

Tami Bannick

From: gerry blakney <gerryblakney@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2020 10:12 PM
To: Tami Bannick; Matt Tracy
Subject: Waited three and a half hours, for nothing.

I waited for three and a half hours to not be recognized. I find it convenient since I had statements in-line with others and against Mayor Stemple and Councillor Reisner.

As I was not given a platform, I hope you can forward this along to the complete council.

My name is Gerry. My pronouns are he/him/his.

Mayor Stemple's OpEd and Councillor Neal Reisner's story in the Clackamas Review, and their baseless accusations against Annessa Hartman for supposed "copyright" infringement are embarrassing and completely inappropriate. This is not new behavior for this Council and Stemple's leadership.

Possibly the most telling is that neither the Mayor or Councillor Reisner feel the need to disguise their childish attacks. They apparently feel protected and secure within their elected positions to attack their constituents without fear of reprisal or rebuttal.

It's absolutely laughable that tonight the Mayor talked about the library board's negativity, an us vs them mentality, and the drama—when she has fostered that in the council and in Gladstone.

Let me be specific. The Mayor and Councillor Reisner are waging a campaign against an Indigenous Woman who has chosen to raise a family and serve her community, in Gladstone. Their actions at best show poor judgement, and at worse—Racism and Sexism. That's right Bill Osborn, self hate can run deep.

City Councillors are the community's representatives. They act in our name, speak with our voice. Their attacks on council candidates is embarrassingly sophomoric and a complete dereliction of duty. As representatives of the city, you should be building a larger table, welcoming more engagement from your constituents, and creating a safe and welcoming city—for all. Not tearing your neighbors down. Not leading the opposition against them.

Mayor Stemple and Councillor Reisner have shown they're unfit to serve you—and definitely unwilling to lead anywhere other than the gutter.

I want to thank Councillor Tracy's comments in the story in the Clackamas Review.

To the remaining Councillors—where do you stand as our representatives and neighbors? Your silence is deafening. Shall you continue to ride the fence and allow their hate in your names, in yours? To do nothing, is still a decision.

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From: Tracy Hill <tracyhill1@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2020 8:28 AM
To: Tamara Stempel; Randy Ripley; Linda Neace; Matt Tracy; Neal Reisner; Tracy Todd; Thomas Mersereau
Cc: Tami Bannick
Subject: Fw: Speaking Tonight

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

As you can see in the highlighted section below, I asked to speak at the meeting prior to the deadline. I am pretty upset that I waited for THREE HOURS to speak and didn't get a chance to. Here is what I was going to say:

I would like to say, on record, how extremely outraged, disappointed and saddened I am at the fact that absolutely nothing has been done about or since the listening session on race in Gladstone back in JULY. No proclamation like other cities and counties are doing. No follow-up meetings or more listening sessions. No focus groups. No new policies and/or procedures. Absolutely. Nothing.

You should be ashamed of yourself, Mayor Stempel.

Thank you for your time, council members.

From: Tracy Hill <tracyhill1@hotmail.com>
Date: October 13, 2020 at 10:12:04 AM PDT
To: bannick@ci.gladstone.or.us
Subject: Speaking Tonight

May I please have a moment to speak to the Council tonight?

Thank you,

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