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Ald. Stamper to introduce "I can't breathe" resolution

At the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Common Council on Tuesday, June 16, **Alderman Russell W. Stamper, II** plans to introduce for immediate adoption a resolution urging the Fire and Police Commission to adopt a policy addressing any "I can't breathe" plea by an individual who is under police custody.

The resolution is in response to the recent death of George Floyd as well as previous deaths of Manuel Ellis, Eric Garner and Derek William who all stated trouble breathing during interactions with police officers prior to passing away.

"Too many times in the recent past have we seen African-American men lose their life during police interactions after stating that they can't breathe," said Alderman Stamper. "This resolution encourages the Fire and Police Commission to work with the police department to enact a policy to help remedy loss of life due to excessive force."

"I believe at this point it is clear that excessive force resulting in death is part of a systemic issue that disproportionately impacts people of color, and this requires policy changes in the name of protecting our citizens," Alderman Stamper continued.

The Common Council meeting will take place at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, June 16 and will be televised live on the City Channel (channel 25 on Spectrum Cable and channel 99 on AT&T U-Verse in the City of Milwaukee) and via streaming video on the city website at city.milwaukee.gov/Channel25.

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