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**Subject:** Council meeting manners

Dear Mayor Reid and Council,

At Wednesday's Special Council Meeting when I remonstrated about what was happening the Mayor said that he did "not like my attitude". As I intended simply to protest against his arbitrary ruling not to allow any questions, I make no apologies for my intervention or my "attitude".

The Council makes much of the need for civility and respect. What could be more uncivil and disrespectful than to hold a meeting at which it is customary to have questions and then preemptorily rule concerned residents out of order? Many of the people in the audience, including myself, had prepared specific questions on items on the Council's agenda and were deeply insulted and offended when all questions were rudely ruled out of order.

If we are to have a civil discourse in this community, it must be on both sides.

Yours sincerely,  
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