

**From:** [Hunderman, Lisa](#)  
**To:** [Torres, Julie](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Support for police  
**Date:** Monday, July 20, 2020 2:00:14 PM

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Can you please print this for next Monday's meeting? I do not have print capability yet and do not want to forget it.

Thank you!

Lisa

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**From:** "Dahir, Kristopher" <kdahir@cityofsparks.us>  
**Date:** Thursday, July 16, 2020 at 11:29 AM  
**To:** "Hunderman, Lisa" <lhunderman@cityofsparks.us>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Support for police

This person has asked for there email to be read into the record at our up and coming city meeting.

Councilman Kristopher Dahir  
City of Sparks Ward 5  
775-525-4155

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**From:** Joni [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 16, 2020 11:08:56 AM  
**To:** Dahir, Kristopher <kdahir@cityofsparks.us>  
**Subject:** Support for police

Sir:

I heard at the last city council meeting there were people in attendance that wished to defund our police. I want to support our police and think we need to provide additional funding, so we can have more men and women out protecting us.

Best

Joni [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Sparks  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [Tanja Hayes](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Public comment for today's City Council meeting, thanks!  
**Date:** Monday, July 27, 2020 11:12:15 AM

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Hello City Council members and Mr. Mayor,

My name is Tanja Hayes and I'm a long time resident of Sparks, a mom of three Sparks teenagers, and a professor of Economics at TMCC. I've made public comment before and I've emailed with several of you, thank you for that.

I'm writing to you today with a few different points.

First, I am really glad to see that you are considering a **Diversity Committee** today. I am strongly in favor of this as a way to make sure all of our residents are being considered in city decisions and activities. I hope you will vote YES to move forward with its creation. I also hope you decide on a transparent way to recruit a broad group of members to this committee, which will make Sparks a more inclusive and welcoming city for people of different backgrounds, races and ethnicities, abilities, sexual orientation, and more.

Second, as a follow-up to the Guinn report on policing from 2018, I am asking that you also establish a **Citizens Advisory Committee to the police department**. This was recommended by the Guinn report and is currently being considered by the police chief - I hope the council will set up a timeline and a plan for how to implement the Citizen Advisory Committee, including a transparent and inclusive outreach process to recruit a diverse and representative group of members to serve.

Third, and also recommended in the Guinn report, we need a **survey of Sparks residents** on our opinions and input regarding the Sparks Police Department. Unless we know how things currently stand, we cannot improve. As a professor, I get evaluated by my students every single semester, and it helps me to know what works and what doesn't, and how to continuously try to improve, in order to best serve my students. We should strive to do the same with our police department, which serves our community.

Fourth and lastly, I know there has been talk about a **Townhall meeting**, which of course is harder to do during a pandemic, but can still be done on Zoom with a moderator and people sending in questions. There have been countless different townhalls in our region and beyond, over the last couple of months, and I'm sure you can do it successfully as well. I know you've talked about it for at least 6 weeks now and I ask you to please set up this Townhall meeting soon. Sparks residents are hungry for communication and conversation, and I hope you see this as the asset that it is, as we all work to make Sparks the best city it can be.

Thank you, and have a wonderful meeting.

**From:** [Hunderman, Lisa](#)  
**To:** [Torres, Julie](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Support the Sparks Police  
**Date:** Friday, July 24, 2020 11:44:26 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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**From:** "Dahir, Kristopher" <kdahir@cityofsparks.us>  
**Date:** Friday, July 24, 2020 at 8:18 AM  
**To:** "Hunderman, Lisa" <lhunderman@cityofsparks.us>  
**Subject:** FW: Support the Sparks Police

Good morning Lisa,

This was sent to us to be placed in Public comment for Monday. Please see that they do not want their last name mentioned.



Councilman Kristopher Dahir  
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**From:** Pam [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Friday, July 24, 2020 at 8:10 AM  
**To:** "Dahir, Kristopher" <kdahir@cityofsparks.us>, "Smith, Ron" <rsmith@cityofsparks.us>  
**Subject:** Support the Sparks Police

\*\*\*\* Please omit my last name when reading this letter \*\*\*\*

To the Honorable Mayor Ron Smith and Distinguished Council Members,

I'm writing this letter to show my support for the Sparks police department. The talk of defunding during public comments at the July 13th meeting and using the money for mental health. Well, we agree mental health/social services is important and should be funded, it should not be at the expense of the police department that is already in need of additional resources..The Sparks area continues to grow and with this growth we have more demand on our police officers. Everyone I know supports our police and they do not want any funding taken away from this department. I enjoy living in our community and all departments I have had to contact with have been wonderful. We have lived here more than thirty years and it is a great place to live and would like to keep it this way.

Sincerely,

Pam

