

**CITY OF PITTSBURG
CITY COUNCIL/AGENCY CONCURRENT MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: June 8, 2020

LOCATION: Council Chamber, City Hall, 65 Civic Avenue, Pittsburg, CA 94565

CITY COUNCIL.AGENCY MEMBERS

Jelani Killings, Mayor/Chair
Marilyn Craft, Vice-Mayor/Chair
Holland Barrett White, Council/Agency Member
Shanelle Scales-Preston, Council/Agency Member
Juan Antonio Banales, Council/Agency Member
S.L. Floyd, Agency Member
Annie Hill Herring, Agency Member

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Garrett Evans, City Manager/Executive Director
Donna Mooney, City Attorney/Legal Counsel
Alice E. Evenson, City Clerk/Agency Secretary (elected)
Nancy Parent, City Treasurer (elected)

Pursuant to Section 3 of Executive Order N-29-20, issued by Governor Newsom on March 17, 2020, the regular meeting of the City Council for June 8, 2020 was conducted electronically through Zoom with broadcasting live through Granicus on the City's website. Please be advised that pursuant to the Executive Order, and to ensure the health and safety of the public by limiting human contact that could spread the COVID-19 virus, the Council Chamber was not open for the meeting. Council Members participated electronically or through Zoom and were not physically present in the Council Chamber.

Mayor Killings called the meeting of the City Council to order at 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chamber at City Hall, 65 Civic Avenue, Pittsburg, CA after convening for a Budget Workshop at 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

All Members were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS/REMARKS

City Manager Evans gave an update on the COVID-19 health order for the City of Pittsburg.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Killings attended the Mayors Conference and the League of California Cities policy committee.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comments were received from the following:

Mark Linde
Bernadette Silva
Chad
Marisa Harris
Durie Foster
Manisha Rattu
Jennifer Estevez
Roland Fernandez
Katarina James
Chris Moreno
Hayley Preston (plus 75 other comments)
Phyllis Loya
JoAnn Lasater
POA and PMG
Alexandra McMullen
Bruce Ohlson
Mark Linde
Gregory Osorio
Heliodoro Moreno
Alex Foster
Plus 1640+ other comments

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Adoption of a City Council Resolution Approving the Substantial Amendment to the Community Development Block Grant 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan to Add the CDBG-CV Allocation

Mayor Killings opened the Public Hearing. There being no one to speak to the item, Mayor Killings closed the Public Hearing.

On Motion by Member Scales-Preston, seconded by Vice-Mayor Craft to adopt and carried unanimously.

2. Adoption of a City Council Resolution Approving the Amended Community Development Block Grant Citizen Participation Plan Related to the CARES Act

Mayor Killings opened the Public Hearing. There being no one to speak to the item, Mayor Killings closed the Public Hearing.

On Motion by Vice-Mayor Craft, seconded by Member Scales-Preston to adopt and carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION

3. Adoption of a Minute Order Accepting Senior Executive Team Salary and Benefits Reductions for Fiscal Year 2020/2021

On Motion by Member Banales, seconded by Vice-Mayor Craft to adopt and carried unanimously.

4. Consideration of a City Council Request for a Future Agenda Item Related to Reckless Driving and Sideshows

The following comments were received:

Alexandra McMullen
Bruce Ohlson
Mark Linde

On Motion by Member Banales, seconded by Member Scales-Preston to adopt and carried unanimously.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT

There were no conflict of interest statements.

COMBINED CITY COUNCIL, PITTSBURG ARTS AND COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, PITTSBURG POWER COMPANY AND SOUTHWEST PITTSBURG GHAD II AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

Mark Linde, Pittsburg, sent a comment regarding Item 6, the Conflict of Interest Code.

On Motion by Member Banales, seconded by Vice-Mayor/Chair Craft to adopt, and carried unanimously.

