

Martinez, Ruben

From: City Web
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 6:57 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on November 16, 2020 about Agenda Item 8

Public Comment for Meeting on November 16, 2020 about Agenda Item 8

Name: Jon **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91101

Comments:

Mermell is basically Trump in a slightly better toupeé. He is out of touch and an embarrassment to democracy. Make the mayor a full time job so we can get real changes done for Pasadena's black and brown community.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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From: City Web
Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 9:02 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on November 16, 2020 about Agenda Item B

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Name: Barker Thompson **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:**
Dr, Los Angeles, CA
90039

Comments:

Hi,

I am asking you to please take heed of Steve Mermell's horrific performance as City Manager. In his position of power, he has been racist, disrespectful, dishonest, militant, and has completely abused his power. There are so many reasons why Mermell should not be in this position and should be fired, but one that I will touch on is, quoting from the Black Lives Matter Pasadena Instagram account, "[Mermell] authorized PPD to tear down Anthony McClain's vigil three times, and would've done so earlier if he could have." This is absolutely despicable behavior: destroying a vigil put together by grieving community members for someone who was murdered at the hands of their city's police. Mermell's behavior exhibits his own racism and anti-Black prejudice, and we must show Mermell that racism has no home here— or anywhere.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2020 9:46 PM
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Name: Lindsay **Email:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

I would like to submit public comment to fire Steve Mermell. He has not served the Black community of Pasadena the way a public official should, as he continuously lies to the public, misuses police funds, and won't even allow the community to grieve the murder of their beloved friend, Anthony McClain. Steve Mermell is not the kind of person I want serving in my hometown.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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From: City Web
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 12:03 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on November 16, 2020 about Agenda Item Closed session item B

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Name: Leah Bartels
Email:
Phone:
Address: ,
1, Glendale, CA 91208

Comments:

As a frequent visitor to Pasadena, I'm horrified at how much power Steve Mermell wields and the way he uses it. Under his watch, the police department has committed murder without any hint of reprimand or shame; he does not respect or attempt to represent Pasadena's underprivileged or minority citizens. He is petty and cruel, and Pasadena deserves better. Please fire him and replace him with someone who has a functioning sense of compassion.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 8:39 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Alex Parker			, Pasadena, CA 91101

Comments:

Mermell encourages police intimidation and brutality tactics. Beyond that, he's incredibly disrespectful to his constituents during private conversation of disagreement. This is NO WAY for a leader to behave. He makes ENTIRELY too much money, has done very little to positively effect the underserved during his well-overdue-to-depart tenure, and has entirely too much power for anyone to single-handedly wield. Fire Steve Mermell.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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From: City Web
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Name: Eve **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA
91103

Comments:

This is regarding Anthony McClain. Steve Mermell had said that the city only gives vigils a two week period. That was a lie he said in the last meeting. There are vigils all over Los Angeles County that have been up for years. It is extremely insensitive to grieving families to give them a two week period to grieve someone they lost especially due to police violence. The blatant disregard for a grieving community is despicable. Shame on you Steve Mermell for not only lying to the community you are supposed to serve but also for lacking any compassion for grieving families.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 10:29 AM
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Name:	Email:	Phone	Address:
Kaveh			-----
Naeeni			ave,, Pasadena, California 91107

Comments:

As a resident of city of Pasadena who lives and works in this city, I'm sharing my thoughts on City manager. Mermell's work. Considering the importance of city manager role in the city, I would strongly recommend to remove and replace the current city manager since he has lost the trust of many residents of this city.

At the time that we need to come together and heal the wounds and Unite, It's time for city council members to show their commitment to our city and it's healing process with listening to thousands of pasadenians and make the change which is needed to bring us together.

Thank you.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 10:49 AM
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Name: Carolynn Ghiloni **Address:** Sierra madre, CA 91024

Comments:

Mr. mermell should be terminated from his position as city manager. He has shown his allegiance to police unions in getting contracts they do not favor transparency or justice and he refuses to step up and take action on issues relating to the departments he oversees.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Ana Derby **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** Pasadena,
CA 91107

Comments:

As a resident of the City of Pasadena, I strongly recommend that the City Council move forward with the removal of Steve Mermell from the position of City Manager. Mermell has proven to the residents of this city in recent months that he prioritizes his own agenda and that of his friend, Chief Perez, above those of the residents whom he serves. On numerous occasions, Mr. Mermell has demonstrated that he is willing to wield his power over the PPD to suppress the voices of activists in our community--from his orders to use excessive force on activists on the steps of City Hall, to his condescending demeanor when discussing a vigil which family and friends of Anthony McClain's. In order to bridge the divide between the Pasadena Community and those who govern them, the replacement of Steve Mermell is imperative. Community members have resoundingly voiced their desire for real and transparent police oversight and as we inaugurate a new Mayor and City Council member(s), the wishes of the community go hand in hand with the dismissal of Steve Mermell from his position so that the City Council can appoint someone who can earn back the trust of the community.

