

Name: Lisa Evans

Address: 3720 W. St. Louis St.

Rapid City, SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: LF051320-08

Comment:

I urge you to keep in place the existing emergency ordinance for social distancing. Our confirmed positive cases are rising with little continued change in amount of testing. This is happening at the very time our guidelines were relaxed. To relax those guidelines further could be tragic. If you look at the percentage of hospitalizations compared to positive tests, we have a higher rate than Sioux Falls. We also have a community demographic that is at greater risk. If you have been out in town you know that compliance is low and people are not keeping distant or wearing masks. Please choose the path of doing more in the hope that it's overkill, than doing little and regretting it. Our rise and peak is coming and our community needs your guidance to do the right thing.

Name: Ashlie Livermont

Address: 2121 West Saint Anne St

Rapid City, SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item:

Comment:

To the members of the council and the mayor:

I am writing to implore the mayor to retain the Human Relations Commission in light of the current climate. Although I understand the city budget is under stress, I would rather see the police budget cut, or the "special" fund for the Civic Center to be reappropriated.

As a citizen, I am willing to begin serving on this commission if slots are open, as I understand there are vacancies presently.

Thank you for your time and attention.

A concerned citizen,

Ashlie Livermont

Name: Erin Larson

Address: 520 Belmont Drive

Rapid City, SD

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: Covid plans

Comment:

Please consider re-opening the parks for children to play. The CDC says surface spread of the virus is minimal. While people can spread the illness to others, the risk outside is very low. Sunlight also helps denature viral proteins, making them less infectious. People can keep their distance from others and wash hands when finished playing. Be sure you consider: are we delaying until a vaccine (which is not guaranteed and may take several years) or just waiting to see what happens in 2 weeks. Realistically, the virus won't disappear. So what will change in 2 weeks or 2 months or 2 years? Maybe nothing. Do we really want to wait years living as we are now, especially when science says outdoor surface transmission risk is very low? It also concerns me for the precedent it sets for school. Decades of educational research on child development should not be ignored just for a chance to slow the virus.

Name: Cade Herrera

Address: 3426 great fox ct. rapid city, SD, 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Reallocation of city funds

Comment:

Now, in our contentious political and precarious financial setting, is not the time to add funds to the rapid city police department. Many cities, many larger than our own, are considering a reallocation of funds to different government services to compensate for the incredibly hard jobs police officers have. The unfortunate truth is, police officers are spread too thin. We ask them to fix all of society's shortcomings, and when this inevitably does not happen, we get upset. The current state of policing is flawed, we might ask an officer to take care of a mountain lion one day, then a domestic abuse case the next. Sadly, police officers are not offered the highly specialized training and therefore lack the nuance these specific jobs require. We can not expect officers to be experts in everything. Therefore I propose a system of reallocating funds to specialized government programs to take the weight off of the RCPD's shoulders.

Name: Sydney Kincart

Address: 9213 Emerald Ridge Road Rapid City SD 57703

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: Police cruisers

Comment:

I am submitting a comment as a constituent concerned about the proposed expenditures for police cruisers. I would urge you to consider voting against this proposal. We need to be allocating our money into community development programs instead of the police department. These holistic community solutions and approaches will be far more effective than increasing the budget of a police department that systemically targets BIPOC. The Care Campus in Rapid City is a great community based solution that targets the issues our community faces while avoiding incarceration. Community based solutions target the root problems. I urge you to consider the lives lost to police brutality and the larger issues of systemic and structural racism that the police department perpetuates as you vote for this funding increase.

Name: Cat Croteau

Address: 2808 Eden Lane Rapid City, SD 57703

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: New police cruisers

Comment:

Hi everyone, thanks for taking my comment. I would like to suggest some other options for the community to spend that money on, options that would allow everyone in Rapid to enjoy these funds. Fixing pot holes would be my first suggestion but I know that's not fun so a splash pad, permanent Rapid veggie and herb gardens, connect Rapid Valley to the city by extending the bike paths all the way past Star of the West, or maybe get started on that amazing rails to trails project that would make it possible to ride all the way out to the Badlands. Kids museum! I could go on and on but the point is that community activities and a vital downtown with lots of recreation actually goes a long way to reducing crime and getting people out and active in Rapid. Let's positively create a better city!