5. Minutes of May 18, 2020
6. By Minute Order, Direct Review of City's Conflict Of Interest Code
7. Adoption of a City Council Resolution Requesting the Consolidation of the Municipal Election with Other Elections to be Held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 General Election Date for the Election of Certain Officers as Required by the Provisions of the Laws of the State of California Relating to General Law Cities and Levying a Charge and Establishing Word Limitation for Candidates' Statements
8. Adoption of a City Council Resolution Accepting Plans and Specifications, Awarding Contract 2016-09, 2017 Sewer and Waterline Rehabilitation Project to Garney Pacific Inc.
9. Adoption of a City Council Resolution Approving a Consultant Agreement and Authorizing Funds for Contract 2020-08, Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) Upgrade Project

10. Adoption of a City Council Resolution to Amend Senior Executive Team Salary and Benefit Schedules

COUNCIL REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

11. Adoption of a Resolution Condemning Police Actions in the Death of George Floyd in Minneapolis, Expressing Support for the Floyd Family, and Committing to Address the Systemic Inequities and Adoption of a Minute Order Approving a Letter and Public Statement

The following sent comments regarding this item:

Gregory Osorio
Heliodoro Moreno
Alex Foster

On Motion by Vice-Mayor Craft, seconded by Member Banales to adopt, and carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND REMARKS

Vice-Mayor Craft again urged people to get tested for COVID-19 and to continue to wear masks and practice social distancing.

Mayor Killings announced an upcoming workshop regarding police tactics and procedures.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting adjourned at 9:16 P.M. to June 15, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice E. Evenson, City Clerk

meetingcomments

From: Heliodoro Moreno <h.mor3no@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020 11:50 AM
To: meetingcomments
Cc: shanellescalespreston@gmail.com; Juan Banales; holland4pittsburg@gmail.com; Merl Craft
Subject: Comment for Agenda Item #11 for Special City Council Meeting on 6/8/20

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Good evening, City Council and Community,

My name is Heliodoro Moreno, Jr., and I am a Pittsburg resident. I fully support the adoption of this resolution condemning the Minneapolis Police's murder of George Floyd. However, that should only be the beginning of the city's actions. I demand that our city look at the practices of our own Police Department and urge it to adopt much needed reforms to make sure that the city's words are not hollow.

For example, the Pittsburg Police Department must ban the use of chokeholds. Specifically, the police department continues to authorize the use of the carotid restraint, which has now been banned by several police departments across the country in the wake of George Floyd's murder. Why hasn't Pittsburg PD done so? This lack of action is particularly concerning because in 2016 a Pittsburg Police Officer killed an unarmed suspect using the carotid restraint. Banning chokeholds lessens the occurrence of police killings by 22 percent. The Chief can send out messages on social media all he wants, but those words are hollow without action!

Further, why aren't police officers required to live in the community they police? Local politicians are; why not police? If they did, there would be a much greater sense of community and accountability. We must also look at training methods for our police force. Why do many police officer's attitudes completely change once they put on the uniform? That should not be the case.

Look, several people have said that our police department does not have the problems of others, but that is naïve and misinformed. Just look at the killing of Humberto Martinez in 2016 or the video from January of this year where Pittsburg Police allow a canine to maul a suspect's leg even though they are in custody. Go listen to your fellow black resident's personal stories of how a Pittsburg Police Officer's initial reaction to him asking for assistance is placing his hand on his gun. The culture must change!

I want to conclude by saying that although our police department is doing some good work in our community, it does not alter the fact that reform is necessary and long overdue. Let us all come together to redefine policing and do what is right for all our Pittsburg community.

Heliodoro Moreno, Jr.
Pittsburg, CA

meetingcomments

From: Gregory Osorio <greg@compleader.com>
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020 3:08 PM
To: Alice Evenson; meetingcomments
Subject: For Public Comment - Agenda Item # 11

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Alice, please read comments below at tonight's council meeting and enter into record –

Public Comments:

I have and continue to have confidence in Chief Addington to lead our city in changes needed in police department. The police departments across this country, and yes here in Pittsburgh, are a broke culture, a culture where cruelty of citizens exists on a far to regular basis. The good news is that we have a tremendous opportunity in front of us.

In my original email I did have an attachment with specific recommendations to council, however due to time limitations for public comment I am not including here.

