
DATE: Thursday, October 28, 2021
TIME: 5:30pm
PLACE: *Vineyard Church, 1500 S Lincoln, Urbana, IL 61801

A majority of a quorum of the Urbana City council met in conjunction with the NAACP in town hall meeting on Thursday October 28th 2021 at 5:30 PM.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PHYSICALLY PRESENT: Diane Wolfe Marlin, Mayor; Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk, CM Maryalice Wu, CM Christopher Evans, CM Shirese Hursey, CM Jaya Kolisetty, CM Grace Wilken

STAFF PRESENT: Chief Bryant Seraphin, Lemond Peppers, Deputy Chief Rich Surles, Kate Levy, Cassie Heldman, Bridget Broihahn

OTHERS PRESENT: Minnie Pearson, NACCP President

1. Call to Order

Mayor Marlin and Minnie Pearson called the town hall meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

2. PRESENTATION

Chief Bryant Seraphin presented a power point on ALPR compiled from previous council presentations. He reviewed previous concerns and questions. Deputy Chief Rich Surles presented on the factors considered for when determining camera placement. Chief Seraphin presented on other jurisdictions that are in the process of acquiring similar technology.

3. QUESTIONS & AWNSERS

Facilitated by Lemond Peppers of the City of Urbana. Public can ask panel as a whole or any of the previous presenters.

Amy Felty asked what the images are taken of and where the cameras are located at the intersection and how many per intersection. Asked how cameras capture at night. Asked if it catches motion. *Deputy Chief Surles responded.* **Rev Dr. Evelyn Underwood** asked what verifiable data is available to show that ALPR reduces gun violence. Asked about instances where ALPR is inaccurate. *Chief Seraphin responded.*

Anita Chan asked if enough research has been done on this item and what oversight will exist. *Chief Seraphin and Deputy Chief Surles responded.* **Anonymous** asked does the agency have an abuse and audit policy. Who is authorized to use? Is a draft available for inspection? What protections are being put in place to protect minority groups? *Chief Seraphin responded.* **Anonymous** asked is this intended to be a deterrent. What are the specific quantifiable criteria for success and failure and then what happens?

Chief Seraphin responded. **Anonymous** asked if we are sharing our data with other local police forces, are there process by which we can examine their safeguards? *Chief Seraphin responded.* **Anonymous** asked why we aren't pursuing a procurement process with bids. *Chief Seraphin responded.* **Anonymous** asked if there are plans to host future discussions. Asked how many of the people represented in the data youth are. Asked if there were any plans to talk to school communities. Asked when it will start. *Chief Bryant Seraphin and Deputy Chief Surles responded.* **Mike Ingram** asked if the council will be the authority on renewal of contract annually. Asked if the city has established who will be on the audit panel. Asked if location changes will go before council. *Chief Seraphin and Deputy Surles responded.* **Miriam Larson** asked whether license plate data will be FOIAble. Will there be a criteria list for the types of crimes this can be used to address? *Chief Seraphin responded.* **Eldress Melinda Carr** asked what the response time is for an average 911 call. Asked about safeguards for police oversight. *Chief Seraphin responded.* **Ms. Johnson**

asked what happens for someone who is identified by ALPR. *Chief Seraphin responded.*

4. PUBLIC INPUT

Minnie Pearson president of NAACP made closing remarks. ACLU of Champaign County read a statement summarizing their stance on ALPR and outlined guidance should it be implemented.

Public Input:

Alex urged the examination of this issue further in other communities. **Linda Turnbill** expressed frustration and the urgency to get something done. **Josie** read a statement on behalf of State Rep Carol Ammons in opposition to ALPR. **Shirese Hursey** shared her concerns with the gun violence in her ward.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Marlin made closing remarks and adjourned this meeting at 7:30 P.M.

Darcy Sandefur

Recording Secretary

Minutes approved: 11/08/2021