

**Subject:** FW: July 8th council meeting/Pledge discussion  
**Date:** Thursday, June 27, 2019 at 5:08:44 PM Central Daylight Time  
**From:** Tom Harmening  
**To:** Jake Spano  
**CC:** Jacque Smith, Nancy Deno, Maria Carrillo-Perez

That makes 4 wanting to discuss this on July 8 – you, Steve, Margaret and Rachel.

Thom and Anne are no

Have not heard from Tim

Tom

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**From:** Rachel H [mailto:rharris.slp@[REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 27, 2019 5:00 PM  
**To:** Tom Harmening  
**Cc:** Jake Spano  
**Subject:** Re: July 8th council meeting/Pledge discussion

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Spot on. It's a yes.

On Jun 27, 2019, at 4:58 PM, Tom Harmening <[THARMENING@\[REDACTED\]](mailto:THARMENING@[REDACTED])> wrote:

So I'm going to take that as a "yes" in terms of the July 8 meeting

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**From:** Rachel H [mailto:rharris.slp@[REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 27, 2019 4:51 PM  
**To:** Jake Spano; Tom Harmening  
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I am open to revisiting. However, I find it more valuable to move the conversation forward. (Rather than rehashing our vote.) What I'm thinking of is adding to the start of our meeting: the words we recited upon our swearing in ceremony and any agreed-upon language from the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rachel Harris  
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On Jun 27, 2019, at 2:52 PM, Jake Spano <[mayorjakespano@](mailto:mayorjakespano@)<img alt="redacted" data-bbox="578 98 661 117"/>> wrote:

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Colleagues-

Im sure the last 24 hours have been pretty eventful for all of you, as they have been for me.

I understand that I was not at the meeting where this was discussed/decided but I feel strongly that we need to revisit the decision on the pledge of allegiance at our next meeting on July 8th. I don't ask this lightly, in fact I've never asked my colleagues for something like this, but I think this decision deserves another look by all of us.

Please reply to Tom with if you agree that we should revisit this on July 8th.

Thank you,

Jake Spano  
Mayor  
St. Louis Park, Minnesota