

RE: PDC - Benson, Carol: Alleged violations of RCW 42.17A.555 for authorizing city council meetings to be used to support or oppose election campaigns (EY 17; Nov 17)

[Carol Benson](#) (Mon, 6 Nov at 1:56 PM) via Email

To: pdc@pdc.wa.gov

I have tried to log on to the website to change my email address, but have not been able to do so. I have even tried using the wrong email that I provided and that did not work either. We changed email addresses citywide and I inadvertently put a period between black diamond and wa, when there should not have been one. Maybe you could have someone help me make the email change.

In response to the complaint from Gary Davis, PDC Case Number 26959:

Allegation One: At the September 7, 2017 City Council meeting during public comments an individual got up, and before I knew it, endorsed a candidate. It was done before I realized it was happening. I did not encourage her to continue and the attorney and I reminded her that there was no campaigning during a Council meeting or for that matter on any City property. The attorney and I also announced at the beginning of the next Council meetings that no campaigning would be allowed during the meeting, or on City property or any campaign materials generated or distributed at Council Chambers or on City property.

Allegation Two: At the October 19, 2017 (not 18th) City Council meeting, during the Mayor's report, I reported that I attended the Candidate's Forum and Chamber Luncheon Forum and my opponent decided not to show up. This is a fact. I did not discuss any of the content of the Forum. I also commented that I had attended the STEM fundraising luncheon in Enumclaw sponsored by the Enumclaw School Foundation. We have 4 school districts in our City. I also met earlier in the week with a councilmember, staff and consultants for 2 hours to discuss the Final Plat and the conditions of approval that would be appearing on the Agenda for the October 19th meeting. I give a report at every meeting to inform not only the Council but the public of my activities in and around the city. It would have been foolish to have left these two forums out of my report because it is my responsibility to keep the Council and public informed of my activities. There was no attempt on my part to campaign by these announcements.