

Mayor Rich has asked her people to respond to her passionate argument that we should effectively muzzle citizen input to the critically important issues the city will deal with in the next 60 days to avoid the trauma that she has experienced as a result of “five zoom bombers”.

The answer is simple. Each time she has raised this before, it was the recommendation of city staff and the public who participate in meetings every other week to continue offering the remote option that includes citizen input via zoom. City staff created a detailed plan to deal with it when it occurs. The plan worked and Assistant City Clerk, Mary Gourley handled it perfectly.

Last meeting it was fairly obvious who the individuals were and how each call was going to go. The mayor was able to anticipate what was coming and provide a timely warning. Once offensive words were uttered, they were cut off. The total period of offense could not have been more than a few seconds out of more than an hour of public input during the evening.

The issue will quite likely go away when the Gaza cease fire proclamation is dealt with. Unfortunately, Vice Mayor Zollman chose to bring it up again during the busiest possible period for critical city business. It is unlikely to come up before 10:30pm. The good news is it looks like an actual cease fire will occur before you can get to it and the issue will go away.