

Subject: Public Commemt
Date: Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at 6:22:51 PM Pacific Daylight Time
From: Cristi Chadwick
To: City Clerk
CC: Smith, Ron, Thomas-Bybee, Charlene, Lawson, Ed, kristopher@dahir.net, Abbott, Donald

As a lifelong Sparks resident, I would like to ask local government’s reaction and plan to address Sparks PD Officer George Forbush’s biased and threatening tweets. Please also give us your opinion of his praise of a McCarthy-like hate group called “expose Reno commies”.

I’m sure Mr Abbott will announce his sadness, then nothing will be done or said ever again about this topic. That’s really not good enough.

This systematic abuse and prejudice of Sparks PD is occurring on your watch. As Sparks taxpayers, we are forced to pay the 250k per year Salary plus benefits of this senior officer. Let me remind the council how you just approved another 99k in overtime to Sparks Pd, against the public’s interest or approval.

How do you as “community leaders” expect your constituents to feel safe, after reading this community servant’s vile and contemptible words? Why do you continue to funnel tax dollars into a system that produces venomous hate like this?

Mayor Smith, you and your wife have made your stance clear. Just like you did when you exhibited your prejudice against the transgender community. For the rest of you, are you going to stand up for the people you swore to represent?

I’ll wait.

C. Cooper-Chadwick
 Ward 1
 Sparks native

Subject: Public Comment Agenda Item 4 and 12.1

Date: Friday, August 7, 2020 at 9:39:15 AM Pacific Daylight Time

From: Amanda Tate

To: City Clerk

Hello Sparks City Council Members,

I have become aware of the character of officer George Forbush. He has displayed that he does not have the strong moral compass that is required of someone on the police force. I don't want my tax dollars employing someone who is not only unfit for the position but uses that position of power irresponsibly. Someone who states online that "I officially hate the human race. And that includes all of them" or applauds the spread of people's personal information to encourage twisted vigilante violence; a clear disregard to the motto to protect and serve. I will be attending the online hearing on the 10th and urge the council members to work to remove this dangerous person from a position of power. I urge the council to remove him from a position that allows for him to act out with legal protections for his actions.

We all need to work together to improve our city for all residents. Not just those that Mr. Forbush thinks are worthy of his protection or effort.

I look forward to the hearing.

Respectfully,

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Amanda E. Tate
M.S. Hydrogeology
University of Nevada, Reno

Subject: Public comment re: George Forbush

Date: Monday, August 10, 2020 at 9:24:05 AM Pacific Daylight Time

From: Chondra Rose

To: City Clerk

Hello,

I am writing a public comment in support of Officer George Forbush. I had an interaction with him several years ago at the 4th of July fireworks at the Nugget in Sparks. He was extremely helpful in resolving an issue with Nugget security and multiple members of the public including myself. He diffused the situation and showed the upmost professionalism. It was an upsetting encounter for me and I was beyond thankful to have a level headed officer step in to help.

I have always had positive interactions with sparks police and it's upsetting to me that our officers are being targeted just because of the job they perform. My family supports sparks police and wonderful officers like officer Forbush.

Thank you!

Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT - George Forbush

Date: Monday, August 10, 2020 at 9:59:37 AM Pacific Daylight Time

From: David Jahoda

To: City Clerk

Hello,

I am writing to express my approval for Mr. George Forbush. I have known George for quite some time and he is a stand up Officer as well a stand up civilian. The disdain he shares for certain groups is shared by the vast majority of those within our community. Some are simply more outspoken than others and I'm THANKFUL that they are.

This email should serve as notice that the civilians of this community stand behind George 100% and share his sentiment during these times.

Thank you,

David Jahoda

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: George Forbush

Date: Monday, August 10, 2020 at 10:01:32 AM Pacific Daylight Time

From: cschr01

To: City Clerk

Officer Forbush should NOT lose his job!! He is allowed to have a personal opinion and voice it on his personal page. He does his job, let him be!

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Subject: Public Comment 8.10.20

Date: Monday, August 10, 2020 at 10:16:16 AM Pacific Daylight Time

From: Genevieve Fuller

To: City Clerk

Explain why the body cam footage of the killing of Miciah Lee was edited? Explain why officers who are incapable of de-escalating a situation involving an emotional and mentally ill child are still prowling our community with guns?

Subject: Public Comment 8.10.20

Date: Monday, August 10, 2020 at 10:17:27 AM Pacific Daylight Time

From: Genevieve Fuller

To: City Clerk

Explain why SPD ("third party investigator") has so far issued a citation against the Reno man who was shot by an RPD officer 7.26.20, but has not recommended the firing of the WC sheriff's deputy or the RPD officer who recklessly discharged their weapons during a traffic stop?

