From: Gwen Jones
To: Brendan Ruiz; Grp. City Council and City Web Site
Subject: Re: Missoula PD Shooting
Date: Sunday, November 8, 2020 2:13:59 PM

Dear Mr. Ruiz, thank you for your email.

I share your concerns about this tragedy as I believe many in our community do.

To date, limited information has been released to the press, and it is my understanding that based on our MPD protocol, a thorough investigation will be done. Transparency is very important, and as the information is gathered and the investigation concluded, that info will be forthcoming.

I ask that we not rush to judgment, but allow the procedures to be followed so that we ultimately have solid information upon which to evaluate the situation. I believe a well-informed discussion about this incident will benefit the community. That cannot happen until we know more. In the meantime, I ask for your patience.

Thank you, -Gwen

Gwen Jones
Ward 3 City Councilwoman
606 Woodford St., Missoula, MT 59801
406 549-3295

Note: All emails to and from this address are in the public domain.

From: Brendan Ruiz <brendanruiz720@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 8, 2020 1:41:06 PM
To: Grp. City Council and City Web Site
Subject: Missoula PD Shooting

Council members,

I am writing to express concern and request information about the incident last night in which Missoula police shot and killed a person.

Is there any footage of the incident and will it be released? What attempts were made to de-escalate the situation? Could non-lethal force have been used to restrain the person who was killed? Was this person experiencing a mental health crisis and was anyone on the scene trained to respond to a mental health crisis? Will there be an investigation into how the officers involved handled the situation? Will the police be making any public statements about the incident?

Bebo Ruiz
Missoula Resident