

MAY 2, 2023 CITY COUNCIL MEETIN
SPEAKER SIGNUP, WRITTEN COMMENTS & POSITION STATEMENTS

PUBLIC FORUM

SPEAKER

1. Carl VanDril (Naperville - NEST - Naperville Environment and Sustainability Task Force)
3 Minutes with NEST – Naperville Support of Illinois Base Energy Code Update
2. Robert Bevis (Naperville) - Naperville business
3. Thomas Ewald (Naperville) - Naperville business
4. Clayton Jacobs (Naperville) - Naperville business
5. Katrina Karczewski (Naperville) - Naperville business
6. Troy Thueson (Naperville) - Citizen's weapons ban
7. Dudley Brown (Loveland, CO) - President of the National Association for Gun Rights -
pending litigation
8. Hannah Hill (Loveland, CO) - Research and Policy Director, National Foundation for Gun
Rights -pending litigation
9. Ashbey Beasley (IL) - Assault weapon ban
10. Marc Berkowicz (Naperville) - 2nd Amendment rights
11. Shannon Twatts (Naperville) - Self/Moms Demand Action -Supporting assault weapon
ban
12. Christine Jeffries (Naperville) - Naperville Development Partnership
13. Dianne McGuire (Naperville)
14. Laura Morgan (Naperville) - Regulation of Commercial Sale of Assault Rifles
15. Becky Rudolph (Naperville)

WRITTEN COMMENT ONLY

1. Demetrius Mathis (Naperville)- Naperville police written warnings - I was stopped by the
Naperville police on April 28, 2023 at 1:58. the officer thought I was on my cell phone
because I had my hand near my face when he saw me. once he pulled me over he took
my drivers license got my insurance information and concluded that from his observation
when he approached my car that I was not on my phone, however I was given a written
warning. the officer did say that the warning is not a citation or anything but it just
acknowledges the reason why he stopped me. The officer was very polite and
professional. I'm just concerned by the fact that it says "written warning" . I think Officers
should be given or have the opportunity to document stops and not give a written
warning, but maybe give a document that sites the reason why but not say written
warning because that looks like I was actually doing something wrong. Thank you.
2. John A. Ruggiero (Naperville)- Law and Weapon Suspension of Sales- Law and
Weapons has been providing comprehensive services, including firearm sales, safety
education and repair services to the greater Naperville community, even providing

services to our police department as requested. Then in 2022, Naperville enacted an ordinance severely affecting Law Weapons and all American's constitutional rights. Naperville did this preemptively with little thought to any benefit, harm, or even financial risk to our City. I respectfully ask that Law and Weapon be allowed to operate unimpeded and the current Naperville ordinance is suspended until a Supreme Court ruling is determined.

3. Stephen Weiss (Naperville)- No, I am a United States Citizen, a 34 year resident of Naperville, and a Home owner - Unconstitutional gun ban- The City of Naperville in passing the Unconstitutional gun Ban, that your very own Benny White is quoted as saying" WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING EVEN IF IT DOES NOTHING" ...is wrong..The FEDERAL JUDGE in the case against Pritzger ruling is very clear...So your Ban, DID NOT DO NOTHING....you are I FIRMLY believe in Violation of several amendments of the Constitution.....something B White should be aware of since as a Military Officer he swore an oath to uphold the Constitution. Despite your PRO BONO law firms assurances that the Naperville ordinance is SOUND.....you are going to lose, and I very much hope that the two business' in Naperville who your ordinance has SEVERLY DAMAGED are successful in filing suit for lost revenues, both against the City of Naperville and EACH MEMBER OF THE Board as individuals who voted in favor of the ordinance.
4. Bryan- (Aurora) - BCJK Safety, LLC- Assault Weapons Ban- You have pushed more FFLs to be created in the immediate area. I hope this goes to the supreme Court. Just like Justice McGlynn shut down the Illinois ban, yours will be crushed as well.
5. Terrence Alan Swatkowski (Naperville) - Naperville City Council Ban on Rifles- I'm in support of Robert Bevis, owner of Law Weapons, in Naperville. The fact that the Naperville City Council, and more recently Governor Pritzker, joined in an outright assault on our God-Given Constitutional Rights is appalling. I joined Robert in his lawsuit against the City of Naperville and Governor Pritzker to defeat these unconstitutional ordinances and laws and to protect our Second Amendment Rights. You should all be ashamed of your behavior to try to abridge your fellow American's of our full Constitutional Rights. If you don't take your oath to defend and protect the U.S. Constitution from all enemies foreign and domestic seriously, please resign your post immediately!
6. Kenneth Powell (Naperville)- Assault weapons ban ordinance - This ordinance / ordinances of like needs to be lifted as it violates our 2nd amendment constitutional rights and also puts unconstitutional restrictions on law abiding citizens , gun owners and businesses within the city limits from supplying commonly used and purchased rifles , parts and magazines from being legally purchased within the city limits , This ordinance is also causing a direct and devastating financial loss burden on the federally licensed law abiding gun shops and businesses , its residents and citizens within the city limits of naperville because of this unjust ordinance restricts the sales of these decades old and commonly used rifles, magazines and parts from being purchased by lawful and responsible gun owners and concealed carry permit residents and non residents who frequent these businesses for their gunsmithing , sales and services and knowledge staff and the employees they keep employed and to the safe environment they provide , the revenue & taxes paid and the services they provide to the residents of Naperville and the patrons that live outside the city on Naperville and surrounding cities suburbs & towns that include and impact Police agencies and their fellow officers , families and their extended family members who use and frequent these businesses for their services , Service weapons , ammunition and accessories range time and to every single law

