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From: Danielle Hutchings Mieler <daniellemieler@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 5:35 PM
To: Jim Oddie; Tony Daysog; Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft; Malia Vella; John Knox White; City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Investigation of Police Misconduct

Dear Mayor & Council Members,

I am very disappointed to learn that City Manager Levitt has hired Alfonso Estrada to conduct the investigation of police misconduct against Alameda resident, Mr Mali Watkins, on May 23. The selection of Alfonso Estrada is not at all in line with the calls of the community to address police use of force and racism in our community. It is clear from Mr Estrada's firm's website that he has "worked extensively with law enforcement unions, representing their members in administrative matters ranging from administrative investigations to discharge hearings." Any attorney who has built a career on representing police unions and law enforcement agencies is surely NOT qualified to serve as an independent, unbiased investigator of police misconduct.

Furthermore, it is apparent from the language of the city's press release that Mr Levitt and city staff have already predetermined the outcome of the investigation by mislabeling the actions of Mr Watkins as "resisting, delaying, or obstructing peace officers." Let's be clear that this is meant to be an investigation of the behavior of police officers, not an investigation of Mr Watkins, as the body cam recordings reveal that Mr Watkins was inarguably the victim of our police officers on May 23 and should never have been arrested in the first place. This investigation must hold police officers accountable for their actions when they are out of line with department policy.

Mr Estrada is an unacceptable choice for the role of independent investigator, and it is extremely concerning that Mr. Levitt thought otherwise. I respectfully request that this Council provide your clear and unambiguous feedback to Mr Levitt that this contract is unacceptable and to do everything in your power to direct Mr Levitt to issue this contract to an independent investigator who more appropriately aligns with Alameda's community values. I also ask Council to consider whether Mr Levitt is the appropriate city manager to lead Alameda through this massive restructuring effort we are embarking on.

Sincerely,
Danielle Mieler

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From: Ben Calica <ben@d20alameda.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 5:54 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comment for tonight's meeting for the unslotted comments (not sure what that is called.)

Dear Mayor and Council members.

As i've worked to become more involved in city affairs, I'm finding myself increasingly confused and frustrated by the public comments rules that seem to be creating the experience of talking into the wind rather than a chance for members of the public to inquire about things that concern them and bring up points about policy about to be enacted that would allow important points or information from those that might have expertise that has been missed or not thought of. .

- 1) There is no opportunity for us, as members of the public to ask questions of the officials or those that have come to make reports or speak to the community. Let me clarify that, no opportunity where those questions that are ask can or will be answered.
- 2) When there is a topic that has generated great concern or interest, the shortening of the time to 2 minutes per ends up preventing any non-simplistic point to be raised.

I'm not suggesting that every person speak for an hour so meetings extend the full week to the next one. But I am requesting trying to adopt rules that are aimed at the council really trying to understand what is being said, particularly when there is a new or nuanced point being made, and where the public can feel like if they want to hear from their elected officials, that they can ask questions that will be answered when there is no legal reason not to.

Potentially there could be slots in the pro and con for every issue where if someone is nominated with more than a set number of members of the public, can have a 5 or 10 minute slot to be able to express a position fully, then followed by the general public, who may not feel the need to repeat the same issues. And if you want to get a poll for those who are attending the meeting along the way, you can do so. I don't really care what the method is, as long as there is a real back and forth when the situation calls for it.

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Hi, this is Chris Spencer, I'm calling for item number for public comment non agenda. My first topic is regarding the current environment testing what status is having that made available here in Alameda. I think it's important to have free testing here. When you do not have transportation to Oakland family Andrew other places that are offering free testing also the Hanson. I tried your hand dispensers throughout town. I think a very nice horizon just having hands free dispensers. They need to be kept full some empty this weekend, and if we could have more along busy areas searches walking pass along the beach and our parks. I think that'd be great. Finally. In regards to finish covering, that's fine. I do not include that my california mall required for those over h. two unless people are so I think it'd be nice to have that clarification. In regards to, um another topic, instead of simply oversight committee? My understanding that hey requires charter amendment in order for the committee to have authority versus only being able to make recommendations and cancel that need to vote. You have to have a council to vote is July and no later than I believe August seventh in order to have it placed on the November ballot. Similar to the other proposed charter amendments Council has done and I think it's important. That's happening for the November ballot so that people have the opportunity to vote on it and decide how we support that Kitty system please oversight committee. Thank you for your consideration of these matters. Hi!

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