

Hayner, Jeff
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to me

Dear Dave,

In short, MLive got it wrong again. I wanted to go on the record as a No vote, first because I was not recognized to speak, and secondly because I did not support this near-backroom deal. If someone believes that they are not fit to serve, as I assume CM Ackerman did, the reasons must be shared and discussed by the body. They were not. Also, if someone wants to step down from serving as council liaison, they do not get to pick their successor. That is up to the whole body, again, after a public conversation.

My impression from the far end of the table was that the Mayor wanted to hustle this vote through to avoid having any conversation about CM Ackerman and his reasons for agreeing to step down.

By saying "change my vote to No" what that really meant was while it seemed as though it did pass unanimously on voice vote, I said "no" but my mic was off, and so that's what I meant, I did not want to be the record as supporting this resolution, and the lack of transparency around the issue.

To add to the insanity surrounding the police oversight commission, the four members of that commission and human rights commission, Ackerman, Grand, Ramlawi and Lumm were all asked to participate on a conference call to vet four police chief candidates. Despite Ramlawi's assertions that serving on HRC and ICPOC are very important to him, neither he nor CM Grand nor CM Ackerman participated in that phone call. Only CM Lumm was present for the call.

None of this in any way to suggest that I don't believe CM Ramlawi should be on those commissions, or that he will not do a fine job representing the people in those roles. I just think the whole thing was sort of inappropriate.

I was not recognized by the mayor to speak on three items that night, including this one.

Hope this helps,

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