abiding gun owner citizen. hunter , sportsman and to our fundamental right to keep and bare & housed legally obtained firearms and it's commonly used accessories by law abiding citizens and that right shall not be infringed upon by any body or form of government entity or by this unjustified act of this ordinance and to which i firmly believe to be a unconstitutional ordinance. Which if left in place and not removed by this Mayor and city council may cause these businesses to loose a substantial portion of their business services & revenue and possibly close their doors for good and for its Naperville residents and its surrounding town's citizens unable to adequately protect their families, their family owned businesses & liveliyhood that has and will continue to be directly effected if this ordinance is not removed from its books . Please revoke and remove this ordinance. My voice is just one of hundreds if not thousands that are here today in support and hopes this council and council members hears our voices and petition to remove and revoke this ordinance in this town of Naperville il of which I have been a resident of 12 years

7. Nick Koutsokos (Glenview) - I understand there is a loss of income with any future purchase of an assault weapon as there is with any ban but we have to remember that these are weapons of war sold and marketed to kill. This is why they're marketed and sold under the pretense of "self protection" while in reality they are made to shoot long range, high speed and high impact to do the most damage possible. As far as the 2nd Amendment which begins with "well regulated" in it's wording, we must call that out as these weapons were NOT legal in America for decades so how did this technology start being part of the 2nd amendment when the ban lapsed? Remember Ronald Reagan clearly stated that these weapons of war shall not hit out streets. How much death, fear and destruction has to happen to overcome money and income of those in the gun industry and when did a way to make money become prioritized over safety? Perhaps our kids shouldn't have seat belts because auto manufacturers would lose \$\$ putting them in. These weapons must be permanently banned for our right to freedom as we are not free to live while they're in circulation.
8. Sean Patrick Mikels (South Chicago Heights) - Rights to bear arms shall not be infringed upon.- As the constitution of the United States clearly states the right to bear arms.....yes back when the constitution was written they didn't know that AR style rifles were to be produced, but the word arms back then clearly meant a rifle, pistol, heck a pocket knife. So if you walk around with a knife of any sort that is weapon hence arms. Oh and what about the commonly carried pepper spray by most women these days, that is a weapon hence arms that can be used for safety and protection not to mention evidence if sued in court!???, so why are you banning so called Assult Weapons which if you understood the definition would know they were banned in the 1934 and are fully automatic rifles. Why are we not focusing on the real problems? Mental health and addiction in your town?? I hope that with all other people speaking and producing facts that you who took oath would not hold law abiding citizens accountable and start focusing on the real problems!! An armed society is a polite society! Thank you for your time sincerely Sean Mikels
9. Marilyn Schweitzer (Naperville) - I'm very pleased to learn that the City and Century Walk Corporation as of May 1, 2023 have a signed agreement. This helps both parties have a clear understanding moving forward as well as establishing trust within the community. My thanks to all who made this happen and who were willing to compromise. I am a strong proponent of cultural aspects such as Century Walk, the River Walk, the Millennium Carillon, Naper Settlement, Historic Preservation, and various SECA grants. I realize these may seem non-essential aspects of city

government, but they greatly contribute to the well being and reflect the spirit of our Naperville community. To maintain public trust, they require the same oversight, fiscal responsibility, and transparency as do all our city services. Again, thank you.