Below is a link for a video of an arrest in City of Pittsburgh, the audio portion is not available (suggest you get it). The arrest was made January 2020 I believe, and it is my understanding that initially the young man was charged with resisting arrest, then charges were dropped after review of video, he is now in litigation with City of Pittsburgh. The video raises some serious questions:

1. Why was dog allowed to attack the young man in the first place?
2. After young man was on the ground and under control the dog was allowed to continue to attack the young man for an extended period of time
3. This is outrageous, I only found out about this last week. A relative who told me about it said that she originally saw the video with audio portion and she said that the young man was screaming for a long time, a dog bite is extremely painful.

<https://www.facebook.com/blessed.teee/posts/2502807749989902>

This is symptomatic of a broke culture, a culture that allows violence to be perpetrated on our citizens, and there are many, many, things we must do, but while we are doing the basic things and mandating changes in policies and accountability (citizen review level, including young adults) --- We must also deal right at the heart of the issue --- We must change the culture, and this cannot be a once or twice a year workshop, it must be an everyday drumbeat from top to bottom, from the council, to the city manager, to the chief, and down to the rank and file. It is a new day, and our society will not tolerate anything less. This is a powder keg, and if we do not understand the current environment it will be a grave mistake.

I personally do not believe in defunding entire department, do believe that some funds should go towards youth services and meaningful interactions by individuals who can make an impact in their lives, and youth employment training.... This city has verbalized youth as a priority but has divorced itself from that responsibility long ago --- Unless youth are playing organized sports there is little that we have to offer them. And it begs the question, are they really a priority? I deal with many who are in the criminal lifestyle, some are very close to me and they know that I care for them deeply (and

steady try to minister to them to help them try and see the changes needed) and I think it is idealistic to think that other services will ever completely be a substitute for professional policing focused on priorities and serving the community. Afterall, that is what we all are, "servants".

Please do not let this moment escape us and make token changes, our community and this country will not tolerate anything less than truly meaningful changes.

Respectfully,

Gregory Osorio

meetingcomments

From: Alexandra <alexisfromsf@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020 4:10 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: For Public Comment - Item 4 - Reckless Driving & Sideshows

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Good Evening Mayor Killings and Councilmembers Craft, White, Scales-Preston and Banales

Thank you for addressing this issue!

I have been a resident of Pittsburg for several years on the corner of East Leland and Harbor. For the last couple of years, I have noticed a dramatic increase in speed, modified mufflers and major accidents on this corner.

My bedroom window overlooks the corner so I've witnessed many of car accidents over the years and often go outside to see if I can assist or call 911.

I've also witnessed many cars drag racing down East Leland EB. Sometimes these cars rev their engines at the light and then race down E Leland. Many times these cars are reaching 70 mph or more.

This corner is also very dangerous when it rains. Many of these accidents are due to excessive speed and losing control turning from Harbor to Leland. A few have struck the light poles or other vehicles. The most recent accident woke me up this past Sunday morning at 8 AM in which police, fire, ambulance and tow trucks all had to respond.

I have requested many times that a speed survey be done on the go Pittsburg app. They respond saying that it will be forwarded to the traffic department but I haven't seen anything make a difference.

There was a major accident one block down from here two months ago caused by a reckless driver losing control who crashed into the median and into someone coming the opposite direction. There was also a major accident one block down from here two months ago caused by a reckless driver losing control who crashed into the median and into someone coming the opposite direction.

And then last month, someone died driving recklessly on Garcia Avenue.

The speed limit on East Leland is 40 miles an hour but as you may know from the many people drive way past 40 mph. Please help us so that people will stop getting hurt or dying because their driving too fast or too reckless.

Thank you for your time.

Be well.stay healthy,

Alexandra McMullen

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

meetingcomments

From: Jennifer Estevez <jestevez@dons.usfca.edu>
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020 4:18 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: FOR PUBLIC COMMENT - NON AGENDA

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My name is Jennifer Estevez and I am in my third-year of law school at the University of San Francisco School of Law. As a Bay Point resident who FREQUENTLY sees Pittsburg police in my community, I demand that you take immediate action to ensure the following:

1. Reduce PPD's allocation from the general fund by 50%.
2. Discontinue use of general fund dollars to pay for settlements due to police murder, misconduct and negligence.
3. Invest in housing, jobs, youth programs and **restorative justice**, and mental health workers to keep the community safe.
4. Ban the use of the carotid chokehold and other harmful practices, like shooting at a moving vehicle.
5. Hold local leaders, like Police Chief Addington, accountable for the wrongful state-sanctioned execution of black and brown lives, including one of the most recent, Humberto Martinez. Pittsburg **Officer Ernesto Mejia** should immediately be reprimanded and fired.