Subject: Public Comment 8.10.20

Date: Monday, August 10, 2020 at 10:18:07 AM Pacific Daylight Time

From: Genevieve Fuller

To: City Clerk

Explain why SPD has no language access plan in place to guide its officers when interacting with limited English proficiency residents?

Subject: Public Comment 8.10.20

Date: Monday, August 10, 2020 at 7:38:26 AM Pacific Daylight Time

From: Genevieve Fuller

To: City Clerk

Explain why SPD's arrest rate for Black residents is nearly five times higher than for whites?

Subject: Public Comment

Date: Monday, August 10, 2020 at 10:44:19 AM Pacific Daylight Time

From: baseballdad556@protonmail.com

To: City Clerk

I am writing to express my approval and appreciation of SPD Officer George Forbush. He has been serving the community for a long time, has come to my aid multiple times while he was on duty and presents himself in a manner that illustrates his commitment to the people of Sparks. All of us.

The fact that activist groups are trying to destroy our boys (and ladies) in blue over something as petty as sharing their own public opinions condemning vandalism, riots and anarchy taking place throughout the country (including Reno or even our own City Hall)- well its very sad.

The vast majority of the people share Mr. Forbush's frustration and we are all entitled to our right to free speech as outlined in the bill of rights. Having an opinion off duty is not a crime. When he is on duty, he's been recognized as great, professional peace officer to all Sparks residents and he has been for DECADES.

Thank you,
Jason Frieras

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Subject: Public Comment

Date: Monday, August 10, 2020 at 11:23:58 AM Pacific Daylight Time

From: Pauli Jones

To: Hunderman, Lisa

Lisa Hunderman,

I am writing today advocating for SPD officer George Forbush.. It is my understanding Antifa/BLM is trying to have him reprimanded for posting something about the group on his personal social media.. In my opinion Social media gives us all an opportunity to express our selves and thoughts and as an American citizen it is our first amendment right when we do it on our own time on our own page regardless to our title.. I sincerely hope as an American citizen yourself you would agree..

Regards,

Pauline Jones

Sent from my iPhone

King, LeeAnn

From: Puppy Mill Free Sparks <we.want@pupymillfreesparks.com>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 11:50 AM
To: sparks.council@pupymillfreesparks.com; City Clerk
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT 8/10: Puppy Mill Free Sparks
Attachments: Hanna-Ratilff-Former-Employee.pdf

Dear Clerk Hunderman, please read into the record.

Dear Sparks Council Members,

Puppy Mill Free Sparks has accrued nearly **20,000 signatures**, mostly local hardcopies, since 2013, at events like **Paws on the Plaza** at Victorian Square and **Walk for Animals** at the Marina. Nevada Humane Society had us as the first booth to get as many signatures as possible. NHS and SPCA alone helped secure over 3000 signatures.

We believe your constituents want an ordinance to end puppy mill store cruelty in Sparks. We have met and are engaged in conversations with Council Members Abbott and Bybee. We are looking forward to speaking with Member Lawson and Manager Krutz this Thursday.

Members Anderson and Dahir: we are hoping to schedule meetings with you to present our case which has so much support from the community. We have a lot of background documents and video exposés to share with you.

Over 400 cities, counties states and even the entire country of England have passed the same ban your constituents are asking for to end the systematic abuse found throughout the Puppy Mill Store pipeline: from large-scale breeding facilities ("mills" or "farms") to the backrooms of stores exposed numerous times over the years by news reports over the last decade.

As Member Anderson said after the Washoe County Regional Animal Services Advisory Board Meeting when he heard testimony from a former employee, "***I had no idea that kind of thing was going on there.***"

We look forward to meeting with you all and to a speedy introduction of an ordinance to end these reprehensible animal cruelty and consumer fraud issues, noted through the store's long-standing "F" rating from the Better Business Bureau, (7 years since we've been tracking).

Kindly,

Billy Howard, Founding Organizer
Marika Moore, Lead Organizer

Puppy Mill Free Sparks
<https://pupymillfreesparks.com>









Hi my name is Hanna Ratliff, I worked at Puppies Plus for over a year. The amount of animal cruelty I witnessed while working there was emotionally and physically heart breaking. These puppies that were being sold were treated like products instead of a living being. The puppies came in from puppy mills, they were sick, abused, and neglected. Some puppies would come in extremely sick and would die over the night. While working there,

I witnessed illegal medications given. I witnessed the failure from the owners to get the puppies the proper veterinarian care they deserved.

The puppies were kept in small cages, some cages had more than 3 puppies in them. The puppies drank out of a small rabbit water dispenser. The cages had torn up tissue paper, and they would eat the paper and they would lay in their own fecal matter. The puppies would also eat their own feces causing long term affects.