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Name: Joseph **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

Taxpayer resources should not go to the militarization of our local police. It should be reinvested in our communities. The City Manager should not be unilaterally making these decisions. Our democratically elected council members as well as the mayor should be the ones to make these kinds of decisions, especially when it comes to public safety and financial accountability. Our votes must matter, and the will of Pasadena's voters should be respected.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Ben Vargas **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

Members of Pasadena City Council – my name is Ben Vargas. I am a proud citizen of Pasadena. I am writing today to recommend that Steve Mermell be fired and replaced.

Steve Mermell's handling, or rather lack thereof, with Chief Perez and Officer Edwin Dumaguindin in the murder of Anthony McClain was disgraceful and will leave a stain on the reputation of Pasadena for years to come. Steve Mermell moved to bring charges on grieving members of the Pasadena community before bringing charges on the officer who murdered Anthony McClain. To add insult to injury, Steve Mermell commanded city employees to remove the memorial erected by friends and family of Anthony McClain. Steve Mermell along with Chief Perez were responsible for deploying Pasadena Police in full riot gear on peaceful protesters outside of city hall. Steve Mermell is not fit to be city manager of our fair Pasadena. Please fire and replace Steve Mermell.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Kelly V **Email:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

I am writing today to recommend that Steve Mermell be fired and replaced. He has no interest in serving ALL Pasadena residents - only the rich and the reputation of the city. Steve Mermell proved his disregard for a grieving community as he ordered the destruction of memorials, descended upon peaceful protestors in riot gear, charged grieving citizens expeditiously and allowed for a disgraceful, biased video of Anthony McClain's murder to be released before an unedited version was made available to a community demanding answers. Self-preservation and city-preservation over community service and care should have no place in Pasadena.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Milan Roberson **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** Pasadena,
CA 91106

Comments:

Steve Mermell does not live in Pasadena, is not representative of the community, and has repeatedly demonstrated his disdain for Black lives and support for the Pasadena Police Department's brutalization of Black Pasadenans. When the community was in pain and grieving the murder of Anthony McClain, Mermell ordered that the vigil for McClain be torn down, and then after it was rebuilt he ordered it torn down two more times. He has misused public funds by calling PPD to come to his personal house, far outside their jurisdiction in Pasadena, in response to a small group of protestors. Ironically, temporarily taking these officers away from Pasadena is the best thing Steve Mermell has done for the public safety of Pasadenans, especially Black Pasadenans. Pasadena needs a City Manager that cares about ALL of its residents, not just its wealthy or white residents.

The bigger, fundamental problem, however, is that the UNELECTED office of City Manager is not accountable to the people WHATSOEVER. Pasadena needs to FIRE Steve Mermell and amend the City Charter to give more power to the elected Mayer and City Council, and to the People of Pasadena, who are the backbone of this wonderful city.

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Name: Kimberly **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91001

Comments:

Commenting on Steve Mermell's performance as City Manager. Under his tenure, large corporations have thrived at the expense of the people. This needs to change. Now. Hold him accountable for this change. Thank you.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Lucas Semin **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

Steve Mermell's actions over the past months and throughout his tenure have made the city of Pasadena a hostile and unsafe place for those people who actually live within our cities limits. Mr Mermell makes more than 7X the average Pasadena household, and lives far away in his mansion, making decisions that do not comply with the will of the public, repeatedly silencing the voices of local activists, community leaders and grieving families. His disregard for human life, his shameless torment actions towards the loved ones and friends of Anthony McClain have left a stain on the city of Pasadena. Steve Mermell should be removed from his position, and restitution should be payed to those he has harmed.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: David Chavez **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

