

Some talking points about the issues raised by Councilman Callahan

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Some quick observations:

1. Bethlehem does need a comprehensive ethics ordinance. (Mr. Callahan opposed that)
2. I've heard the same accusations about the DCED director.
3. I've heard a number of complaints throughout the community about getting permits.
4. The DCED director should never have lobbied the parking authority board about the RFP choice, at least not privately.
5. The councilman is sure going about this the wrong way.
6. The councilman has been extremely disruptive and confrontational at meetings and blaming the ousting of the zoning officer for his actions/words is very disingenuous. *[This City official was fired during*

the summer, and BC felt the action was wrong and tried to have open discussion about it.]

7. The ousted zoning officer WAS very highly respected throughout the city.

8. There are at least two appearances of conflicts in that RFP process and eventual award. (Mr. Callahan's brother was involved in that process)

9. I do not believe that the Mayor tried to intimidate the councilman. I've known the Mayor since high school, and it is not his personality.

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