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| 10/13/2020 13:03 | Pamela Starley | <p>I've looked forward to attending this meeting with some friendly comments on 4 topics, but as this day has progressed, I've grown frustrated about some things and have a slightly different message. For almost a month I have been working creating a report to my neighbors regarding crime. I made an Excel spreadsheet for the month of September. I put in SIX calls to talk to people in the police department and elsewhere. Some of those 6 calls were repeats when I got called back. So out of maybe 4 people, I received only ONE reply. There are a lot of people who spout off about things with no back-up information, no sources. I wanted to gain some real information and real answers and then present them in order to try and solve some arguments and in order to build consensus toward some solutions. I couldn't DO THAT without talking to people in-the-know. We need answers. We have questions and concerns and confusions. Now it is council-time and I never heard from anyone except for one person. I'm really mad about this! I publicly said I would provide info that I've not been able to gain! If I had gone down to your offices, I'm sure you would have all said I had to have an appointment, that you're busy, that I can't just walk in. So, return calls then! There is much discussion in our neighborhoods about police presence and support. It FEELS like there's been a sharp increase in crime, but my one respondent said that might not be true statistically (which is why I wanted to compare notes and possibly be enlightened or educated). One resident who tried to start a Neighborhood Watch program was intimidated into stopping because of some who are opposed to increased police presence. Other people say (especially one very negative, critical person) that the mayor has not only de-funded the police, but that there is a SEVERE shortage of officers, and that there is no way to gain more. <b>*Continued 1/2*</b></p> |

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|                  | Pamela Starley   | <p><b>*Continued 2/2*</b> He drops these bombshells into public discussion, and if you ask how he knows them, he says he has private sources. If you give other sources, he says those sources are no good. The impression is that individual police officers differ with the chief of police. The impresssion by many is that the mayor's funding decisions are deleterious not helpful. That is why I wanted more answers, and I never got them and now it feels too late, and it feels like I have egg on my face for not being able to really explain anything. I can't even explain these things to my SELF. For one thing, I wanted to show what I thought was good leadership on the part of the mayor regarding the police K9 suspension, but again, I could not get to anyone else about that. Most importantly, I was told by my ONE source that there is indeed a way for more police coverage to be obtained. He said new police officers are hired in batches, in CLASSES out of a police academy (or wherever), and that all people have to do is petition the mayor and the city council to open a new hiring cycle. If I understood correctly, ALL citizens have to do is request or insisle that a new batch of officers be hired! If it's as easy as that, then why don't we just do it. So. .. third, I've read the Salt Lake City cemetery master plan, and I think that 30M\$ cost could be cut by saving several thousand here and there. I think the developers of that plan need to be challenged to do that, need to be tasked with the goal of paring that down. I could give some example later if anybody cared to hear them. Lastly, I wrote a note similar to this to my councilman and I hope you will all read it. It contains another topic too. Thank you. (Wharton)</p> |
|                  | Catherine Tatham | <p>You would rather see our officers killed and put in danger! Criminals deserve a dog bite! Wake up you lawless freaks or step down and let someone responsible run our City! I'm 6th generation and your liberal garbage must go! Liberal violent trash. Go back to your demon rat homes in Ca,IL,NY. You let us be run over, our officers in danger, and property destroyed. You pay for the damage with your own money. You are weak and pathetic especially fruitloop Mendenhall. You do nothing for hard workers. Let us be overrun by junkies, thieves and destroyers. Step down. Bring my state values back. God, Country, patriotism.</p>   |

