

Declaration of Admonishment Councilmember Lloyd Zimmerman

Whereas, Recent actions by Councilmember Zimmerman regarding a potential real estate contract were completed without the City Council's knowledge or approval; and

Whereas, It is the shared opinion of the Ferndale City Council that these actions were inappropriate, ill-advised, contrary to accepted Council procedures, and is not considered acceptable Councilmember behavior; and

Whereas, Councilmember Zimmerman acknowledged the ill-advised nature of his actions to the Mayor, fellow Councilmembers, and the public at a recent Council Committee meeting at which this topic was discussed; and

Whereas, The City Council does not want to infringe on the ability for individuals, including Councilmembers to express their views provided however that the way in which these views are expressed do not run contrary to accepted processes used to establish Council consensus that result in public policy; and

Whereas, The Council acknowledges that the citizens of Ferndale have reasonable expectations as to the behavior of Councilmembers in their official capacity and for interactions by and between Councilmembers, the Mayor and City staff; and

Whereas, The City Council expects all of its members to conduct themselves in a way that is respectful, constructive, and within the parameters of citizen expectations and adopted procedures for formulating public policy; and

Whereas, it is the belief of the City Council that the recent actions of Councilmember Zimmerman clearly falls outside of these standards,

NOW THEREFORE:

The City Council of the City of Ferndale Washington does hereby admonish Councilmember Zimmerman for his recent actions with the expectation that all future actions will be carried out in the spirit of openness, respect, in conformance with citizen expectations, and following acceptable public policy formulation processes.

Dated: February 1, 2010 and adopted in an open public meeting