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**From:** K Carroll <kcrissie7@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2023 9:50 AM  
**To:** supplementalcomm@surfcity-hb.org  
**Subject:** City Council/Public Financing Authority: Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Thank you for receiving and considering the following input on the following Items:

23-394: Our family supports appropriation of funds for the electrical repairs at Central Library

23-431: Submitted by Councilmember Burns. Commission, committee status and organization review. Our family supports and appreciates this review.

23-433: Submitted by Councilmember Moser. Our family strongly opposes the recommended action. Please continue the invocations and NOT MOMENT OF SILENCE. What is next...the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE!!! As, I have looked around at the meeting, it appears that there is 100% participation with the exception of Dan Kalmick. Which is fine, anyone can do the same if they wish. But, please DO NOT silence those who appreciate and participate in the unifying invocation. HB Police Chaplain has done a great job; unlike, when Interfaith counsel provided leaving out mention of Christians. As all hidden agendas, surface, this is just another example of a political organization. Please do NOT continue to resource invocations from this organization.

Thank you Mayor Strictland, Pro Tem Gracey Vandermark, Casey McKeon and Pat Burns. Promises made, PROMISES KEPT! You are very much appreciated. Keep rocking it.

Best regards,

Kris Carroll

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**From:** Russell Neal <russneal@ieee.org>  
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**Cc:** Cari Swan  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 24, Council meeting 2023.05.16

Concerning Agenda Item 24, Council Member Moser's recommendation of a moment of silence as a substitute for an invocation, I offer the following thoughts:

Having a proper invocation is a beneficial reminder that ours is a government "under God" and that it needs his help in performing its duties. Not having an invocation implies a denial of these facts. Therefore, an invocation, properly done, should be conducted.

An invocation is meant to publicly "invoke" or request God's assistance in the Council's performance of the Council's duties. A moment of silence does not serve this purpose.

An invocation should only be requested if the Council (or Council majority) believes in a prayer-hearing God and desires his help. It should not be held just to please religious members of the public.

An invocation should not be an occasion for proselytizing or making political speeches disguised as prayers.

I suggest a broad invitation to clergy in our city to perform invocations with the following guidelines:

1. This Council recognizes its obligation to conform its governing activity to God's moral law and its need to invoke his aid in doing so. We request that prayers of invocation be directed to this end.
2. This council recognizes the plurality of faiths in the community and the freedom of religion of its members. Persons delivering an invocation are free to follow their faith prayer tradition and format.
3. Proselytizing and prayers asking God to cause the Council to take specific actions are generally inappropriate for the invocation. Urging such actions are more appropriate for public comments.
4. Invocations should be limited to approximately one minute in length.

Clergy violating these guidelines can simply not be reinvited.

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