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I saw the agenda for a work session planned for Monday the 24th of August, and for the first time in 45 years as a citizen of Waterloo, I am writing to members of the City Council to express my opinion (in red below) on a couple of the agenda items:

Discussion of proposed ordinances and resolutions pertaining to racial equality, safety, use of force, and the police department, as follows:

- *1. An ordinance establishing the Waterloo Human Safety and Justice Act.*
- *2. A resolution ordering the change of the Waterloo Police Department insignia. I like the current police department insignia and I don't think it should be changed. It would really be a stretch for someone to consider it offensive. Forcing a change would be a real moral buster for our dedicated police officers. Changing it would definitely a slap in the face for these hard working dedicated folks.*
- *3. An ordinance establishing the mandatory use of the Racial Equity and Social Justice Analysis in the City of Waterloo, Iowa.*
- *4. An ordinance banning the use of facial recognition analysis in the City of Waterloo. Facial recognition is just another tool police departments use to keep the citizens safe, like fingerprints, traffic and surveillance cameras, speed cameras, and DNA. What else are we going to stop using? I am against any ban on the use of facial recognition or any other modern technology by the Police Department personnel.*

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5. A resolution prohibiting the Waterloo Police Department from applying for or receiving surplus military grade equipment for civilian law enforcement use and the disposal of current equipment acquired through the 1033 Program. **Receiving surplus military equipment is smart business. Any equipment that helps keep our police officers and ultimately the citizens of Waterloo safe, is worth obtaining. As a tax payer, I'd prefer having our officers use free surplus military equipment than having to pay a death benefit to a surviving spouse. Don't ban the equipment. If necessary, allow the council members to vote on the acquisition of this equipment on an item-by-item basis.**

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6. A resolution on non-lethal force use by the Waterloo Police Department against protesters. **Police Department policies should be reviewed on a regular basis. New ways to enforce Waterloo laws using non-lethal force should always be looked for and evaluated, but when protests turn violent or their actions result in property damage, I expect our Police Department to step in and enforce the laws and policies of the city of Waterloo. Laws the City Council has written.**

Sincerely,
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