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## Vice Mayor Social Media Comment

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Mayor,

I want to address the attached public comment made by the Vice Mayor on social media.

**Invoking rape in a political exchange is completely inappropriate for someone serving in a leadership role on**, let alone any member of City Council. Regardless of the policy disagreement being discussed, that type of language is inflammatory, unnecessary, and beneath the standard expected of someone holding the office of Vice Mayor. It is disgusting.

Our community expects serious leadership from its elected officials, particularly on issues involving public safety and the legal process. Reducing those discussions to analogies involving sexual assault damages the credibility of this governing body and reflects poorly on the institution we represent (to say the very least).

Frankly, comments like this are exactly the kind of conduct that erodes public confidence in Council and its members. They distract from the real issues in front of us and unnecessarily inject offensive rhetoric into civic debate, distractions that have plagued this Council. It must stop and we must hold our colleagues accountable.

Given the Vice Mayor's role, I believe this deserves to be addressed directly.

At a minimum, the appropriate course would be for the comment to be removed and for a public apology from the Vice Mayor, acknowledging that the language used was inappropriate for someone serving in a leadership position on Council. Leadership roles carry additional responsibility, and maintaining a basic standard of professionalism in public communications is part of that obligation.

If that does not occur, I believe Council will need to have a broader discussion about whether the standard expected of someone serving as Vice Mayor is being met.

Whitehead's post



**Beth White** · 1d

State Senator Peake has stated multiple times that this was being addressed at the state level. He even told this to the Council members at the Republican breakfast last weekend. They still decided to go ahead with the suit anyway.

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**Sallie Amos** · 16h

[Beth White](#) Not surprised!

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**Curt Diemer for Lynchburg City Council** · 3m

[Beth White](#) waiting till rapist is done is not the best option.

Reply



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