From: Jonathan Wainscott <jonwainscott@gmail.com>
Sent: 8/10/2020 8:06:48 PM
To: councilgroup <AshevilleNCCouncil@ashevillenc.gov>
Cc:
Subject: APD arresting press

Dear Council,
Considering that the Asheville Blade is given press credentials to cover your meetings and the officer that arrested Veronica Coit has been at several of those meetings, working to keep everyone safe, I am deeply concerned about the arrest of this press member who was simply following the march in her vehicle. There was no way for her or anyone else driving on Haywood Street to disperse. ADP allowed the march to flow through the streets from Pack Square almost a half a mile while passing through major intersections. The police did not make any arrests or attempts to prevent traffic from being obstructed until the marchers were "kettled" into a tight space on Haywood Street.
After the arrest, an officer moved the Coits' vehicle, parked in a parking space and left the vehicle unattended with the doors unlocked and the engine running. The vehicle was also searched after being left unattended and no consent to a search was ever made by police.
I would ask you to convene an emergency session to immediately go into closed session to ask for police video footage of this incident.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zp4GIgCHRl0

Thanks, hope you are all doing well.

--
Jonathan Wainscott

18 Reynolds Road
28806

828.367.8165