Name: Dakota Perez

Address: 3410 Corral Dr. Apt. 216

Rapid City, SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: Police Brutality

Comment:

I as well as many other Rapid City citizens are very involved in what is happening in the world and especially in our community. We have had great, cooperative protests so far as well. What do you plan to do to defund the police department? We have lots of areas where those funds can go little by little. This doesn't mean taking away jobs entirely nor the department entirely. Please take funds and put them towards plowing in the winter so we don't have to worry about running out by December, or to park maintenance all over town. Put it towards roads and filling pot holes that this city is notorious for.

Name: Dakota Perez

Address: 3410 Corral Dr. Apt. 216

Rapid City, SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: BLM Movement

Comment:

Another concern I have is that you have not made a public statement in support of the Black Lives Matter movement. This movement is crucial for our Native American population as well. Though our black population might not be large, that doesn't mean they don't deserve to hear your support. If anything, your support is that much more needed. I've also heard from several residents that the mayor has been ignoring emails sent to him about concerns and I ask for these to be responded to.

Name: Andrew Huot

Address: 3008 Stockade Drive, Rapid City, SD

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item:

Comment:

Hello,

I am writing to express my sincere hope that the City Council listens to the pleas coming from all around the country and right here at home asking to defund and eventually abolish the police. There's no shortage of literature explaining in very clear language the ways that policing hurts communities and alternative places to invest the money currently being wasted on a brutal, unjust, and inept police force. I implore all members of the city government to read this literature and empathize with the protesters marching every day, for we are your constituents just as much as anyone else. Reform will never fix an organization that at its very core exists to oppress and control the people. Abolish the police.

Name: Molly Larson

Address: 3606 Powderhorn DR

Rapid City, SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Funds for new RCPD Vehicles

Comment:

I support the mission of the Quality of Life Unit. More jobs should be done by unarmed people with specific training.

However, I do not support the use of Emergency Coronavirus grant money to do this. This should be done within the existing RCPD budget, rather than predominantly with funding that could be used for PPE, health care for incarcerated individuals, or sanitation materials.

The money allocated to the police department and incarceration should be reallocated to community initiatives that tackle the root of the problem. The police budget should not be increasing while education, community initiatives, health care, fine arts, and so many more are dwindling and suffering.

Name: Tahvory Flueckinger

Address: 520 st James st rapid city sd 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Commnet

Agenda Item:

Comment:

I highly advise AGAINST spending 87,000 dollars on police cruisers and other materials for the police force because they are already spoiled brats and don't need anymore power than you all allow them to have. Where are your heads? We are protesting to DEFUND the [REDACTED] and to FUND SCHOOLS HOMELESS SHELTERS FOOD DRIVES AND OTHER PRACTICAL LOGISTICAL CAUSES THAT ACTUALLY NEED HELP!!!!!!!!!!

Name: Andreanna Forst

Address: 8980 South highway 16 #16

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: POLICE CRUISERS.

Comment:

I am advocating AGAINST the use of so much money being spent on police cruisers. We have a small police department and from what i can see have more than enough NICE and new police cars. Our city seriously lacks in major parts like our schools, libraries, resources for homeless. there are so many other areas of the city 80,000 dollars can go to. DEFUND THE POLICE.

Name: Maximilian lyle

Address: 7898 elk creek rd

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: \$80,000 for police

Comment:

This is ridiculously humiliating to do, will all of the public outrage to defund the police. What is going on with the other cruisers? We need to put this money back towards the library that you cut funding to!

Name: Ashley Gerlach

Address: 1207 12th st. Rapid City, SD 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: POLICE CARS

Comment:

I advocate against the use of spending money on police vehicles, but instead using it on other parts of the city that need it.

Name: Aminah Hassoun

Address: 725 Allen Ave, Rapid City, 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: police budget increase

Comment:

I oppose the increase of funding for RCPD. I urge you to vote against it. I disagree with the 40% allocation of \$15 million dollars of the city budget to law enforcement. It is reprehensible that the council would move to throw more money to the police when our schools and neighborhoods need improvement. I live in a neighborhood that has NO STREET LIGHTS. THIS IS A MATTER OF PUBLIC SAFETY. sidewalks in my neighborhood are broken up and uneven. This is a public safety and equal access issue! entire streets (Campbell and Omaha) dont have sidewalks. What do you plan to do to invest in our community's basic infrastructure and address these needs?

It is irresponsible policy to dump money into the hands of police --especially since law enforcement can not fix these problems. We need to defund the police and invest in community development and services.

Name: Jessica Gerlach

Address: 1207 12th Street

Rapid City, SD. 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Commnet

Agenda Item: Police Cars

Comment:

I do not support allocating funds to police cars.