I trust that you will do the right thing and fight for your community.

Regards,
Jenny

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Jennifer Estevez (she/her)
Moot Court Development Director
Juris Doctor Candidate, Class of 2021
University of San Francisco, School of Law
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From: Christopher Moreno <cmoreno0728@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020 5:12 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: Public Comments

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Hello Mayor and Council Lady's and Gents,

The public service you provide the community is difficult, time consuming, and a majority of time goes unrecognized. I'd like to start with a huge thank you for all you do and the sacrifices you make to donate that time.

Considering the recent events I am beyond proud of your response and position you have taken to have the difficult discussions not only here in Pittsburg but also the choice to influence the conversation in surrounding cities sparking change around us.

Staying along the same lines of recent events there has also been a large push/focus on the Police Department, rightfully so, to "defund" or "abolish" the Police Department. In my opinion the Pittsburg Police Department could lend themselves as a role model on how to conduct themselves with the public. They do an extremely good job and I couldn't be more proud. This does not detract from the need to dig deeper and get better.

As a citizen and as a voice for the Business community here is what I am asking:

1. We are not opposed to change that positively impacts our community and helps bring equal treatment and helps all the members of our community feel loved and appreciated.
2. When making decisions throughout any process it should be data driven and data specific to our community.
3. Defunding should not be an option. As we can see with the education system trying to run a public serving organization cannot be done effectively when underfunded. Less funding equates to less resources like tools or training, a lowered ability to retain quality team members, less time to complete tasks, and lowered ability to analyze the performance of the organization that allows it to adjust. This all leads to increased tensions due to lower paid officers, less educational opportunities for officers to improve their capabilities, increased per officer pressure to complete necessary work, and fearfully in my opinion an increased likelihood the members of our community are put at risk of Police Brutality due to increased mental pressures. Not that the mental strains of an Officer should excuse police brutality but we should provide the atmosphere an officer needs to do their job to the best of their ability leading to a well cared for community.

Change is necessary no doubt and I have confidence you will all make the right decisions.

Thank you,
Chris Moreno
Pittsburg Resident & President of The Pittsburg Chamber of Commerce

meetingcomments

From: mark linde <mrkemlylinde@att.net>
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020 3:03 PM
To: meetingcomments; Jelani Killings; Juan Banales; Jordan Davis; Fritz McKinley; Garrett Evans
Subject: Agenda Item 6, conflicts of interest

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Please confirm receipt of this email for tonight's 6/8/2020 city Council meeting

good evening mayor killings and council

I couldn't help but notice this came up For review. Over the past few years there have been allot of inconsistencies that maybe noted as possible conflicts of interest and might" warrant further investigation, I would like take a minute and mention a few.

- 1) PPP loan for a group under possible supervision by a county supervisor family members.
- 2) Awarding contracts to a council members nonprofit.
- 3) Allowing a council member to personally advertise for possibly their own benefit on city property.
- 4) No Accountability in following up regarding a commission committee member to post Legally detrimental items on social media with no real recourse (example Antioch Planning Commission Member vs Antioch City Council)
- 5) And my most recent sad moment, a post by a member of our community that's working towards social justice that points to contact with a female member of our council (Aunt) regaining actions with the police, that is definitely conflict of interest and that council member should not" vote in anything that concerns our police department.
- 6) Allowing candidates to place political signs on city property even though it's not" permitted under the city of Pittsburg campaign policies.
We all take open door policies and possible nepotism very much to heart. From writings in the hallowed hall of a Casino, District voting and more. We look forward to a time when the covid restrictions are lifted and more of an open door policy can be achieved.

Mark, Emily, Matthew and Elisabeth Linde Sent from my iPhone

meetingcomments

From: mark linde <marklinde2003@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020 3:24 PM
To: meetingcomments; Garrett Evans; Jelani Killings; Jordan Davis
Subject: Public Comments (Not PPD Related)

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Please confirm receipt of this email for tonight's council meeting 6/8/2020

Good Evening Mayor Killings and Council

I am following up on a couple of items previously mentioned.