10. Adam Greenberg (Wilmette) - Brady Campaign To Prevent Gun Violence - Our understanding is that gun advocates are showing up at today's Naperville City Council meeting to push for a repeal of the Assault Rifle Ordinance 22-0963 in the city of Naperville despite it not being on tonight's agenda. To the civilians of Naperville and surrounding regions, the ordinance is overwhelmingly welcome. There is no need to own, much less sell these horrifying weapons that are designed to inflict maximum carnage on their targets with unbelievable speed and efficiency. Weapons of war have no place in our communities. There cannot possibly be a justification for a use-case for having to use high capacity magazines and semi-automatic technology to shoot a target. There are plenty of other means of self-defense, hunting, etc including legally obtained firearms that are not banned based on this ordinance. The only outcome of repealing the Assault Rifle Ordinance will be more bloodshed and lives lost. Your community did a wonderful thing by making this change to the municipal code & we need to continue to prioritize outlawing these deadly weapons. Thank you! ~Adam
11. Susan Marshall (NAPERVILLE) - Commercial Sale of Assault Rifles - I understand that with a new council being sworn in this week, there will be some voices raised against the Naperville ordinance against the sale of assault rifles. I stand in support of this ordinance. Several newly elected city officials ran on a platform focusing on the safety of our community. This ordinance also promotes the safety of our citizens and visitors. It demonstrates our commitment to ensuring that what happened to our neighbors in Highland Park will not happen here. We don't live in a bubble and this is not the sole answer. However, it is a positive step that demonstrates the leadership of the City of Naperville in promoting public safety on a regional and national level. Some may support the right of citizens to purchase these weapons. This law still allows such purchases, but not within Naperville. I am sorry to hear it adversely affects employees of the Naperville gun shop, and am frankly surprised to hear that assault rifles comprise such a large portion of their sales. Is the effect on business employment something we consider in the awarding of liquor licenses? It seems that both of these have an effect on public safety that transcends the effect on employment. I have also heard that some people are concerned about the cost of lawsuits challenging the constitutionality of the law. As a resident of Naperville since 1980, I am happy to commit city funds (my tax dollars) to promoting the physical safety of our citizens, law enforcement officers and all who visit our city. Please continue to support the regulation of the commercial sale of assault rifles in its current form to keep our community safe.

Naperville assault weapons sales ban

OPPOSE

1. Ralph Badrina (Aurora)
2. Ken Powell (Naperville)
3. Gary Grissinger (Lisle) - Anti firearm, and law weapons

4. Sandip Ghosal (IL)
5. James Beltrame (Melrose Park)

Suspending Assault weapons ordinance

SUPPORT

1. Kenneth Powell (Naperville) - Law weapons and supplies
2. Ken Powell (Naperville)
3. Michelle Powell (Aurora) - Law Weapons and Supply

F4. Proclaim May 14-20, 2023 as National Police Week in the City of Naperville.

WRITTEN COMMENT ONLY

1. Chris Muir (Naperville) - Thank you to Democrats for declaring national police week. It is a week to honor the men and women who risk their lives every day in the line of duty. Thank you to all the police locally and nationally. I look forward to thanking naperville police personally

I1. Approve the regular City Council meeting minutes of April 18, 2023

WRITTEN COMMENT ONLY

1. Marilyn Schweitzer (Naperville)- My thanks to staff for their willingness to update the minutes on May 2, 2023 to more accurately represent what I stated at the April 18, 2023 City Council Meeting

I9. Pass the ordinance approving setback and driveway variances for the property located at 104 Triton Lan – PZC-22-1-125

QUESTIONS ONLY

1. Kathleen C. West (Naperville) - Elizabeth Braham Spencer – Petitioner
2. Elizabeth Braham Spencer (Naperville) - Petitioner