Name: Karyssa Vigil

Address: 2414 Elm Ave, Rapid City SD 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item:

Comment:

The police should not be given new vehicles until they can properly do their jobs instead of helping the people who try to incite violence. I've been protesting for the Black Lives Matter movement and it is almost disgusting to see the police watch us as if we are trying to hurt people but will protect the Trump supporters who ride by and rev their engines. Is there a reason why the Trump supporters who are counter protesting get a radio to communicate with police but we do not? DEFUND THE POLICE.

Name: Melinda Darnell

Address: 1107 Wild Life Road, Rapid City, South Dakota

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: Police Vehicle Funding

Comment:

I believe that the police force of Rapid City needs to be defunded. The money that goes to these vehicles could go to many other sectors, such as education, roads, healthcare, etc. Please do not purchase new and unnecessary vehicles with money that is much useful elsewhere.

Name: Cody Runge

Address: 725 Allen Ave., Rapid City, SD 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: police budget increase

Comment:

I oppose to budget increase for RCPD!! Defund the police and re-invest in the community!

Name: Tess Oberg

Address: 5100 Graystone Avenue

Apartment 312

Sioux Falls SD, 57108

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: Funding towards Police Cruisers

Comment:

This is an unnecessary and wrong expense. This money needs to be used towards education or some other necessary cause that benefits all of the community, especially during these times of national unrest. Make the right choice and listen to your community, listen to the younger generations who are your future. Defund the police and let's work towards a brighter, more equal future.

Name: Jo Carro

Address: 223 N 42nd St

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Police Funding

Comment:

\$87,000 for new police cruisers? Ridiculous. Spend that money where it is ACTUALLY needed. Schools? Giving teacher's raises? How about getting a nurse for every school? What about public health? Road repair? Literally anything else. City councils around the nation are holding meetings to DEFUND the police and you're voting to INCREASE SPENDING??! Sickening. Does Rapid City government care about BLM? Prove it.

Name: Kelly Bugenhagen

Address: 1207 12th Street

Rapid City, SD 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: Police Cars

Comment:

I do not support allocating funds for police cars.

Name: Sophia Wheelr

Address: 909 Explorer St Apt. 2

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Defunding the Police

Comment:

How about we spend that money on, i don't know, OUR PUBLIC EDUCATION??? THE POLICE DO NOT NEED MORE MONEY!!!!!! Put that money to GOOD use not the terrorists of this country.

Name: Molly Barari

Address: Vitalant

2209 W. Omaha St.

Rapid City, SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item:

Comment:

Vitalant, the local blood donation center at 2209 W. Omaha St., has a critical need for blood donations during the summer months due to the impact of the coronavirus. Vitalant is now doing COVID-19 antibody testing on all blood donations this summer. The Rapid City Center is also a convalescent plasma collection site for those fully-recovered from COVID-19. Make a difference by scheduling your blood donation today! Visit vitalant.org or call 605-646-2625.

Name: Shad Storm

Address: 5031 Pierre Street, RC 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Business Restrictions

Comment:

I hope the council votes to keep the business restrictions in place til July 10 or longer due to the increase in Covid cases and the fact that we have more travelers coming to town and higher likelihood that they will bring the virus. In fact I'm in favor of even stricter restrictions. Just my two cents. Protect the city. Thanks.

Name: steven hata MD

Address: 1117 columbus St. Rapid City SD 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Covid restrictions

Comment:

medical evidence shows that the highest risk of spread is INDOORS with poor ventilation.

ALL businesses should be required to mask their employees, to prevent them from catching it and spreading to customers and vice versa. All businesses also should be required to provide hand sanitizer. This will not be a hardship for big box stores (supermarkets and walmart already do it) and not on small businesses, since they have less employees and often only one or two check out counter. There would be even less burden, since many have their own cloth masks, that if made with three layers can be up to 75% efficient... paper surgical masks are 79% efficient. sick employees may not become symptomatic for 10-14 days and be able to spread the virus before they get sick and are sent home... same with catching it from customers. Pprotect the public by protecting employees....

Name: Shirley Frederick

Address: 4404 Candlewood Place Apt. 103

Rapid City SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: Should the city extend current rules for coronavirus until July 10

Comment:

I urge council members to vote for extending the coronavirus rules until July 10. At a time when the number of cases of the virus are rising in Pennington County, it makes no sense to me to relax the rules.