1) The Shelter in Place orders were amended a few weeks ago and are about ready to be amended again to include use of public parks and swim centers. Where are we with maintenance on our parks? I hope the council can direct the appropriate groups to bring our parks back to life ASAP.

2) I have been following up on the ice rink and our funds used to engage in the contract with the possibility of a return on our Monitory investment. As last I heard there has been no reply regarding the final financial reports from the ice rink operator, can the mayor direct staff to take a more aggressive stance? It's been more than 4 months.

3) District Elections, about a year or so I approached the Council asking we enter under district elections for city council. With no reply I'm in need to ask again and set up a timeline. I ask the city to enter into procedures to establish district elections within the next 60 days. Within the next 60 days we ask the city form a committee to include the public and set it as an agenda item to be continued.

(Legal Notification)

Thank you mayor killings and city council for your time.

Mark Linde
Pittsburg Resident

Mark, Emily, Matthew and Elisabeth Linde Sent from my iPhone

meetingcomments

From: Bernadette Silva <bpettit_2000@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020 4:57 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT

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Hello. I'm Bernadette Silva and I'm the one who organized The Class of 2020 Cruise Into The Sunset on May 30th.

This is what I posted on Pittsburg Proud.

The Senior Cruise was AMAZING!! Pittsburg Rocks!! We are truly blessed to have a great community supporting our youth!! Seeing all the posts and comments and many smiles and people coming up to me made me smile with tears of joy. This is what cruising is all about. Enjoying the ride of life and smiling. Feedback was: let's start a new tradition, better then a virtual graduation, better then a actual graduation ceremony.

I believe I created a new Pittsburg tradition, along with the banners that are hung in Old Town, and all In Honor of the Class of 2020. I would like to meet with someone from the City and/or Police Department to get your feedback.

Thank you!
Bernadette Silva
(925) 207-7881

Sent from my iPhone

meetingcomments

From: Marisa Harris <marisa_harris@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 7, 2020 11:27 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: Black Lives Matter