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| 10/13/2020 12:42 | Ima Lucambio | <p>Ima Lucambio Response to the SLC Council Proposal for a Zero-Based Police Budget 10-8-20 I am a naturalized citizen from Venezuela. My husband and I are retired seniors who sold our home in East Millcreek and moved to a 144-unit condominium building in downtown SLC in 2013. Most of our neighbors are also seniors or individuals with disabilities. I no longer feel safe in Salt Lake City as a senior and long-time resident. Our secure condo complex has had frequent break-ins. Our storage unit has been broken into 3 times. I believe the Mayor and City Council have forgotten the care and safety of seniors. I believe the Mayor and City Council are trying instead to accommodate a small minority of protestors. Many of these protestors appear to not live within SLC official boundaries. I now shop in safer Bountiful due to my concerns over safety and the decline of SLC. SLC crime data supports my concerns about safety (see chart on page 2): neighborhoodscout.com, a website, providing information helpful to those selecting locations to live, cites criminal information about cities across the United States. Utah's data is taken from the official Utah Department of Public Safety Crime in Utah 2018 report. This data gives SLC a very poor Crime Index of 1 (100 being safest). This rating indicates 99% of other U.S. cities provide a safer community than does Salt Lake City. This data also indicates that SLC citizens are 3.25 times more likely to experience crime than Utahns living outside SLC. This same data supports my position that it is reckless to remove funds from an already insufficient SLC Police budget. <b>*Continued 1/3*</b></p> |

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| 10/13/2020 12:53 | Ima Lucambio | <p>I support the SLC Police in their honest efforts to keep me safe in an unsafe community. I recommend the Council find additional police funding from other SLC non-police budget areas. Please DO NOT reduce an already insufficient police budget. The Mayor and City Council should be held accountable to adverse changes in key criminal and police staffing data related to any future actions they take. The Mayor/City Council goal should always be to maintain and improve safety for their own residents, particularly their most vulnerable senior residents and individuals with disabilities. The Mayor and City Council should prudently refrain from speculative comments about police actions that could negatively influence legal settlements, thereby needlessly increasing the use of taxpayer funds. In an article appearing on ksl.com on September, 27, 2020 titled, "Bernardo Palacios family files lawsuit, the attorneys representing the family quote SLC elected officials in support of their lawsuit: Chief Brown's comments supporting the officers actions were subsequently contradicted during a press conference in June when Mayor Erin Mendenhall stated, <b>*Continued 2/3*</b></p> |

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|                  | Ima Lucambio | <p><b>* Continued 3/3*</b> What I saw in the video is genuinely disturbing and upsetting, attorneys allege. Defendant Brown's support for the shooting was also contradicted by City Councilwoman Amy Fowler who admitted that Mr. Palacios was unlawfully killed and I am outraged, according to the suit. The article also stated, In July, Salt Lake County District Attorney Sim Gill determined that officers . . . were legally justified . . . NeighborhoodScout.Com Salt Lake City 2018 Crime and Police Staffing Data (based upon the official Utah DPS ?Crime in Utah 2018? report) Salt Lake City Crime Statistics for 2018 (Based upon the official Utah DPS Crime in Utah 2018 Report as found at NeighborhoodScout.Com) SLC Utah U.S. Median SLC Crime and Criminal Activity: NeighborhoodScout.Com Crime Index (100 is safest) 1 Violent Crime Rate per 1,000 * 7.56 2.33 4 Rape Rate per 1,000 1.23 0.43 Robbery Rate per 1,000 2.11 0.86 Assault Rate per 1,000 4.17 2.47 Property Crime Rate per 1,000 residents 65.15 23.78 24 Burglary per 1,000 8.15 3.76 Theft per 1,000 49.44 15.95 Motor Vehicle Theft per 1,000 7.56 2.29 Crimes per Square Mile 131 36 31.1 SLC SLC Police Staffing: Sworn Officers 542 Civilian Employees 103 SLC Population 202,633 Sworn Officers per 10,000 residents 26.75 All staffing per 10,000 residents 31.83 New Recruits Hired (5 lateral, 5 rehires) 41 *Murder, Rape, Robbery, and Assault</p> |
|                  | Collin Perry | <p>Hello City Council Members, I was lucky enough to join this evening's city council meeting and there was something that really stuck out to me - the comments around defunding our police force. I have recently moved from New York City, largely in part because that city made the foolish decision to defund the NYPD. There are countless ways that I saw first hand how detrimental this decision was to NYC, which I would be happy to share with you in greater detail if any council member is interested in hearing about my experience. I am asking you to please not follow the missteps of New York City. Please continue to fund our police. Please continue to support our police. Please do not allow crime to get out of control. Please continue to protect our great city and continue to protect the citizens that populate it. Thank you and have a great evening, Collin Perry</p>  |

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| 10/13/2020 12:56 | Tricia Peterson | > I don't believe defunding the police will ever be a good idea. |