Name: Jeff Bloom

Address: 600 Lindbergh Ave #61

Rapid City SD, 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: COVID 19 Ordinance

Comment:

It's time to open the city and economy back up fully. The restrictions put in place by the council and mayor back in April were somewhat reasonable at the time. There was a lot of bad information, fear, and panic running through the country. But time passes and knowledge is gained. We now know this virus is not particularly scary for the population at large. It has its largest effect in nursing home. So continue to regulate places where it makes sense to regulate, but let the healthy population who frankly need to be exposed to the virus if we are ever going to achieve herd immunity, live their lives, meet with their friends in a restaurant or bar, go to a movie, be free Americans who do not live in fear.

Name: Edie Boulter

Address: 202 North Berry Pine Road

Rapid City, South Dakota 57702

Meeting:

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Business Restrictions

Comment:

Vote to give the decision on Restrictions to the Business Owners. This Shut Down has caused huge long term harm.

Main Street Square is opening without Council approval. Tax Payers are glad to hear it

You get statistics on the Corona Virus but no statistics giving the number of businesses that have gone Bankrupt because of the Shut Down. Years of work and huge financial investments have been lost. Some will never reopen. Jobs and tax revenue are lost. New businesses are not going to replace them.

Several of you agree with me and have supported Business Owners. Your vote has been appreciated. The Council needs to give a unanimous vote in support of the Business Owners. Business Owners are the "Life Blood" of Rapid City. It is the only common sense decision.

Name: Tamara Pier

Address: 1705 Palo Verde Drive

Rapid City, SD 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Resolution 2020-056

Comment:

I support this resolution based on the fact that COVID cases are on the rise in Rapid City. The Council is in the untenable & unenviable situation of balancing our economic health seemingly against our physical health. But I believe from my research that the two are deeply intertwined. As a community, we have a choice of paying now or paying heavier consequences in the long term. The restrictions you have passed on businesses are responsible, and I urge you to keep them in place.

Name: Dee Peters

Address: 5108 Chalkstone Dr., Rapid City, SD 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: City's emergency COVID-19 business resolution

Comment:

It is my fervent hope that the city will continue to exercise restraint on resumption of business as usual in Rapid City. As of SN, 6/14/20, the county has 8 deaths, 87 people in hospital, and 180 known active cases. This county has "substantial" spread. The number of cases is veering sharply upward and has been steadily climbing since mid May.

This is no time to further relax restrictions. This is a war, and we must stay the course for as long as this silent "enemy" persists. Testing is not keeping up. Hospitalizations are on the rise, along with the death toll. Our only effective weapons are persistent restraint and discipline for the long haul: good hand-washing, social distancing, wearing masks, and screening for illness. We have to do them all, and we have to do them all consistently over time to prevent those who are unwittingly carrying the virus and spreading it from intensifying the spread, and prolonging the siege.

Name: Bonnie Edwards

Address: 2708 Raymond Dr, Rapid City, SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: COVQD 19

Comment:

I urge the council to require stores and restaurants, bars, hair stylists, manicurists and the like to have employees wear masks. It is now believed that wearing masks can significantly cut the risk of a second or third spike in COVID. Physical distancing and having hand sanitizer available should also be adopted.

Name: Glen Fredrick Meyer

Address: 335 S Canyon Rd 18B

Rapid City SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item:

Comment:

No doubt you will hear business owners ask you to leave decisions up to the businesses, to determine what is best for them and their customers. I implore you. Do not listen to them. The only thing businesses care about is their money. And I don't blame them, but that is why regulations exist. To keep businesses in check. For instance at Firehouse you will see employees wearing masks, occupancy is cut in half, and social distancing is implemented. Now go to SmokeJumper outside Hill city and you will not see any of that. Why is that? Could it be because Bob is not being told to? Probably. Therefore businesses will only put money first. Not the people. Please keep the restrictions in place. We must protect our community and visitors.

Name: NATHAN TELKAMP

Address: 2247 CEDAR DRIVE

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Covid 19

Comment:

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/340570735_Masks_Don't_Work_A_review_of_science_relevant_to_COVID-19_social_policy

Masks don't have effectiveness for healthy or asymptomatic people. In fact, people wearing cloth masks may make it worse by further aerosolizing their fluids when sneezing or coughing. Infectious droplets are in the size range of 2.5 microns. Cloth masks do NOTHING to stop these, and most people touch their masks constantly to adjust them, which can just increase spread. Plus, for healthy people, masks do nothing to prevent being infected. Almost all infections happen through the eyes, as the mouth and nose have their own very effective systems for preventing infection.

<https://swprs.org/a-swiss-doctor-on-covid-19/>

Here are more facts regarding the virus.

