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*****Press Release*****

Council Member Karen Zalewski-Wildzunas Issued a Statement during Monday's Council Meeting

These are turbulent times that we live in, there is unrest in our country and our city. WE need change for sure, but we need mutual respect as well. Our citizens need to understand that the police are here to help and protect our city. Sometimes there is a breakdown and things need to be addressed and changes made. For example, the incident that happened this past week was unfortunate.

We ask our police department to protect our city and citizens. They put their lives on the line daily to ensure that we have a safe city to live in. The police are here to help.

Yesterday at a meeting with members of the Guyanese community, the Chief of Police, Mayor and others, I had an opportunity to hear from several neighbors of the individual involved in the incident. They have been trying for years to solve issues with this individual.

The officer was doing his job. None of us were in the officers' shoes and we do not know what other threats he perceived. There is an ongoing investigation and I am sure that we will have more details soon.

I go back to the need to be respectful of each other. I hope we as a community can use what we learn from this incident to create the type of City that we ALL want and need in Schenectady.

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