Subject: RE: May 10, 2004: Regular Council Meeting
   Date: Mon, 17 May 2004 15:34:00 -0700
  From: "Ernie Crist" <ernie_crist@dnv.org>
    To: "James Ridge" <James_Ridge@dnv.org>, "Shana Burrows" <Shana_Burrows@dnv.org>
    CC: "Mayor and Council - DNV" <Council@dnv.org>, "Senior Management Committee" <managecomm@dnv.org>,
        "FONVCA (E-mail)" <fonvca@fonvca.org>, <Cagebc@yahoo.com>

Mr Ridge:

I reiterate that this shameful situation has come about only as a result of methods
reminiscent of medieval witch hunting methods or latter day show trials. This is not my
fault and it is the duty of every person to stand up and challenge such abhorrent
conduct rather than play any role in its prosecution under any guise. I say again, that
I will NOT submit to nor will I recognize the validity of policies that may be standard
fare in banana republics.

Thank you,

Ernie Crist.

> -----Original Message-----
> From: James Ridge
> Sent: May 17, 2004 2:53 PM
> To: Ernie Crist; Shana Burrows
> Cc: Mayor and Council - DNV; Senior Management Committee; 'FONVCA (E-mail)'
> Subject: RE: May 10, 2004: Regular Council Meeting
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> Councillor Crist,
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> A CAO is charged in law with the responsibility for "ensuring that the policies,
programs and other directions of the council are implemented."
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> One such policy of council passed 22 May 2001 is:
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> Council further resolves that Councillor Crist be directed to have no contact with
Shana Burrows by any means whatsoever, directly or indirectly, including by mail, e-mail,
fax, telephone, except as follows:
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>   a) at any meeting of Council: or
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>   b) during such period of time when Ms Burrows is Acting Municipal Clerk, but only
by prior appointment arranged through the Municipal Manager or, in his absence, the
Acting Municipal Manager, and with the Municipal Manager or a Director of the
Municipality present.
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> Subparagraph b) above would have applied in this circumstance.
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> James Ridge
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>   -----Original Message-----
>   From: Ernie Crist
>   Sent: Monday, May 17, 2004 2:28 PM
>   To: James Ridge; Shana Burrows
>   Cc: Mayor and Council - DNV; Senior Management Committee; FONVCA (E-mail)
>   Subject: RE: May 10, 2004: Regular Council Meeting
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>   Mr Ridge:
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>   I did not communicate with one Ms Shana Burrows, but with one Shana Burrows
"Acting Clerk of the District of North Vancouver". If this creates a problem for you or
for Council than I suggest you resolve it but not at my expense and /or by continuing to
harass me.
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>   Please do not forget that I am a duly elected representative of the people of the
District of North Vancouver and that my request to the Acting Clerk in the District who

