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Request for Special City Council Work Session

A special meeting may be called by the Mayor or by any two Councilmembers.

Reason for meeting: 1. Policing in the City of Arden Hills

Requested Date: 6/29/2020

Requested time: 5:30 pm

Open meeting X

Closed meeting \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of person(s) making request:

*David Grant*

6/25/2020

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Mayor or Council Member

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Date

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Council Member

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Date

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-This section to be completed by City staff-

Date received: 6/25/2020

Date meeting to be held: 6/29/2020

Time of meeting: 5:30 pm

Location: City Hall

All necessary posting and notices have been completed.

*Julie Hanson*  
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Signature of City Clerk

6/25/2020  
Date

<p><b>Mayor:</b> David Grant</p> <p><b>Councilmembers:</b> Brenda Holden Fran Holmes Dave McClung Steve Scott</p>	 <p><b>Agenda</b> <b>June 29, 2020</b></p>	<p><b>Address:</b> 1245 West Highway 96 Arden Hills MN 55112</p> <p><b>Phone:</b> 651.792.7800</p> <p><b>Website:</b> www.cityofardenhills.org</p>
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**Special City Council Work Session – 5:30 p.m.**

*City Vision*

*Arden Hills is a strong community that values its unique environmental setting, strong residential neighborhoods, vital business community, well-maintained infrastructure, fiscal soundness, and our long-standing tradition as a desirable City in which to live, work, and play.*

**This meeting can be accessed remotely by joining via Zoom**

To join the Zoom Meeting, click this link (or copy and paste it into a new browser):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81472847460>

<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>		
<b>1. AGENDA ITEMS</b>	<u>Staff/Presenters</u>	<u>Time</u>
A. Policing in the City of Arden Hills	<i>Ramsey County Sheriff's Office</i>	
<b>2. COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS</b>		
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MEMORANDUM

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**DATE:** June 29, 2020  
**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers  
**FROM:** Dave Perrault, City Administrator  
**SUBJECT:** Policing in the City of Arden Hills

Budgeted Amount:	Actual Amount:	Funding Source:
N/A	N/A	N/A

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**For Council Consideration**

Representatives from the Ramsey County Sheriff’s Office will be present for a discussion on policing in the City of Arden Hills.

**Background**

At its June 8, 2020 special meeting, the City Council instructed staff to coordinate a discussion with the Ramsey County Sheriff’s Office regarding policing in the City of Arden Hills, and policing generally in the contract cities. The Council requested the Sheriff’s Office address the eight use of force policy concerns below, as well as give an overview on deputy union contracts and how those affect discipline and discuss qualified immunity. It should also be noted that a contract city wide discussion with the Sheriff’s Office and the cities of Arden Hills, Falcon Heights, Little Canada, North Oaks, Shoreview, White Bear Township, and Vadnais Heights was raised at the previous Sheriff’s meeting, the Sheriff’s Office agreed it is a discussion that should happen; the Sheriff’s Office is working on the logistics for a future larger meeting.

Use of Force policy concerns (these concerns are nationwide concerns, the Sheriff’s Office will discuss their policies and how they relate to the below):

1. Failing to require officers to de-escalate situations, where possible, by communicating with subjects, maintaining distance, and otherwise eliminating the need to use force.
2. Allowing officers to choke or strangle civilians, in many cases where less lethal force could be used instead, resulting in the unnecessary death or serious injury of civilians.
3. Failing to require officers to intervene and stop excessive force used by other officers and report these incidents immediately to a supervisor.

4. Failing to restrict officers from shooting at moving vehicles, which is regarded as a particularly dangerous and ineffective tactic.
5. Failing to develop a Force Continuum that limits the types of force and/or weapons that can be used to respond to specific types of resistance.
6. Failing to require officers to exhaust all other reasonable means before resorting to deadly force.
7. Failing to require officers to give a verbal warning, when possible, before shooting at a civilian.
8. Failing to require officers to report each time they use force or threaten to use force against civilians.

**Budget Impact**

N/A

**Attachment**

N/A