

MEMORANDUM

Community Advisory on Public Safety (CAPS) Commission Wednesday, May 1, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. – McCloskey Conference Room (#135), 401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, Indiana

The Special Session meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

Commission members present in person: Kamala Brown-Sparks, Jason Michalek, Nejla Routsong, Jenna Buckner

Commission members present over Zoom: None

Commission members absent: Todd Mullins, Tyler Shaffer

Public present:

Public commenters: David Keppel, Dennis Pak, Joshua Paschal, Quan

City staff present: Ash Kulak

I. Roll Call and Approval of Agenda (4:30 p.m.)

- Cm. Brown-Sparks moved and it was seconded to approve the draft agenda for the special session meeting. Motion passed by a voice vote (no objections).
- Cm. Routsong moved and it was seconded to add public comment before voting on the CAPS Resolution. Motion passed by a voice vote (no objections).

II. Special Session Business (4:32 p.m.)

- A. Discuss disproportionate militarized police response to non-violent protest at IU Dunn Meadow and First Amendment implications
 - Cm. Routsong shared that CAPS did outreach with Common Council on this matter and asked the Council to take action
- B. Discuss and Vote on "CAPS Resolution 2024-02 – Denouncing Violent Suppression of Pro-Palestinian Protests"
 - CAPS members took turns reading the Resolution out loud
 - Public comment (4:41 p.m.) – included remarks from David Keppel and IU students: Dennis Pak, Joshua Paschal, and Quan
 - Cm. Routsong moved and seconded to adopt Resolution 2024-02. (5:07 p.m.) Passed 4-0 (Mullins & Shaffer absent).

III. Other Business As Necessary (5:08 p.m.)

- A. Creation of Special Committee (5:09 p.m.)
 - Cm. Michalek moved and it was seconded to create a Special Committee on Violent Suppression of Protests. Motion passed by a voice vote (no objections). Members: Brown-Sparks, Michalek, Routsong
- B. Budget Request (5:13 p.m.)

- Cm. Routsong went over the budget request document including requests to fund the feasibility study, requests for the remainder of 2024, and requests for 2025.
- Cm. Routsong explained that this budget request was passed in the Outreach committee but had since been changed to include an additional item.
- Staff liaison explained that payment for peer liaisons as requested in the budget request on the table would need to go through several City Departments including Legal (for services contracts), HR (for employees), the Controller (for vendor approvals), and possibly more before such a request could be approved.
- Cm. Routsong moved and it was seconded to pass the budget requests. (5:23 p.m.) Passed 4-0 (Mullins & Shaffer absent).

IV. Adjourn

Cm. Brown-Sparks moved and it was seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:24 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Memorandum prepared by:
Ash Kulak, Staff