

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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6-17-2020 COMMISSION MEETING

ITEMS AT THE REQUEST OF THE PUBLIC

PUBLIC COMMENT FROM RYANN GREENBERG – RE: POLICE DEPARTMENT

Good Evening Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk,

I write you with a heavy heart as we grieve as a community and a nation over the recent death of George Floyd at the hands of his local police department in Minnesota. We see daily, the entire nation's pain being displayed through daily peaceful protests. I am very hopeful for unity when seeing videos of our men and women in uniform walking side-by-side with the protesters. This shows leadership and their ability to heal the divide between communities of color and our great men and women that protect and serve their communities. The disproportionate loss of life with current police use of force policies must be reviewed to prevent further violence within our communities of color, a valued community that for far too long has not been heard in their plea for justice.

I feel very strongly, that we must take steps locally ensuring this injustice does not happen within our own city moving forward, and also lead the way as our city often does, with respect to reforming our policies on use of force. When was the last time we, as a community, reviewed the use of force policies within our community? Are we modeling them off of an existing policy that hasn't evolved over time as new data is released?

As we move forward to heal our community, I respectfully request that our Mayor and Commission review the "use of force" policy currently in place with the City of Pembroke Pines Police Department. I have attached a good starting point with the following use of force policy from Campaign Zero, a policy that is based on the review and analysis of effective use of force policies across the nation. The policy includes evidence-informed restrictions on police use of force that are designed to significantly reduce police violence in communities.

Let me also be clear that I am not trying to disparage or paint any current officer in our city in a negative light. I simply wish to start this conversation as a community working alongside the excellent men and women that serve OUR great City of Pembroke Pines.

Thank you, Ryann Greenberg, Pembroke Pines, FL

PUBLIC COMMENT FROM MICHELLE ACUNA – RE: POLICE DEPARTMENT

Hope this message finds you well. I, as many Americans have been disturbed by the images of the death of George Floyd. I have seen many localities in our area condemn the actions by these police officers. It would be great if as a city you did the same. Your commission has no people of color at the moment it would be great for you to be vocal of the privilege that you have. I would also love to hear from our police department and their community involvement. I know that they have community involvement but I would like to hear how they police themselves?

Thanks

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PUBLIC COMMENT FROM SEBASTIAN S. – RE: POLICE DEPARTMENT

Hello I am a resident of Pembroke Pines and was wondering if you had the time to answer a few questions during the virtual meeting:

1. What sort of steps is Pembroke Pines doing in response to the recent Floyd Protest movement?
2. What sort of transparency is there when it comes to the public seeing police records such as if a officer had a previous complaint or was involved in any shootings?
3. ~~Any comments on today's protest in City Hall earlier today?~~ This refers to the Somerset Academy student protest at City Hall on June 3, 2020.

Thank you for your time

PUBLIC COMMENT FROM ISBEL CORONADO – RE: UNIVERSITY DRIVE AT FRENCH VILLAS

My name is Isbel Coronado resident of Pembroke Pines since 2012. I am concerned about the intersection of French Drive and University Drive and I have been since 2012. The cars exiting the shopping center of Pembroke Commons always take the middle lane that crosses straight into French Villas as an additional turning lane onto North University Drive. I have complained to police in the past, but I was told it's a city issue. I feel it would be safer if the traffic from the shopping center exits first, and then the light can switch for the residents exiting French Villas. It would be convenient and safer for all, and it would also give pedestrians ample time to cross the intersection safely.

Thank you for your time,

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