

Note to all:

I just received a letter typed on "Office of the Mayor" letterhead that didn't bear any signature, electronic or otherwise. The first question that comes to mind is: "How many people have access to this letterhead?" Who authored this one sided *explication* of a private conversation? It is wrong to make public only one side of, what sounds to me, a personal conversation between two grown men who were trying to sort out their differences of opinion. Then to have an overtly sensationalized and opinionized portion published in a semi-public forum (IE: E-mail), on official letter head no less (albiet unsigned). This is a complete breach of confidence. It saddens me to hear that a person cannot have a private conversation with a colleague. There is way too much missing from this story. Any reasonable person would wonder that "***If***" such language was used, *and* the events unfolded as described, it is unfortunate that the story teller left out the content and context of *his* previous behavior towards this Council Person which might have led to such a conversation ever taking place.

This SHOULD NOT be a call to arms to silence the free speech and expression of opinion. It is sad to see the manipulation of opinion taking place by the author/accusor in sending this document. It should be painfully obvious to anyone in this narrow audience that the *Code of Conduct* cannot be enforced against individuals having private conversations. Unfortunately, this one sided accusation being levied against our colleague is now being used to push the implementation of a draconian code of censureship. Since our local municipal government is not a dictatorship (yet), and we have *Certain Inalienable Rights*, we should be able to express ourselves in any lawful manner. I hope no one buys into the notion that as an elected body, who self-governs, should implement a censureship scheme being pushed by an individual's own emotions and attempt to justify censureship based on half-truths and allegations. We should also be keenly aware that the proposed censureship rules are for *everyone*, not just the person(s) who don't always agree with the mayor and *his* majority.

From my perspective, a fresh perspective, I see a great deal of history here where the author/accusor may have some explaining to do of his own. Last year during my campaign, while I was canvassing for voters, I was told many stories by my constituents. One comes to mind that is befitting of inclusion. During the three-way mayor's race of 2005, the mayor and his wife did a lot of canvassing as well. I was told the mayor and his wife were telling residents, "***Chas is only running for mayor because he needs a job. He's currently unemployed, has no education and didn't even graduate from high school.***" Not only was this a bald faced lie, I'm sure it was very hurtful to Chas when he was asked to justify the claims against him. Now, we all know how nasty campaigns can be, but for pete's sake, don't spread lies about someone. Especially when he's in a safe seat and you may have to work with him. I can see how this problem could have only festered and caused malcontent. There was one more incident that comes to mind. Some time ago, at a **PUBLIC** meeting of the Common Council, the mayor called some Council Members (directed at Chas, who allegedly supported the City's Fire Fighters) a despicable word. The word was **VENAL**.

ve·nal

–adjective

1.

willing to sell one's influence, esp. in return for a bribe; open to bribery; mercenary: a venal judge.

2.

able to be purchased, as by a bribe: venal acquittals.

3.

associated with or characterized by bribery: a venal administration; venal agreements.

In the document I received, the author/accusor described a PRIVATE interaction where differences of opinion were discussed. In the two instances I described (and there have been several more), the author/accusor PUBLICLY attacked our colleague. One can only wonder how it must feel to have lies spread about them PUBLICLY then be accused of selling their integrity to the fire union while at a televised council meeting? Does the author/accusor's past behavior towards this council person sound like it was respectful? Would this behavior invoke a sense of loyalty, trust and respect in return? It seems that the author/accusor must look within himself to find these answers.

The content of the document I received should have never been written on the official City letterhead. Official letterhead should not be used for non-official correspondence where a matters of opinion, and the attempt to put political influence on an agenda item is the core of the content.

The irony of this whole "tale of woe" is that more action is being called for by the author/accusor in this letter against our colleague because of a few exchanged words and hurt feelings, than was said about the physical assault of a citizen (who is also my commissioner) by one of the Mayor's staff (Nick Gonzalez) at a church a month ago. Earlier today, we all received a letter from the mayor's office praising his staff person who assaulted my commissioner. No action has been taken against the Mayor's employee. It looks like it is safe to say, "*What's good for the goose is not always good for the gander.*"

I feel it is appropriate to equate the author/accusor's *allegory* with the old adage, "*Someone is shouting fire in a crowded theater.*" Oh, another old adage comes to mind as well, "*If the shoe fits.*"

Signed,

Jason Desjardins

-----Original Message-----

From: Frazier_Ju

Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 4:40 PM

To: Council; Marquez_Vi; Desjardins_Ja; Brinker_To; Shorett_Fr; Kelley_Ch; RikkeVanJohnson; McCammack_We

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'Tobin Brinker'; 'Fred Shorett'; 'Chas Kelley'; VanJohnson_Ri; 'mackexpres@aol.com'

Subject: Code of Conduct Memorandum

Importance: High

Please find attached a memorandum from Mayor Morris regarding Council Code of Conduct.

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