

Decorum does not negate healthy and controversial debate (12)

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Well put, councilwoman Van Wirt. Over the years I am always willing to hear viewpoints of elected officials, whether I agree with them or not. What has no place on Council is when an elected official touts their own views as the right ones at the expense of others' views, and then is critical of an opposing view in a derogatory comment. That is an issue of decorum.

As I stated in an earlier post, I've been attending Council meetings for a very long time, longer than most most Members of Council are alive. I can state unequivocally that I have never witnessed so many criticisms of others, Councilmembers and public attendees, as have seen forthcoming of late.

Over many decades I've witnessed prior Councils exhibit patience, respect, integrity, and adherence to Council's Rules far better than some on the current City Council. And, there was some very healthy and controversial debate on issues despite that decorum.

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