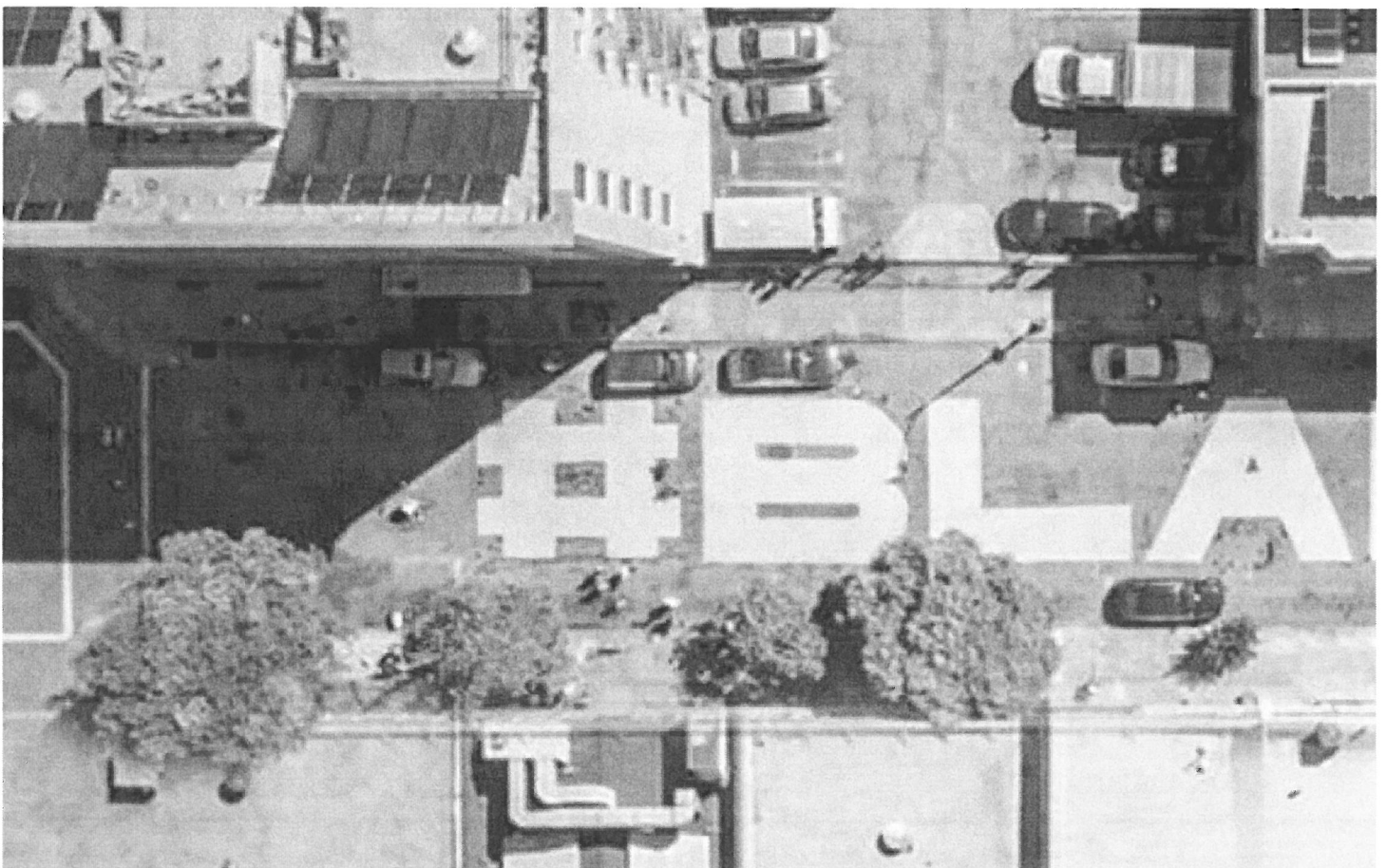
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We all know that they did it in Washington DC. I believe they did it in Sacramento too. Now Oakland has joined. Can Pittsburg do this on Railroad Ave please??

Oakland came together today to pa
along 15th St dedicated to Black Liv
to take to the sky ✈️

#BLACKLIVESMATTER | 6/7/20 | O

Msg me for prints 📧



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meetingcomments

From: Manisha Rattu <mrattu@stanford.edu>
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020 5:46 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: FOR PUBLIC COMMENT - NON AGENDA

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Hello Council Members and Pittsburg Residents,

On July 26, 2016, Pittsburg Police Officer Ernesto Mejia attempted to perform the carotid restraint on Humberto Martinez who was driving with expired tags. Martinez ran into a nearby home but was UNARMED. When officers caught up with him, the carotid restraint was inaccurately conducted by Officer Mejia and resulted in Martinez's death. An autopsy found that Martinez's breathing was cut off, he had fractured cartilage in his throat causing "extensive hemorrhages," 16 of his ribs were broken, and his head and liver were bruised. Martinez's family filed a federal lawsuit, naming officers Ernesto Mejia, Jason Waite, Willie Glasper, Gabriel Palma, Jonathan Elmore, and Patrick Berhan as defendants. The officers claimed that since Martinez was a big man and was resisting arrest, he was an immediate threat.

If six, so-called trained police officers can't apply the restraint properly and take a man down without the use of excessive force, are they truly doing their jobs correctly? Does the Pittsburg Police Department need 60% of our city's budget? Absolutely not.

I am upset and ashamed that the city council requires a presentation from the Police Department to realize how harmful the carotid restraint is rather than taking immediate action. Councilmember White's motion to ban the restraint should have been immediately supported during the June 3rd council meeting and not pushed off to an arbitrary date.

In addition to immediately banning the carotid restraint, we must begin defunding the police. Based on the work of critical resistance scholars (referred to on 8toabolition.com), defunding means cutting the PD's budget by 50%, immediately firing police officers who have any excessive force complaints, suspending the use of paid administrative leave for cops under investigation, requiring police, not cities, to be liable for misconduct and violence settlements, and prohibiting city candidates from taking money from police unions and accepting union funds (plus more).