In October of 2018, I rescued one of the puppies from this horrid place. He is a cocker spaniel/cavalier King Charles mix. He was there for 5 months, in that tiny cage. I paid a lot of money to rescue him. He contracted Giardia (Giardia is a parasite you can contact from dirty water, or eating feces, it can be passed from

dogs to humans by letting the dog lick your face) because the other employees never wanted to clean out the cages.

I also contracted Giardia from working there I was in the Emergency room for 6 hours and the owners did not pay for my medical expenses.

Also, while working there, I was given a yellow Labrador retriever for free. She had a stage 3 heart murmur, the owners Michael and Leilani Schneider did not want to pay for her medical expenses. I took the yellow lab home and fostered her for a couple days and gave her to a family friend who payed for all her veterinarian care. The vet told us that will she only live to be 3 years old because of her condition.

When the puppies would arrive they would smell like they were marinating in their own urine and feces they were dirty and hungry, some barely able to stand up.

While working at Puppies Plus, I went through a traumatic experience, ***over 15 puppies died while I was working there.***

Most of these puppies would die in my arms because Michael and Leilani Schneider failed to come get the puppies and take them to the vet. They would wait days to come look at the puppies, and they would tell us ***"I think they are okay, just give them sugar water and they will be fine."***

After the puppies would die she would instruct us to wrap the puppy in a trash bag and leave the puppy in the back until they would come pick them up. Also ***if a puppy was sick we were told not to call any type of vet or take the puppies to the vet clinic.*** In the back of the store there are cages where they would keep sick puppies, so the public wouldn't see them. The puppies would sit in the cages until they got better, or ***they would die slowly because the owners refused to take them to the vet.***

Moving forward, puppy stores should not continue to exist and Puppies Plus and Puppy Love should be shut down so no more innocent puppies suffer from the cruelty and torture these owners are causing.

We also need to protect people from consumer fraud. How many more puppies have to lose their lives before we make a difference so please help make this ban on puppy stores go into full affect so we can save the lives of puppies everywhere.

Thank you.

[Emphases: Puppy Mill Free Sparks]

King, LeeAnn

From: missionhighboy <missionhighboy@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 12:01 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Public employees

Greetings,
I support public employees first amendment rights.

Scott Cantacessi

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S7, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

King, LeeAnn

From: Michael Molisani <c.michael.molisani@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 12:01 PM
To: City Clerk; Hunderman, Lisa
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT

Hello,

I'd like to address SPD Officer George Forbush. I want to advocate in Officer Forbush's favor that any comments he makes on private social media, on a private basis, off-duty & off-payroll should not be used weaponized against him. This is an example of "cancel culture," and needs to stop.

Our community supports Officer Forbush & the SPD, and we want to thank them for all their hard work, dedication, and leadership.

Thank you for your time,

Carl Michael Molisani, II
408 829 6151

King, LeeAnn

From: Kim Cantacessi <kaliforniakim@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 12:09 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: SPD Officer George Forbush

I was not aware that when a person works in public employment they lost their First Amendment right to free speech. Apparently on a PERSONAL social media page Officer Forbush stated his PERSONAL opinion and BLM/Antifa is taking offense. He was not speaking in the capacity of a public official. Now, they are trying to get him fired for doing something we all agree is a right as an American.

Do NOT let this group of extremists jeopardize this officer's job.

Thank you,

Kim Cantacessi
Fernley NV

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

King, LeeAnn

From: Cheryl Nash <cnash1224@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 12:12 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT

I support SPD Officer George Forbush for being able to voice his own opinion on his own account on his own time. What people do on their own time should not be able to effect their job as long as it is not illegal.

Everyone had the right to their opinion no matter their position.

Thank you,
Cheryl

Subject: Public Comment for 8/10/20 - RE: George Forbush

Date: Monday, August 10, 2020 at 1:32:29 PM Pacific Daylight Time

From: DaRkGoDx

To: City Clerk

As city council members, it is your duty and obligation to keep the residents of Sparks safe, and ensure the public employees hired by the city are carrying out their jobs properly and within the legal guidelines. Clearly, George Forbush has demonstrated he does none of these things. By sharing such callous, vile, and hateful comments, in a very public forum, he has proven a disregard for lives of many of the people he has sworn to protect, a desire to commit extrajudicial killings, and advocated violence and incited those viewing his page. Far too often, we see police departments do internal investigations, suddenly find themselves innocent, and are back on the street like nothing happened. This lack of oversight cannot continue to happen, especially in the wake of statements which have proven Officer Forbush has no respect for the lives of those he disagrees with politically. It is the job of an officer to perform their job impartially, and once this man murders someone, if you as a council choose not to act, blood will be on your hands as well. Thank you for your time.

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