

**Statement of Common Council President Willie L. Hines, Jr.  
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Today, after both sides have presented closing arguments in the Frank Jude case, Judge David Hansher will charge the jury with their civic duty and responsibilities. A verdict in the case is imminent.

I remain optimistic and am hopeful that justice will be served in this case. Regardless of the verdict, I call on all citizens to communicate their expressions and reactions in a respectful and civil manner.

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