# Public Forum Speech

David Zokaites February 18, 2020

# Council Public Input

- Executive order 151 sets policy for CityLink,
   CityLink publishes council meetings
- City ordinance 30.015 "Addressing the council ..."
- First amendment trumps both
- "Congress shall make no law ... abridging the freedom of speech"

# First Amendment Rights

- "People have greater rights to free speech when it's being conducted in a public forum. Specifically, the government can impose reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions on speech in both public and non-public forums, but has <u>limited ability to</u> <u>impose content-based restrictions</u> on traditional or designated public forums."
- Prohibition against "electronic" public input may be unconstitutional.
- Please check

### Social Media

- "In the first such ruling by a court of appeals, the justices found that the First Amendment right to Free Speech protects negative commentators, even on social media platforms, such as Facebook."
- Can't block polite critics on Facebook
- Now we know

## My Source

- https://blogs.findlaw.com/decided/2019/01/politicia ns-cant-block-voters-on-facebook-court-rules.html
- Nice when we find important things accidentally

# Winter Beauty

