

**Subject: [Fwd: Re: FW: Agenda item "Request to Terminate Unjustified Sanctions Against Councillor Crist"]**

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**Subject: Re: FW: Agenda item "Request to Terminate Unjustified Sanctions Against Councillor Crist"**

**Date:** Tue, 17 Jun 2003 21:50:32 +0100 (BST)

**From:** Elizabeth James <cagebc@yahoo.com>

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Dear Clr. Crist:

Without discussing the issue itself, I can tell you that, if someone were to tell me that I would do something "at my peril" I would interpret the comment as a caution from a friend but, more importantly, as a threat from someone I did not consider a friend.

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*Ernie Crist* <ernie\_crist@dnv.org> wrote:

> Subject: FW: Agenda item "Request to Terminate Unjustified Sanctions Against Councillor Crist"

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> A MESSAGE FROM ERNIE CRIST

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> When this item came up during last night's In Camera meeting, I left the Council Chambers just as I said I would. Mayor Bell attempted to engage me in an argument about this being an In Camera item but I refused to respond. I had already explained that it was NOT an In Camera item but that it was in his power to proceed on the basis of the three options which I had outlined below. Under no circumstances would I lend credence to this being an In Camera item by remaining present. Subsequently, there was no action and the item was (de facto) defeated.

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> This does not mean, however, that the matter is closed for all time. I will wait until this community realizes the real reasons behind Don Bell's witch hunt. This is another way of saying that all conflicts are moral in nature and that their outcome is determined before they start. Which is another way of saying "lies have short legs" or "you cannot baffle all the people all the time".

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> There is something else the Mayor said as I was in the process of leaving. He said that "if you leave you will do so at your peril" I can only interpret this to mean that if I remain and kowtow to mediocrity, incompetence and go along with the results of his worship's leadership, he will forgive me and the harassment by his, and his loyal servants will cease. All I can say is keep on dreaming Don Bell.

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> Subject: Agenda item "Request to Terminate Unjustified Sanctions Against Councillor Crist"

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> Mayor and Council:

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> I had requested of the Clerk, Ms Agnes Hilsen, that this item be put on a Regular Public Agenda. The rationale I provided was that since the "Unjustified Sanctions Against Councillor Crist" were debated and executed as part of a public Agenda item, it is only fitting that the "Request to Terminate Unjustified Sanctions Against Councillor Crist" be in public also.

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> Ms Hilsen refused the request stating that it would have to be in Camera for although no names were mentioned in my motion nor in my rationale, a staff person and or staff persons might be identified thus providing the rationale for her decision. Subsequently I requested that Ms Hilsen provide a legal opinion as to whether this is the case. However, despite several requests, Ms Hilsen refused to do so.

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> In the meantime I have received a legal opinion that this item does not fall within section 242.2. of the Local Government Act and that it should be dealt with in public.

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> In light of this I will not agree to debate this item listed on the In Camera Agenda, Monday June 16-2003.  
> Subsequently, I will excuse myself and leave the Council ! Chambers until the item has been dealt with by Council.

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> As I see it Council has three options.

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> I ) The Mayor will call for a mover of the motion - if there is no mover, the motion will be terminated. In such a case the issue remains unresolved and I reserve the right to take further action.

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> 2 ) Council will deal with the matter and agree that the "Unjustified Sanctions Against Councillor Crist" be terminated in which case I will take no further action and the issue will be considered closed.

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> 3) In the absence of either option 1 or 2, Council will agree to acquiesce to my request and deal with the matter in public as requested.

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> I will await the outcome of Council's decision but, as stated, I will, excuse myself from any discussion on the matter, as the case may be.

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