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I am aware of the posts Alderman Seals made on his personal LinkedIn account. These comments are reprehensible in any context. I was briefed by the Council President, Gary Mahkorn, that Seals was asked to resign. As of the time of this release, Seals has declined to do so.

State law and the U.S. Constitution place limits on how local government can discipline elected officials for communications made in a private capacity. While I condemn his remarks in the strongest possible terms, disciplinary matters fall under the Common Council's responsibility, and the response to the matter must be consistent with the law. The City is evaluating what, if any, actions it could legally take in this matter.