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Dear Mr. Caton:

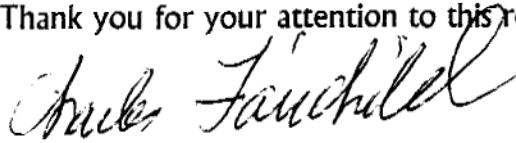
Deputy Mayor Smith rebuked me during the Thursday evening Council meeting as initiating either disruptive comments or actions.

I do not believe my actions or comments either during, before or after his directive qualified as either disruptive comments or actions. Therefore, I need some assistance to clarify what the Council dictates as acceptable actions by citizens who desire to speak before Council.

In as much as the terms and words used by the council on their blue request to speak cards seem to be rather subjective I would appreciate your help in clarifying the following issues.

1. What city statute, or Council directive, covers the term "Comments of a personal nature regarding individual members of Council or City Staff, disruptive comments or actions will not be permitted?"
2. When was that statute or directive passed?
3. What is the definition of "disruptive comments or actions" that Council intended to apply. What statute spells this out? Has the Council voted on any specific comments or actions that Council deems as disruptive?
4. Is the enforcement of this Council directive considered to be universal or does the Chair selectively enforce it?

Thank you for your attention to this request.



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