

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2020 10:15 AM
To: Jamezetta Bedford
Cc: Amy Harvey; Carolyn Worsley; Flo Miller; Laura Selmer; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Rae Buckley; Ralph Karpinos; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver; Allen Buansi; Amy Ryan; Hongbin Gu; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Shakera Vaughan; Tai Huynh
Subject: RE: Resolution of Intent to Adopt

Thank you for your correspondence with the Town of Chapel Hill. The Mayor and Town Council are interested in what you have to say. By way of this email, I am forwarding your message to the Mayor and each of the Council Members, as well as to the appropriate staff person who may be able to assist in providing additional information or otherwise addressing your concerns.

If your email is related to a development application or a particular issue being addressed by the Council, your comments will be made part of the record. If applicable, we encourage you to attend any public meetings related to the items addressed in your email.

Again, thank you for your message.

Sincerely,

Jeanette Coffin



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Subject: Fw: Resolution of Intent to Adopt

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FYI

The board could not agree on cuts to fund years 2 and 3 of a second DTCC Orange Campus building. That will return to us in Sept. We vote to approve year 1 only. However, we must get years 2-10 decided before going to the LGC to refinance and borrow in the spring. 4:3 votes on this project. All commissioners except Dorosin refuse to cut Lands Legacy and conservation easement funds. McKee, Marcoplos and I voted no on the project for a variety of other reasons. [For me, we cannot afford it without raising taxes or cutting more

important needs, and I'd like to have the county facility study that we are just now funding completed to integrate budgeting with county, DTCC and pre-K-12 school capital needs.] The positive about waiting is that we will have additional data on sales tax revenues and expenses. We plan to more closely review the budget after that first quarter regardless.

Chapel Hill library funding was preserved. The 12.6% pay increase for commissioners was rescinded 6:1 vote. Dorosin moved and it was unanimously approved to use some staff amendment savings to increase school per pupil funding \$9 (in addition to the \$5.) Schools will have to use their fund balances.

We are please d to continue sharing the funding for the Partnership to End Homelessness. We received a HUD grant(s?) to fund two new positions for housing assistance/locators. That office is moving from the manager's to the Housing Dept.

Sincerely (stay safe),

Jamezetta

From: Paul Laughton

Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 8:55 AM

To: Penny Rich; Renee Price; Earl McKee; Mark Dorosin; Mark Marcoplos; Sally Greene; Jamezetta Bedford

Cc: Bonnie Hammersley; Travis Myren; Gary Donaldson; Donna Baker

Subject: Resolution of Intent to Adopt

Good Morning Commissioners,

Please see attached for the Resolution of Intent to Adopt approved at last night's meeting. Let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thanks,

Paul

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From: Natalie Troy <natalie.troy@yale.edu>
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2020 6:06 PM
To: Town Council; Finance; All Communications & Public Affairs; Manager
Subject: 6/10/2020 Public Town Council Meeting Follow-Up

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Dear Chapel Hill City Government Officials,

I write to you today to express once again my support of gradually divesting from & defunding the CHPD, as over 60 (to my rough count) community members demanded at your open budget hearing last night.

However, while I understand the numbers are complex, no matter what the exact police budget was last year and will be next year, the current pain our nation is feeling should show you that the police budget needs to not be bigger next year than this year. I understand that this is not an easy task, especially with our comments coming so late in Chapel Hill's budget process, but we do have two weeks to make changes for next year, and this work will continue into the future.

To assist in your process of finding cuts within the police department, here are suggestions you heard last night and that I hope the town will look into:

- **Cut the police special events budget / presence at protests and public demonstrations.** Multiple news reports last year stated that CHPD's involvement at the Silent Sam protests over the last couple years sent CHPD towards the limits of their overtime budget early into the year. Even if some public demonstrations still request police presence for road blocks and security detail, the town still has the ability to cut in half or more the number of squad cars and police officers sent to events, while using traffic cones and barricades to fill in the gaps of street closures.
- **Decrease the number of traffic stops officers make.** Of course, I am no expert in policing, but the data says most drivers commit a minor traffic violation every few blocks of driving. Police determine who to pull over. The relevant offices in town government should work with CHPD to draft + train traffic officers on clear guidelines for more dangerous traffic offenses (ie, suspected DUI's) vs less dangerous traffic offenses (ie, a single broken tail light or an accidental right on red at a confusing intersection with no pedestrians, and I'm sure, many more). The town council should pass an ordinance outlining the level of danger that should be reached before making a traffic stop, allowing in the long term for the down to downsize the size of the police force devoted to traffic violations.
- **Act to remove SRO's from schools.** I don't know whose authority this falls under, but as the mayor and the town council, the voters of Chapel Hill have trusted you with a level of authority that you can leverage in negotiations with other public bodies. As many commenters last night were young and recent graduates of your public schools (like me! Hi! If any of you attended ECHHS' 2018 graduation, you heard me speak in the Dean Dome), we know firsthand that SRO's contribute more to policing Black, Latinx, and other students. These officers due more to entangle CHILDREN in the criminal justice system than to actively improve the school community or safety.

These are just three suggestions. I know the town has lots of smart people with budgeting experience who can find even more places to make cuts in the next two weeks before the budget comes due.

Additionally, I know the state eviction freeze has ended. **If Chapel Hill Town Council really cares about the health of its people, especially its most vulnerable people, during a global pandemic, I hope you will extend an eviction freeze at the town level.** No one should be homeless period. But even if you disagree with me there, I hope you will CERTAINLY agree that no one should be made homeless due to the circumstances of a global pandemic and a national recession that are as far out of their control as can possibly be.

For reference, I've included my draft statement from last night below. I noticed no mention of policing in the town's published summary of last night's meeting, which seems odd given that policing was the agenda item the most time was spent on, especially in terms of the volume, length, and passion level of public comments. I hope this doesn't mean you didn't hear our concerns.

My comment last night:

Hello Council Members

My name is Natalie Troy. I use she/her/hers pronouns and I've lived in the Clark Hills neighborhood of Chapel Hill for over ten years.

I want to echo what many commenters have said today, especially what Alanna Davis, Leah Abrams, and George Barrett said.

I know defunding the police may sound crazy or too radical, but I invite you to consider exactly which Chapel Hill communities police regularly spend time arresting and ticketing folks in. In all my years living in Lake Forest and Clark Hills, a predominantly white and well-resourced area of Chapel Hill, I've rarely even seen a police car drive on my neighborhood streets, much less witnessed officers issue tickets, make arrests, or use force.

Council members, I'm guessing you all, like me, very likely already live in chapel hill neighborhoods largely **free of police presence**, and hope you will extend that freedom and safety to Chapel Hill's predominantly Black, Latinx, and refugee communities as well as lower income neighborhoods in general. While as many commenters tonight have mentioned this is a complex process and not a process that will happen overnight, the length of time and amount of thought and work that will go into the process of downsizing our police department demands we begin now.

We are witnessing a watershed moment for this country. I hope Chapel Hill will act on this moment to defund our oppressive system of policing rather than simply reforming it, as other commenters have pointed out how insufficient reform efforts are and in fact only extend oppressive systems.

Y'all spoke so eloquently today about non-policing ways to make our community safer, from the social workers of the Police Crisis Response Team to the affordable housing initiatives you're already carrying out. Imagine how much more you could do with those efforts with the millions of dollars the police department currently drains from the city budget.

Best,

Natalie

ECHHS Valedictorian Speaker, 2018