We must allow people economic and personal freedoms. If you are at high risk, I encourage you to do what you need to protect yourself.

Name: Nichole McCall

Address: 4026 Sunset Drive Rapid City SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: COVID-19

Comment:

Since COVID-19 is known to spread more easily indoors, employees of ALL businesses should be required to wear masks and signs should be posted to strongly suggest that customers wear masks as well. Efforts should be made to prevent the clustering of people, especially at entrances and exits. A lot of stores still have several obstacles at entrances to sell merchandise, which are problematic for social distancing. Same goes for displays in aisles.

Name: Barbara Chapman

Address: 919 Saint Cloud St.

Rapid City SD 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Business Restrictions

Comment:

In light of the fact that the number of cases in Pennington county is still rising I believe the restrictions for our local businesses should remain in place. I realize this might be burdensome and financially difficult for many businesses but the health and wellbeing of our community requires us to remain cautious and limit contact with others.

Name: Jessica Kelly

Address: 2309 S Valley Dr., Rapid Coty, SD

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: COVID restrictions

Comment:

Remove restrictions and allow business owners to decide for themselves how to manage what works for them.

Name: Jan Swank

Address: 830 Saint James Street

Rapid City, SD. 57701.

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Coronavirus response

Comment:

Please do not relax the restrictions until more (or all) people are wearing masks in public. I am in the most dangerous group for death from this virus, and I cannot go to my pharmacy or grocery store because fewer than a third of the shopper are wearing masks! I shouldn't have to die to get food or medicine. Please. Rethink reopening unless people are more considerate of older citizens!

Thank you,

Jan Swank

Name: Angels Stanford

Address: 312 48th Street

Rapid City, SD

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Covid Restrictions

Comment:

Thank you to all members who are brave enough to stand up for the health of our community and overall benefit of our hospital and its staff. I strongly encourage you continue these restrictions as we continue to add cases and hospital admissions. If these restrictions do stop, I believe the community deserves to know what if any guidelines businesses are following, so we can make educated decisions.

Thank you.

Name: Jimmie Lynn Manresa

Address: 915 E Tallent St Rapid City S.D. 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item:

Comment:

I am writing this to ask that you do not enforce wearing masks or any more restrictions on our basic freedoms. This has gone on for long enough. Allow small businesses to open fully and decide a plan of action for themselves. Those who are worried about the virus don't have to go out to eat or go to the bar. Or they can choose to wear a mask.

Name: Kris Norlin

Address: 914 Saint Charles St

Rapid City SD 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Covid19 reopen plan

Comment:

Please keep the restrictions in place until the end of August. We- the citizens of Rapid City deserve to have basic protections (and these are very Basic at best!) in place until after the Fireworks and also until after the rally. Those events will have a two fold impact- I'm not a believer that the dollars will be worth the deaths.

Name: Marta Olson-Rangitsch

Address: 1017 West Blvd

Rapid City, SD 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Extension of Resolution 2020-056

Comment:

As a resident and a retail business owner, I appreciate the support and guidance this ordinance provides our business. Having clearly defined safety standards has helped us understand how we can continue working and helping our customers. We want to continue to serve the community, we want to continue to employ and pay our staff and we want to keep everyone safe. Please pass the July 10 extension.

Name: Marian Gates

Address: 2529 Cruz Drive

Rapid City, SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Covid Shut Down

Comment:

Please open up our city completely. Our local business CANNOT continue on this way. Anyone who has ever owned a business understands this. Our sales tax payment again last month was less than \$100.00. Business owners will not make it; thus, the city will not have the funds to run a good city.

Name: Michelle O'Toole

Address: 3661 Serendipity Lane

RC,SD

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type:

Agenda Item: Re opening the city

Comment:

Everywhere I go around Rapid City and the surrounding area,I don't see people wearing masks!

Why?

How can you continue to " OPEN" when people refuse to be compliant with CDC guidelines?

We will never get any kind of a handle on this pandemic if we continue to ignore it.

We are not ready for life as we knew it 3 months ago.

Life,most likely,will never be the same again!

Please back off being LESS restrictive!!

Name: Christy Tidwell

Address: 117 E. Oakland St., Rapid City, SD 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item:

Comment:

While I understand the concern for local businesses and the desire to keep things as normal as possible, COVID-19 cases continue to appear and the numbers are rising. As a result, I strongly encourage the city council to move toward some restrictions on businesses to keep workers and customers safe and to prevent even more community spread of the virus. At a bare minimum, all businesses should require employees to wear masks, and there should be some serious discussion about what kinds of businesses really need to be open. (Which businesses are essential? Restaurants for dine-in are not.)

