, 4 — were found fatally shot after police said Cottle called them just after 5 a.m. about an intruder outside her home in the 4200 block of Laurel Oak Road.

Police said she remained on the line with emergency communications until the intruder made entry. Gunfire was heard, followed by silence. Officers soon arrived but found the family dead. The intruder had fled.

Investigators immediately looked into Cottle's family history. They located her petitions for a protective order and learned from Cottle's family of her turbulent relationship with Adams, police said.

Adams, 35, was developed as the potential suspect; detectives were able to put Adams in the area about 4 a.m. through an undisclosed investigative technique, police said.

CHESTERFIELD RESULTS FOR 2022



HERE IN COLONIAL HEIGHTS



CITY OF COLONIAL HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT

An Accredited Law Enforcement Agency

Patrol Commander's Daily Report

Date: 01/29/2023	Squad: C
Squad Commander: Whitt	Sergeant: Cherry

Area	Assignments	Air Cards:	Issued:	Returned:	Issued:	Returned:
Area 1	Clay &	PA 1	238	✓	PA 6	243 ✓
Area 2	Walker &	PA 2			PA 7	
Area 3	Navarro &	PA 3			PA 8	
Area 4	Ramos &	PA 4			PA 9	239 ✓
Area 5	Ramos &	PA 5				

List any unusual occurrences or information the Division Commander should be aware of:

Ramos- Warrant Service on [REDACTED] To RRJ

Ramos- Overdose Report. [REDACTED] Narcan was administered and [REDACTED] was transported by EMS.

Clay- Arrested [REDACTED] DUID and Obstruct the execution of the legal process. Released on unsecured bond.

Navarro- Death Investigation at [REDACTED] was notified

Walker- Hit and Run report at Conduit and Old Town Creek Way. Both vehicles involved fled the scene. State Police stopped one of the vehicles on I95. Investigation is ongoing.

Ramos- Recovered stolen license plates from Case 2023-00001529 after Chesterfield FLOCK camera caught a vehicle coming into the City bearing the stolen plates. The owner advised he brought plates from a third party. Investigation ongoing.

Evidence processing room:	✓	Roll Call:	✓	End of Shift Issues:	None
Lock-up area:	✓	Roll Call:	✓	End of Shift Issues:	None

FUTURE POSSIBILITIES WITH OUR NEW SECURITY INITIATIVE

The Wing™ integration

- Perform ALPR on applicable cameras
- Add Vehicle Fingerprint analysis to camera footage
- Quickly search hours of footage for suspect vehicles
- Manage all your cameras in a single, streamlined system
- Access **Advanced Search** capabilities

Don't purchase new hardware.
Bring it into the Flock ecosystem.



Pricing: \$250 per camera, \$500 per camera with 7 days of replay, \$1,500 per camera with 7 days of replay and LPR capabilities added

CURRENT FLOCK SAFETY USERS AND GROWING

Local Partners

- Chesterfield Police (Real Time Crime Center in Operation)
- Petersburg Police
- Dinwiddie Sheriff's Office
- Prince George Police
- Hopewell Police

Regional Partners (To name a few)

- James City County Smithfield Williamsburg Farmville Suffolk
- Windsor Isle of Wight Emporia Brunswick New Kent Newport News

NEW TECHNOLOGY, BUT NOT NEW TO US

Category:	Operations	Number:	3-54
Subject:	Special Purpose Vehicles	Effective Date:	February 13, 2012
Reference:		Review Date:	February 13, 2014
Amends-Supersedes		VLEPSC:	OPR .01.08
Approved:	I		

NOTE: This order is for internal use only, and does not enlarge an officer's civil or criminal liability in any way. It should not be construed as the creation of a higher standard of safety or care in an evidentiary sense, with respect to third party claims. Violations of this directive, if proven, can only form the basis of a complaint by this department, and then only in a non-judicial administrative setting.

I. POLICY

It is the policy of the Colonial Heights Police Department to develop a plan for the use of special purpose vehicles. Only members that have received training will be authorized to operate these vehicles.

II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this order is to establish the policy and procedure for utilizing and operating department special purpose vehicles.

III. DEFINITIONS

- A. **Alternative Vehicle:** Any non-traditional, motorized vehicle, such as the Kawasaki Mule, that is utilized by members to facilitate the performance of their duties.
- B. **Animal Control Vehicle:** A specially equipped truck used by the department's Animal Control Officers.
- C. **Canine Unit:** A marked police car used by the department canine handler(s).

