

TIMELINE

During the week of April 6-10, I was told that there could be a Special Meeting of the City Council called for Thursday April 16.

Thursday, April 9: That was confirmed by the Mayor to me at our meeting at 2 pm. He said the meeting would be at 1 pm on April 16.

I asked whether there would be a voting item. I told him that the Notice under the Texas Open Meetings Act would have to be posted at least 72 hours before the meeting and would have to include a proposed voting item if one is to be considered. He told me that he would know by the Monday 1 pm deadline.

That afternoon, I attended small group to discuss logistics with CMO. It was agreed that staff would be prepared with two versions of the notice, one with and one without a voting item, and would prepare an Agenda Information Sheet in case it would be needed.

Monday, April 13: In the morning the Mayor's office circulated a proposed resolution. It, along with the proposed AIS, were circulated for review and comment by a number of staff during the morning, completed and approved sometime after 2 pm.

At 12:19 pm, the Mayor's office circulated to CCM the Mayor's memo to the City Secretary requesting the Special Meeting, which had been received by CSO at 12:13 pm.

At 12:38 pm, the meeting notice, with reference to the proposed voting item, was posted by the CSO.

Shortly thereafter, I received a series of calls from Bilierae, CM Griggs and Lindsay. My cell phone call log does not show the times, but my office Missed Calls directory shows a missed call from Bilierae at 1:07 pm. I was asked to join them at the City Secretary's office. One call was from Lindsay, asking where I was, and I told her I was in the stairwell on the way to CSO.

When I arrived, CM Griggs, Bilierae and Lindsay were standing just inside the door separating the reception area from the cubicles. The councilmember was demanding a copy of the proposed resolution and AIS and a copy of the briefing to be presented at the Special Meeting. Lindsay explained that she was awaiting CMO approval of the final resolution and AIS, at which point it would be circulated just as with regular meetings. Mr. Griggs demanded to see a manager and Lindsay said they were not in the building at that time. He shouted at her that there had to be a manager present. She did not respond.

He turned to me and said the meeting was illegal because the AIS and resolution had not been posted by 1 pm. I explained that the posted notice met the requirements of TOMA and that information sheets and proposed resolutions were circulated to assist the councilmembers and the public, but are not required by TOMA. I told him that I did not have, nor had I seen, the proposed briefing. I told him that it was my understanding that no staff at City Hall had a copy of it, that it was scheduled to be made public at a Trinity commons luncheon on Tuesday April 14. He shouted that there were 3,000 emails proving

that staff had it and that we were lying to him. I repeated that I did not have it and had been told that no staff member had it.

He demanded a legal opinion that the meeting notice was legal and that providing the resolution at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting was not a requirement of the Act. The councilmember then left.

A number of CSO staff members, at least one at the reception desk and others in nearby cubicles, heard the discussions.

I could see that both Bilierae and Lindsay were shaken by the incident, and asked Bilierae and Lindsay if they were okay. They said they were. I then left to prepare the requested opinion. It was sent out at 5:25 pm.

In the meantime, at 4:36 pm, CM Griggs asked the City Secretary to defer the voting item at the special meeting. CSO and the councilmember asked me whether he could do so under the Council Rules. After discussion in CAO, I talked by phone with CM Griggs, along with Ileana and Chris, and told him my opinion is that the deferral privilege is not available to a single councilmember as to a special called meeting. CSO sent the councilmember a memo to that effect at 6:44 pm.

Wednesday, April 15: Regular Council briefing meeting. At some point Lindsay told me that she was thinking of asking AC for a raise for what she has to put up with. Later that afternoon I saw AC and told him that Lindsay seemed a bit upset by all that surrounded the special meeting.

Thursday, April 16: I met with the Mayor at 10:30 am for our weekly meeting. He raised the issue of wrongful behavior by the councilmember towards Lindsay and Sana. I told him I was unaware as to Sana, thought it might be Bilierae. I agreed I would talk with each of the employees.

I met with each of the employees and asked if they would prepare statements of the events. They each said they would. At some point on Thursday I was told that, on Monday before I arrived at CSO, Bilierae had said she was going to post something and the councilmember shouted that if she tried to do so he "would break her fucking fingers." I do not recall when or by whom I was told about that; I believe it was by Lindsay. When I asked Bilierae if it was true, she confirmed that it had happened.

Friday, April 17: I discussed with Chris Bowers and Ayeh my next steps. They agreed I should seek statements. Chris confirmed that the actions, if proven may be a class A misdemeanor assault. He also noted a felony charge based upon threat to a public servant doing his or her official duties. They advised that the information should be forwarded to DPD's PIU.

Saturday, April 18: I texted Chris Bowers to discuss my obligations under the circumstances. I then placed a call to Chief Cato to seek his advice as to the timing of a report by me. Chief Cato called me back later in the day and advised that it would be best if the statements were first obtained before a report was filed.

Monday, April 20: I told Chris and Ayeh about my talk with Chief Cato. I followed up with Bilierae, who said she intended to prepare the statement, but that Friday had been too busy.

Tuesday, April 21 (I talked with Rosa Rios about reporting the incident. I told her that it is up to Bilierae whether she pursues a complaint or not.)

Bilierae asked me to call her. I returned her call at 1:03 pm and asked if she could come to my office. She did, and we discussed the matter. She said that she did not feel threatened, that other councilmembers had also yelled and screamed, that it was just the councilmember expressing his frustration with the mayor. We discussed the matter at some length and I shared with her my concerns. I told her that I would be following up with a meeting with Chief Brown.