Name: Julie Jackson

Address: 3701 serendipity

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Covid restrictions

Comment:

Please keep the restrictions in place! The virus is here!

Name: Margareta Evans

Address: 3726 Park Dr.

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item:

Comment:

I protect myself, I wear a mask when I have to go to a store and I don't stay long. I use hand sanitizer and wash my hands. I think the stores should require employees to wear masks for the time being but we can't keep everything closed forever. Small businesses can only make it so long without an income and are probably at their ropes end. Allow them to open as they see fit.

Name: Linnea Putnam

Address: 5729 Treeline Ct

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Covid 19

Comment:

Please consider using caution for indoor businesses including spacing and masks. I wear my mask in public out of respect for others and commitment to our community. All businesses should be requiring employees to wear a mask (and correctly). It would be nice if businesses were allowed to request customers to also wear masks to protect their employees. As a city we need to emphasize humility, respect and a sense of community.

Name: Jessica Urban

Address: 6154 Laredo Lane

Black Hawk, SD 57718

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item:

Comment:

Please choose option 2, let the businesses and people decide what is best for themselves. Government overreach is getting tiresome.

Name: Rebecca Fisher

Address: 2334 Janet Street

Rapid City , South Dakota 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Commnet

Agenda Item: COVID 19 Business Rules

Comment:

I think that COVID 19 rules should stay in effect until July 10, and then see how the situation is at that time.

Name: Marcia Dunsmore

Address: 3311 Dover St Rapid City SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Covid19 restrictions

Comment:

Please keep the restrictions in place.

Name: Heather Sazama

Address: 3512 Powderhorn Drive, Rapid City

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: LF061020 11

Comment:

I urge the Council to extend the regulations. Eliminating the regulations will mean that those of us who DO engage in safety measures to protect others here at an even greater risk of infection by those citizens, like Councilor Roberts, who have refused to wear masks, to limit their public outings, or to show a basic level of respect for our front line healthcare workers, who put themselves at risk every day to care for COVID patients, whose numbers are still increasing. We have not met the CDC's reopening guidelines, yet we have 7,500 spectators coming to Mt. Rushmore in 2 weeks, and the Sturgis Rally happening shortly after. I know you have to weigh the threat of the virus against economic concerns, but if "all lives matter," continuing to require masks and social distancing should NOT be a problem.

Name: Beth Weber

Address: 756 Lion Drive

Rapid City, SD 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: Business Restrictions

Comment:

I would like to comment on the business restrictions that are being voted on tonight. I think it is time to let businesses open with whatever capacity they believe they can safely do. I think uniform restrictions are not warranted through July. If people are uncomfortable with what a certain business is doing, it is their right to avoid that business, but continued limitations are going to ensure that many more businesses cease to exist. Please leave it up to the businesses and not our city council and lift the restrictions. Thank you.

Name: Holly Perli, RN

Address: 3316 Kirkwood Drive

Rapid City, SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: COVID

Comment:

Good morning,

First I want to thank you for your continued service to the City of Rapid City.

I am writing to urge you to maintain restrictions. We are seeing an increase in community-acquired cases of COVID-19. Now is not the time. For the sake of public safety, respect for healthcare workers among you, vulnerable neighbors, we are prolonging "normal" by opening up even further.

We are already seeing a lack of public respect or duty to masking and your votes to lift restrictions set a terrible example for what is safe. Please do the right thing for those of us - your constituents - who are working to take care of this crisis. Your lack of support for us, siding with businesses, speaks volumes.

In order for school to start again, in order for the Class of 2020 to have a Graduation, please do the right thing. Businesses have made strides in adapting to the current situation. I urge you at the very least to mandate public masking.

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Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Commnet

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I feel it should be up to the business owners to decide what is right for their business. If people do not feel safe going then they don't go. It's time to open back up and get the city running again!

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It is my contention that all indoor business should require masks to be worn by any employees dealing with the public. This requirement does not economically affect businesses and is a simple form of protecting customers and employees from potential spread of the virus. Too many businesses are taking the stance that everything is back to normal and there is not a virus anymore. That is absolutely untrue. Myself and many others I know will not do business with those who do not follow the CDC guidelines. If they want us to shop local, they should help protect us. The City of Rapid City should also follow the guidelines and strongly recommend to require masks, a simple remedy that has been proven to reduce the number of infections.