From: Shane McFarland
To: Zofia Zagalsky
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL]- Re: Mayor McFarland email
Date: Monday, January 30, 2023 9:12:00 AM

Zofia,

Thank you for your email. I appreciate your comments, your multiple facebook messages and calls on messenger. I do not use messenger for phone calls or video chats.

In regards to BoroPride, no one is saying that Boro Pride can't occur. No one is saying that anyone has an issue with the LBGQT community and their right to assemble. I feel confident every member of our Council agrees that we don't' have the right to limit anyone's right to assemble. What the City is saying is that the "show" at the festival was not age appropriate or family friendly as applied or advertised. To my knowledge, the event this weekend was a typical rally and no laws or rules were broken.
The City Council asked our team and the organizers to meet to find a compromise and it was relayed to the Tennessee Equality Project that we cannot nor do we have the right to stop any festival, but we do have the right to monitor what happens on City Property and make sure they are abiding by the guidelines set forth by the City of Murfreesboro. It was expressed that the City has no issue with the Boro Pride festival, but we could not allow the "show" to occur as it happened this year. There would have to be assurances made that this would not occur.
The TEP decided to submit an application with no adjustments or stipulations to monitor the show, make it age appropriate or any other assurances. They used the same application as last year. (BTW….they applied for the September event in July of this year and have decided to apply in November this year for the event in September of 2023) If this is the stance of the TEP, clearly they don't want to compromise. The letter from the City Manager DOES NOT say Boro Pride can't occur, but it does say that based upon what the TEP did with their last application, they are not permitted to be the applicant. The videos that were sent are not appropriate for children and that type of sexual content, IMO, should not and will not be permitted on City Property. IF the group wants to have that type of show, there are other options, including, having it on private property.
The narrative that the City is trying to stop the festival is just false. The Boro Pride festival has taken place in the City for many years and hasn't been a problem. This past year was a different situation. I would argue that if this type of "show" is worth throwing out a whole festival….it is on the organizers, not the City.
I try and do my best to represent everyone. These type of shows are not right. The continued sexualization of our most vulnerable population, children, can't continue to happen. The shows that are occurring all over our county are not about LBGQT rights, they are pushing a boundary that is not right with children. The funny thing is that every person I have emailed who is PRO Boro Pride agrees with that statement, including those speaking at our meeting last month. They agree the festival should not be defined by a drag show where someone is dressed in chaps, rubbing their genitals, humping up and down on stage and rubbing up and down on a child. To me, that is where we have to draw the line.
Please know, this is not about hate, oppression or disagreeing with someone's lifestyle. Those are not for me to judge, but it is my job to make sure that things that happen on City property related to children continues to be appropriate and safe. I am only one vote, but that is where I draw the line.

Shane McFarland
Mayor City of Murfreesboro

From: Zofia Zagalsky <zofia.a.zagalsky@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2023 8:18 AM
To: Shane McFarland <smcfarland@murfreesborotn.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]- Re: Mayor McFarland email

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Hello Shane,

Thank you for unblocking me. This country preserves when local and federal government doesn't block the voices of it's residents.

While I'll never respect you ideas of LGBTQ people, generally they make me sick to my stomach. And really because the only people that hold those beliefs are the people in history who ended became nazis or facist or their sympathizers. Being a trans polish American veteran, all the red flags are blaring from the stuff your doing.

I mean you actually didn't stand against people who want call others "a sex cult", yet you ban dancing that is no different than Beyonce, Rihana, Madonna, Hannah Montana or any other pop singer. I mean unless your about to sit here and say you hate dancing, It makes you look like a flaming bigot. You can choose to continue to act in bigoted ways, but calling us "groomers" while the church is UNFORTUNATELY (i say it capitalized because i dont think it good or fair for good religious people) been synonymous with child molestation and sex abuse. Unfortunately that's why Christians get less popular every year, because most common people who arnt strapped to the right or left of the wall dont take well to hypocrisy

On Fri, Jan 27, 2023 at 7:59 AM Shane McFarland <smcfarland@murfreesborotn.gov> wrote:

> Zofia:
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> Seeing if this email works.
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> Thank you!
> Shane McFarland
> Mayor City of Murfreesboro