happens to be one Shana Burrows was legitimate and in line with business decorum. You may wish to suggest to Mayor Don Bell and the Council of the Distirct to stop witch hunting for I can assure you that it will NOT succeed.
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>   Thank you,
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>   Ernie Crist
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>   -----Original Message-----
>   From: James Ridge
>   Sent: May 17, 2004 9:16 AM
>   To: Ernie Crist; Shana Burrows
>   Cc: Mayor and Council - DNV; Senior Management Committee
>   Subject: RE: May 10, 2004: Regular Council Meeting
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>   Councillor Crist,
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>   I am replying to your May 12th e-mail to Shana Burrows, with whom Council has directed you not communicate except by prior arrangement with me, the person acting for me, or an Officer of the Corporation.
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>   The Mayor, as Chair of Council, has both the authority and the responsibly to release items from a closed meeting, and provide the necessary explanatory comments to assist the public in understanding the nature and importance of the decisions.
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>   In my opinion the Mayor> '> s comments on May 10th are consistent with that responsibility.
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>   The Mayor did not, at your request, release the closed meeting resolutions regarding the Inquiry on May 3rd. The May 3rd release was exclusively regarding the Council response to the Kitty Heller report and made no mention of the Inquiry. A media release was issued on May 5th regarding the Inquiry after you provided the closed meeting resolutions to a reporter.
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>   James Ridge
>   CAO
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>   -----Original Message-----
>   From: Ernie Crist
>   Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2004 8:29 PM>
>   To: Shana Burrows
>   Cc: Mayor and Council - DNV; Senior Management Committee; FONVCA (E-mail)
>   Subject: RE: May 10, 2004: Regular Council Meeting
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>   Ms Burrows:
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>   Did the Mayor's extensive comments at the open meeting of May 10 on the issue of establishing a committee to investigate Councillor Crist constitute a "debate", especially since he had raised and reported on the matter at a previous open meeting of Council already or is he allowed to speak twice on the same subject while I may not? As it is he spoke on May 3 the first time and on May 10 the second time while I was only allowed to speak on May 3. The question, in other words, is, did the Mayor's raising of this issue on two occasions in public constitute a violation of democratic procedure and, if so, is this an infringement of my rights in the face of the most serious allegations reminiscent of an erstwhile show trial.
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>   Furthermore, to be precise, during the meeting I was not asking to debate the matter per se since I had already made my statement on a previous occasion but to raise a point of order and seek clarification. This was in response to the Mayor's lengthy speech and what I considered to be a one sided debate. However, when I attempted to seek clarification, I was unable to do so since I was interrupted by the Mayor.
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>   *Indeed this brings me to my second question. Did the Mayor's*
interruptions, clearly geared to deprive me of an opportunity to either comment and/or
raise questions, constitute a violation of procedure or policy? Following my query
related to this matter you responded quickly that there will be no debate on In Camera
Minutes and I was held to this policy but the Mayor was not. In other words where does it
say that the Mayor can do that which I may not and where does it say that he may do so
extensively and in a manner which to my mind clearly constitutes an attack.
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>   *The question is this - does all this constitute a violation of*
procedure by the Mayor? As of this moment it does so in my book? Please clarify. Please
be aware that anything you state in your capacity as acting Clerk may be used as evidence
in a court of law notwithstanding any opinion provided by any other member of District
staff.
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>   *Thank you,*
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>   *Ernie Crist*
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>   *-----Original Message-----*
>   *From: Shana Burrows*
>   *Sent: May 12, 2004 9:14 AM*
>   *To: Mayor and Council - DNV*
>   *Cc: Nathalie Valdes*
>   *Subject: RE: May 10, 2004: Regular Council*
Meeting
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>   *The minutes will be prepared in the usual manner and will*
note the time that Councillor Crist left the meeting. "Councillor Crist left the meeting
at 8:52 p.m. and did not return prior to adjournment"
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>   *A transcript of the Release of Decision item will be*
prepared by Nathalie Valdes at Councillor Crist's request and will be charged to his
monthly secretarial services account.
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>   *The procedure bylaw states "when an item dealt with at a*
closed meeting is no longer confidential in the opinion of the Mayor or as resolved by
Council, the minutes for that item shall be received without debate in a Council
meeting".
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>   *Shana Burrows*
>   *Deputy Clerk*
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>   *-----Original Message-----*
>   *From: Nathalie Valdes*
>   *Sent: May 11, 2004 12:38 PM*
>   *To: Shana Burrows*
>   *Cc: Ernie Crist*
>   *Subject: May 10, 2004: Regular Council Meeting*
>   *Importance: High*
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>   *Councillor Crist is requesting the following:*
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> *   *to have the phrase added on to the Minutes of last night's meeting:*
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>   *"Councillor Ernie Crist left the Council meeting in*
protest since the Mayor repeatedly did not allow Councillor Crist to respond to the
charges the Mayor indicated."
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> *   *a transcript of what the Mayor said and his (Councillor Crist's) reply.*
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> *   *would like some clarification as to the procedure of releasing Special Closed*
Meeting decisions. Will the Mayor just read out the decision(s)? Or is he allowed to
start discussing the issue?>

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> *Per Councillor Crist*
> *May 11, 2004*
> *12:30 p.m.*
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