- J. **LPR Vehicle:** A police vehicle equipped with a system designed to read and check license plates for stolen status or security threats.
- I
- k. **LPR System:** Equipment consisting of cameras, computers, and computer software used to automatically recognize and interpret the characters on a vehicle's license plates. This data is then compared against a list of license plates bearing some significance to law enforcement.
- L. **Hot List:** A database populated with items of specific concern to the investigative and/or enforcement interests of law enforcement in the City of Colonial Heights. This may include, but is not limited to, Terrorist Screening Center Watch List, stolen/wanted vehicles and license plates, wanted and missing persons, cautions, and license plates associated with Amber Alerts or various watch lists provided for law enforcement

POSITIVE RESULTS

CASE STUDY 12 Month Results



San Marino PD



San Marino, CA

70%

Decrease in
residential
burglaries

19%

Decrease in
high priority
crimes

36%

Requested
increase in #
of cameras

**Police Chief and City Council Attribute
Crime Decrease to More Cases Cleared
With LPR Cameras**

**As the number of
cleared cases
increases, crime
correspondingly
decreases.**

FLOCK SAFETY

Comments or Questions?



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A. City Manager

6. General Activity Report

Dates of Interest

<u>March 2023</u>	<u>April 2023</u>	<u>May 2023</u>
<u>March 7th (6:00 pm)</u> - Planning Commission Meeting - Council Chambers	<u>April 4th (6:00 pm)</u> - Planning Commission Meeting - Council Chambers (Tentative)	<u>May 2nd (6:00 pm)</u> - Planning Commission Meeting - Council Chambers (Tentative)
<u>March 14th (7:00 pm)</u> - City Council Regular Meeting- Council Chambers	<u>April 11th (7:00 pm)</u> - City Council Regular Meeting- Council Chambers	<u>May 9th (7:00 pm)</u> - City Council Regular Meeting- Council Chambers
<u>March 21st (6:00 pm)</u> - City Council Special Meeting - Council Chambers	<u>April 18th (6:00 pm)</u> - City Council Special Meeting - Council Chambers	<u>May 17th (6:00 pm)</u> - City Council Special Meeting (Budget worksession) - Council Chambers
		<u>May 23rd (6:00 pm)</u> - City Council Special Meeting (Budget items) - Council Chambers

CITY HOLIDAYS

- Monday, February 20, 2023 – (Government Offices Closed)
- Friday, April 7th, 2023 – (Government Offices Closed)
- Monday, May 29th, 2023 – (Government Offices Closed)

CITY ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

- **Colonial Heights Police Department Drug Take-Back Event:** Saturday, April 22nd, 2023 from 10:00am-2:00pm with the location TBD.
- **17th Annual Arbor Day Celebration:** Friday, April 28th, 2023 at the Violet Bank Museum at 10:00AM(*The Beautification Committee is still in the planning process for this event, and additional details will be shared as soon as possible.*)
- **City Clean-Up/Adopt-A-Roadway Event:** Saturday, April 29th, 2023 from 8am-12pm.
- **2023 Fort Clifton Arts & Crafts Festival:** Saturday, May 13th and Sunday, May 14th from 10:30am-5:00pm both days.
- **Tri-City Chili Peppers 2023 Baseball Opening Weekend:** May 25-27th
- **Spring Fling Family Festival:** Saturday, June 10th from 4:00pm-7:00pm at White Bank Park

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7. City of Colonial Heights Audit Statement

In accordance with requirements in the Code of Virginia §15.2-2511, if a locality's audit is not completed as required by this statute, the locality must promptly post a statement on its website, if such website exists, with the following information:

- That the required audit is pending,
- The reasons for the delay,
- And the estimated date of completion.

City of Colonial Heights Audit Statement

The City of Colonial Heights audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 is pending. The major factors for the delay of the audit are the implementation of a new financial system and vacancies in various important positions related to the audit: the Director of Finance (vacant for a significant portion of FY 21-22) and the Deputy Director of Finance. The City of Colonial Heights finance team and auditors are working diligently to complete the audit report. Our estimated date of completion for the audit report is February 28, 2023.

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15. **Reports of Officers and Documents Related Thereto cont.:**

B. City Attorney

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15. **Reports of Officers and Documents Related Thereto cont.:**

C. Director Of Planning And Community Development

1. Planning Boards And Commissions Summary

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16. **Adjournment**



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