



CITY OF SWEENY

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The following will be used to request an item to be placed on the agenda with the Sweeny City Council.

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Please include specific details of the item you wish to be placed on the agenda.

I am formally requesting that the City Council take action to direct the City Manager to initiate a special investigation into the conduct of the City Police Department in connection with their handling of the murder investigation of my daughter, Michaela Elizabeth Jefferies, which occurred on November 15, 2024 in Sweeny at Windmill Run Apartments. Pursuant to Article V, Section 5.04 of the City Charter, which states: "At the head of each department there shall be a Director who shall be appointed, and who may be removed, by the City Manager," I believe it is within the City Manager's authority and obligation to conduct a thorough inquiry into the leadership and operations of the police department. This request is based on the following serious concerns: Gross incompetence exhibited by the Chief and members of the police department during the course of the investigation. Blatant misconduct, including inappropriate behavior and harassment directed at the victim's family by the Chief and officers assigned to the case. Clear negligence that may have compromised both the integrity and effectiveness of the investigation. The purpose of the special investigation is to determine the extent of any procedural failures or violations of policy or law, and to identify and hold accountable those individuals whose actions or omissions may have obstructed justice or otherwise failed to meet the professional and ethical standards expected of the department. This is necessary to restore public trust and ensure accountability within our law enforcement institutions.

Signature: Paula Jeffries Date: 07-04-25

Requests must be received by the City Manager by close of business 10 days prior to the scheduled meeting date for placement. Administration and/or their designee reserves the right to delay the item to the following regularly scheduled meeting if it is determined that more time is needed in order to compile information specific to the request.

Once Council has acted on an agenda item; that item cannot be placed on the agenda for a period of six (6) full months. Exception is provided if three members of Council ask that the item be returned early to the agenda, or the Mayor or City Manager determines it is in the interest of the City to do so.