Minneapolis city council is already in conversation about defunding their PD. I hope you too will significantly reduce funding for our PD prior to approving the FY21 Budget on June 30th. Martinez's death was unwarranted and your inactions allow for members of our community to be subject to the same brutality by our Police Department.

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Manisha Rattu

Stanford University | Class of 2019

M.S. Candidate | Earth Systems

B.S. | Earth Systems

Minor | Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity (CSRE)

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From: Alex Foster <ajfoster92@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020 6:36 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: Public Comment: Agenda Item 11

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In solidarity and perpetuity,

God rest those whom have lost their life to police brutality and acts of racism in our city, state, country, land mass, and across the world. God bless the families of those who've been affected by such tragedies.

In short I would like to propose that the Police budget be reduced to 50% and that we use those funds to house and keep minority owned/family owned businesses around and that we siphon out those funds that are going largely to Corporate fast-food to build our own super market that promotes a healthier diet, with larger organic sections.

I propose this in the spirit of longevity for Pittsburg and that we are not swallowed up by corporate America whom's Ideal, does not care about the underprivileged or the health of the poor. And Yes, I do feel like there is a need to condemn the act of the Minnesota Police Department for the even most recent acts of pepper spraying peaceful protestors and that we do address our social and economic equalities in Pittsburg

THANK YOU.

meetingcomments

From: Roland Fernandez <roland.fernandez.sr@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020 7:33 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: PPD

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If Pittsburg PD is making adjustments to help keep us safe, but who will keep us safe from our Police Department?

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Thanks..

Roland Fernandez

meetingcomments

From: Karatina James <karatinaj@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020 7:33 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

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The public health issue of racism is also an civil economic issue ass well. Black live Matter is more than just police killing us. What is Contra Costa County doing to ensure that African Americans are living up to their fullest potential economically?

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From: Roland Fernandez <roland.fernandez.sr@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020 7:45 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: Re: PPD

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lets not forget the brutality of the person eating his lunch in his car and Police shoot and kill him.
there is also illegal back room questioning with an attorney, what kind of criminal tactics is this which is performed by PPD?

On Mon, Jun 8, 2020 at 7:33 PM Roland Fernandez <roland.fernandez.sr@gmail.com> wrote:

If Pittsburg PD is making adjustments to help keep us safe, but who will keep us safe from our Police Department?

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Thanks..

Roland Fernandez

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Thanks..

Roland Fernandez

meetingcomments

From: Karatina James <karatinaj@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020 7:48 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

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1. What will Contra Costa County do differently to put themselves a ahead and to reform the racial justice issue we are facing within this country? We know we can't tackle the whole country so what will we do within our own community.
2. What will Contra Costa County do to ensure that African American are economically progressing? We don't need another federal government funding program to subsidized what is already owned to us.
3. How can we better and start the process to heal the severe mental health issue that the systemic racism of America has casted upon African Americans?

meetingcomments

From: Dianna Schepers <dscheper@opentext.com>
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020 8:40 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: Question regarding salaries.

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Not trying to make a big deal of this, but Is the city manager one of the members of staff who took a pay cut for this fiscal year? He mentioned the assistant city manager but not his position.

This doesn't need to be addressed in open session, but would appreciate a response. I know this will come up in social media later and would like to curtail any unnecessary speculation.

Thanks
Dianna Schepers

meetingcomments

From: Bruce Ole Ohlson <bruceoleohlson@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020 8:51 PM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: traffic conditions Please read

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To: City Council and staff:

The way we will discourage speeding cars in our city is to make it more inconvenient to drive the car. Speed humps work. Put them close together. Every 100 yards is not too close. Speed humps are a good workable short- and long-term solution to traffic driving too fast while cutting through neighborhoods on residential streets. Please install speed humps. We have nothing to lose and lots to gain.

Ventura Drive had the first speed humps installed in the City. They were (and are) 3 1/2 inches tall. Since then, the City has decided to make normal speed humps 4 inches tall. Please install 4 1/2 inch tall speed humps throughout the City. Speed humps work. Speed humps make life safer for pedestrians and bicyclists. Speed humps slow down speeding cars.

Please install speed humps on streets within our City that have speeding cars.

Thank you.

