

Councilman Callahan hasn't made up his mind yet about running for Mayor

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Gadfly had wanted to get back to another post on Councilman Callahan's role in this ethics controversy before tonight's meeting.

Gadfly has been a dedicated Council watcher for 15 months now.

He has always said that one important aspect of the Gadfly project is to help you know your elected officials better so that you will be the most informed voter you can be come election time.

He has always said that it is likely that current Council members will run for re-election and that some at some time are likely to run for mayor.

And that's why we should pay attention.

Twice in the last few weeks Councilman Callahan has remarked in passing at Council meetings that Mayor Donchez has 1 1/2 years left as Mayor and he [Callahan] doesn't know who will be the next Mayor.

Odd things to say, thought Gadfly to himself.

Was Gadfly the only one who noticed?

The Mayor is only in the 6th or 7th inning, not time to write him off yet.

But those seemingly-in-passing remarks might be a clue that Councilman Callahan has running for mayor on his mind.

In fact, he clearly said as much at the very beginning of the Q ‘n A after his [November 25 press conference](#), in the context of his knowledge of a deal Councilman Reynolds made for the Mayor’s endorsement of the Reynolds’ candidacy come next election.

“I am thinking about it, especially with all the things going on right now. I haven’t made up my mind yet.”

So we should be paying attention.

We can learn a lot about leadership qualities from a controversy like this — not only about Councilman Callahan but other members of Council and the Administration as well.

This is a great opportunity to see what people are made of.

And who might make a great next Mayor.

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