I am calling on the council and Mayor to immediately fire the city manager for his most recent conflicts of interests and violation of the human rights of Pasadeneans. Since the murder of Anthony McClain he has worked alongside Chief Perez to order riot police to harm the community. Including violently dispersing a group of community members engaging in their 1st amendment right to protest in front of city hall. This action alone cost the city tens of thousands of dollars. And currently he is suing and trying to incarcerate a local human rights activist Jasmine Abdullah which is also wasting vital city funds. We are in the middle of the a global pandemic and current surge of cases in L.A. county, Pasadeneans are being put on the street through evictions, and local business are closing. The city manager is instead engaging in vindictive personal actions. He should not be in charge of the city and must be fired immediately.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Adriana Bautista **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

Mermell needs to be replaced with someone who cares about ALL of Pasadena. He claims he's a City employee & not a politician, but let me pose these questions: Why did he want to tear down Anthony McClain's vigil 4 times, succeeding 3 of those times? Why did PPD go to his private home far from PPD jurisdiction to knock on doors, then cover it up? Why does he lie to City Council, like when they ask him if the City has a tank (threatened on a group of 20 protestors running from 200 riot police)? Why does he blindly support costly surveillance and militarization of PPD? Why does he not follow through with City Council requests for more information? Why does the Oversight Committee's Independent Auditor report directly to him instead of the Committee? Why does he make TEN TIMES the amount of our Mayor&CityCouncil members? Mermell has misused public funds, like his corrupt predecessor Beck who Steve assisted when he embezzled. He supports PPD being weaponized against the City's own people and silences those who speak up. He doesn't take the time to listen&understand but passes all the blame onto you. Fire Mermell & AMEND THE CITY CHARTER.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
James Clark			Pasadena, California 91106

Comments:

As a 10-year resident of Pasadena, I strongly disapprove of Steve Mermell's performance as City Manager. I have experienced his hostility and dismissive attitude toward community members concerned about our city, and I hope the city council will hold him accountable.

I wish to share my experience with the City Manager on August 20, 2020, the evening I participated in a non-violent protest at City Hall. Mr. Mermell was aware of the protest in advance and said he had no objection to non-violent, peaceful protest. That evening he stood at the police department watching us and never told us we would be required to leave. Suddenly, a massive troop of heavily armed officers surrounded our protest, with Mr. Mermell standing by. I was instructed to move my vehicle from its legal parking space, and after I complied lines of troops barricaded the streets preventing me from reaching my friends. I called my council member Victor Gordo panicking because Mr. Mermell oversaw this heavy-handed, unnecessary police action to forcibly stop a nonviolent protest. He had every opportunity to communicate his requirements, and rather than speak to the community he serves in a cooperative way, he chose to communicate through overwhelming force.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Jasmine Richards Abdullah **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

We are asking City council to FIRE STEVE MERMELL. City council needs to amend the current city charter, and offer full time mayoral position.

The city manager position is by appointment of city council and not elected by vote of the PEOPLE

STEVE MERMELL is not held accountable to the PEOPLE . The city manager MAKES \$477,000 A YEAR , HIS position controls the City. He controls budget, he is the boss of Chief Perez and PPD, the chief only answers to him . He is the the only one who can Fire Chief Perez and chooses not to. City council has to get everything finalized by STEVE MERMILL and m.j Michelle Bagneris .

This is entirely too much Power, for any person who has to serve the people but not hired by the people.

Pasadena City Manager Michael J. Beck, Mayor Bill Bogaard and City Attorney Michele Beal Bagneris held a hurried press conference Tuesday afternoon regarding the arrest of former Pasadena city employee, Danny Wooten. Mr. Wooten was arrested Tuesday in connection with an investigation by the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office into the alleged misappropriation of public funds and embezzlement of \$6.4 million from the City of Pasadena.

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Name: Neftali **Email:** **Address:**
Del Rio ----- PASADENA, CA 91104-4305

Comments:

Hello, my name is Neftali Del Rio and I am a resident of Council district 5

I am writing to urge the Council to release and publicly display applications for the Civilian Oversight Committee of the Pasadena Police Department today.

We have worked really hard to move this process forward and do not want to lose the current momentum in selecting and seating this crucial Oversight committee.

We want all appointees who will be selected to serve on this committee to agree to ongoing training in trauma informed care and anti-bias, diversity and sensitivity training.

Any additional delays in recruiting and selecting Oversight Committee will unacceptably silence the voice of our community.

I am calling on the entire City Council to release the application now to appoint and seat the members of this Police Oversight Committee by November 30, 2020. Thank you.

In regards to Section B of closed session, I believe a city manager should be elected by the people, in order to keep democracy alive.

Thank you for your time

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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