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Summary

- The public comment had people on edge.
- Seven public comments were made. Council President Blaine Griffin said council will assure everyone is respected regarding race, creed, and sexual orientation.
- Griffin said they will have to remind people of the public comment rules.

Follow-Up Questions

- How will public comment be addressed in the future? Should another plan be put in place?

Notes

Meeting began at 7:01 p.m. with roll call and public comment.

Rev. Pamela Pinkney Butts, Ward 4. She discussed some public officials and the concerns she has with them. She was warned to be respectful.

Randy Cunningham, Ward 11, spoke about [Ohio Senate Bill 158](#), which would ban participatory budgeting in cities.

Roger Carney spoke in honor of Louise Jackson, the city's outgoing commissioner of the Division of Neighborhood Services.

Joe Schwarten encouraged people to go a week without driving beginning Oct. 2.

Chris Martin, Ward 3, used his comment time to name council members who accepted Council Leadership Fund money. Griffin told him that he can't address individual council members. Martin continued, saying that he wasn't impugning on anyone's character. Griffin had him removed from the microphone and said that commenters cannot speak

on anyone's character.

Mariah Crenshaw said some police officers are not completing their training.

DeSeanna Morgan spoke about education and then made some derogatory comments about LGBT and Jewish people. Griffin cut her off and reminded everyone of the rules regarding comments.

There were [at least 20 emergency ordinances and resolutions](#) read, some about liquor permits and others authorizing various contracts.

A declaration was made about Jackson's tenure as a valued employee with the Department of Community Development.

Griffin then congratulated Council Member Stephanie Howse-Jones, Ward 7, on her recent marriage.

Council Member Rebbeca Maurer took some time at the end of the meeting to comment on the meaning of Yom Kippur, a Jewish high holiday happening that day.

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