~Ole

Bruce "Ole" Ohlson
Bike East Bay
Delta Pedalers Bicycle Club
Contra Costa Countywide Bicycle Advisory Committee
CCTA Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Caltrans District 4 Bicycle Advisory Committee
TRANSPLAN appointee to Highway 4 Integrated Corridor Management Study
Healthy and Livable Pittsburg Collaborative

Dear Mayor Killings and Pittsburg City Council Members,

My name is Jade. I am a resident of Pittsburg and attended Pittsburg High School. Pittsburg Police Department takes an enormous share of the city's general fund, taking away 61.53% of needed resources that can be allocated to essential programs and services in our city. I'm writing to you today to demand that Pittsburg support the redirection of significant funds back into the community for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

Over the past fourteen days, our nation has been seized by protests calling for the systematic upheaval of institutions that promote racism and anti-Blackness, especially the institution that is the police, while also reimagining what community accountability can look like. While other Bay Area cities have been at the forefront of many of these protests, there have also been numerous outcries within Pittsburg. You may have witnessed these outcries through the 24 letters sent during the June 3rd city council meeting, through numerous posts all over social media, and through the peaceful demonstration outside of City Hall on Friday, June 5th.

Our city leaders must prioritize our community's social programs, health care, housing, small businesses, and education. We must ensure that all students, especially black students and students of color, are equipped with the tools necessary to continue learning and thriving, rather than being stereotyped and heavily policed. Moreover, there is absolutely no reason a teacher must ask a student to bring basic school supplies when the funds distributed to the police department can be allocated to fulfill the needs of PUSD.

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Best,
Jade

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From: Hayley . <1hayleyrpreston@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020 11:50 AM
To: meetingcomments
Subject: [SPAM] FOR PUBLIC COMMENT - NON AGENDA

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Dear Mayor Killings and Pittsburg City Council Members,

My name is Hayley Preston. I am a resident of Pittsburg and attended Pittsburg High School. Pittsburg Police Department takes an enormous share of the city's general fund, taking away 61.53% of needed resources that can be allocated to essential programs and services in our city. I'm writing to you today to demand that Pittsburg support the redirection of significant funds back into the community for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

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From: Jeffrey Nelson <noreply@formresponse.com>
Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 7:25 PM
To: meetingcomments; citycouncil; Garrett Evans
Subject: Letter of Support for Pittsburg City Council

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VIA EMAIL

Mayor Jelani Killings
Vice Mayor, Merl Craft
Council Member Juan Antonio Benalas
Council Member Holland Barret White
Council Member Shanelle Scales-Preston

Dear Mayor Killings and City Council Members:

Thank you for holding a City Council hearing with a specific focus on the Pittsburg Police Department. I am greatly disappointed that the focus of your June 3rd meeting was to lump our department in with the nation's law enforcement system. No praise the efforts of our department in their implementation of best practices in deescalation and the department's diversity of officers. Rather the conversation was right to the attack of the department.

In the words of Former President Obama, "Every day, you confront danger so it does not find our families, carry burdens so they do not fall to us, and courageously meet test after test to keep us safe. You perform good deeds beyond the call of duty and out of the spotlight. Time and again, you make the split-second decisions that could mean life or death for you and many others in harm's way. You endure the tense minutes and long hours over lifetimes of service."

President Obama continues, "Some are trying to use this moment to divide police and the communities you serve. I reject those efforts, for they do not reflect the reality of our Nation.

President Obama concludes with, "As you continue to serve us in this tumultuous hour, we again recognize that we can no longer ask you to solve issues we refuse to address as a society. We should give you the resources you need to do your job, including our full-throated support. We must give you the tools you need to build and strengthen the bonds of trust with those you serve, and our best efforts to address the underlying challenges that contribute to crime and unrest. " ***Remark taken from Obama's Open Letter to America's Law Enforcement Community July 18 2016***

We urge you to not defund the Pittsburg Police Department. We urge you to provide praise for what is going well in our community and local Police Department. We also urge you to not mix national politics and blend national issues with our Police Department and their efforts to provide professional service in our city. We are NOT the Nation, We are NOT California, We ARE Pittsburg!

Jeffrey Nelson



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