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Hi Esther,
Just wanted you to know that I was legitimatly parched when I got a sip of water right before the begining of the session. I did notice you walking out which I took as having a minute before the gig got started just to get a quick drink. I wasn't stalking you but when I realized you were probably going to the restroom I slowed a bit because I did want to express to you personally that I wasn't going to be putting you on the spot...I said I'd be kind, which maybe I wasn't, but I don't think I was egregiously unkind in my presentation.Â

I'm a lot more nervous speaking to you guys than maybe it seems, the first minute of my last presentation reveals that. I was trying to hustle through the end of my bit and with the bell going off and being a littel revved up and the mob behind me yelling that my time was up I just went on and let out the "It's time! Time for ya'll to do what needs to be done". Sorry, Of course, I have had much more bombastic moments.

I think the direct connection between Sheneika Smith and David Forbes is fair territory. I don't think my "advice" to Julie was out of line.Again, I'm glad the electin years changed and I support your action to make that happen, you stated exactly what your involvement was, and the press is really being kind to you, but doing a disservice to their readers, by burying that fact and continuing to place that change on the NCGA. I think that was fair.Â I wish the video of Cecil had played. I didn't do a rundown of The Traitorous 12 with the same vigor as the previous Council meeting but it's fair to include the full story of who did what and having Terry VanDuyn singled out is bullying by the press.

I know that anytime I speak I'm availing myself to be thrown under the bus as an awful human. I know that politics is a blood sport, so to speak. And again, I'm not doing any of this to lay down groundwork for any run at Council. The narrative of me as a horrible human is certainly easy to make. I do a lot of things that seem unreasonable, but I'm not a violent person. This narrative however eventually reached a point where someone felt it reasonable to torch my car and almost burn down my house. I'm really tired of being labeled as a bully just because I bring emphatic and colorful expressions to the public.Â

I have never done anything at a Council meeting that required a cop to get involved, I'm just sending you this little clip of the description Darlene from the NAACP made about me, followed by the reaction of the Flat Iron vote. The woman sitting next me was chirping back and forth with those around her at everything presented by the applicant's rep that night. At one point, Casey Campfield (sitting to my right) piped up and the officer at the front of the room was looking sternly in our direction. I even pointed at Casey like "wasn't me Officer".Â

Anyway, I've been trying, probably falling way short, to be less in-your-face while still holding my leaders' feet to the fire. I'll work harder.

Thanks for all your time. I really hope this (district stuff) gets resolved soon. You guys already have an unbearable workload with the problems facing Asheville. You can't pile on any protracted battle with the legislature. Considering the SCOTUS stance on gerrymandering, which is unfortunate to be sure, the NC legislature is certain to gain more control because they are allowed to gerrymander and this may be the most favorable legislature we see for quite some time. I think you should take that very seriously and note that Brad was very thorough in explaining the State's power which includes "eliminating cities".. Although that's the most extreme measure they could take, there's a lot more short of that which would also hamstring Asheville.

Have a nice weekend, see you Tuesday, and think about punting this issue two more weeks. You've waited this long.Â

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