**KILLINGLY TOWN COUNCIL**

**SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

Date: Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Town Meeting Room

Killingly Town Hall

AGENDA

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The Town Council of the Town of Killingly held a Special Meeting on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Meeting Room of the Killingly Town Hall, 172 Main Street, Killingly, Connecticut.  The agenda was as follows:

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Roll Call**

**3. Citizens’ Statements and Petitions** (limited to the subject(s) on this agenda; individual presentations not to exceed 5 minutes; limited to an aggregate of 45 minutes)

**4. Unfinished Business**

**5. New Business**

a) Potential action on Executive Session item a

b) Potential action on Executive Session item b

**6. Executive session**

a) Discussion of employee item

b) Discussion of pending litigation item

**7. Adjournment**

1. Chairman Cesolini called the special meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2.   On Roll Call, all counselors were present except Mr. Dillon, who was absent with notification. Town Manager Hendricks, Assistant Town Manager Hopkins and Council Secretary Buzalski were also present.

3. Citizens’ Statements and Petitions:

David Cournoyer, 1427 North Rd, feels there was a lack of investigation into the allegation of sexual harassment in the workplace, and urged the Council to mount a good investigation.

Laura Cordes, 9 Robin Rd, West Hartford, Executive Director of the CT Alliance to End Sexual Violence, is concerned about the lack of investigation into the complaint of sexual harassment that the Town has.

Kerry Juhasz, 28 Gendreau Dr., thinks that all claims of sexual harassment should be investigated.

Jessica Mongeau, 13 Shepard Hill Rd, has concerns about how much taxpayer money is going to defending an assaulter, and is significantly concerned that the claims were not taken seriously and just swept under the rug.

Elizabeth Baker, 49 L’Homme St., said that the two men at the center of this non-existent investigation, if you look up women whom they have been having a relationship with, they have no record of paying taxes in this town but are $250,000 in debt for property. She wants to know what is going on.

David Cournoyer, after listening to the people here, said we should not rush to judgement. There are a lot of facts that the taxpayers are not aware of currently. He would love to see an independent investigation.

Heather Tetreault, 11 Beatrice Ave., said that everybody is jumping to conclusions about allegations which nobody knows is true or not. There is no support for victims who are falsely accused, and she would like to see an investigation.

Becky Ducat, 75 East Franklin St, is one of the employees who signed the letter of support of the accused. She wants everyone to hear both sides of the story before jumping to conclusions.

Wayland Leonard, 280 Putnam Pike, said a lot of things he read in the papers seemed pretty tone-deaf and thinks there could have been a better way to go about this.

Mary Bromm, 36 Youngs Lane, also signed the letter in support of the accused. She urged the Council to investigate this so that both sides can be heard.

4. Unfinished Business: None

5. New Business: Passed until after Executive Session.

6. Executive session:

Mr. A. Griffiths made a motion, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to move to Executive Session to discuss an employee item and a pending litigation item. Invited into the Session were the Town Legal Counsel, the Town Manager, and the Assistant Town Manager.

Voice vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.

Moved to Executive Session at 7:25 p.m.

Returned from Executive Session at 8:59 p.m.

5a. Potential action on Executive Session item a

Ms. Wakefield made a motion, seconded by Mr. A. Griffiths, to resolve the pending CHRO claim, Flexer vs. Killingly, Hendricks and Hopkins in accordance with the material terms discussed in Executive Session.

Voice vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.

5b. Potential action on Executive Session item b

Mr. Anderson made a motion, seconded by Mr. A. Griffiths, to accept Town Manager Hendricks’ resignation effective as of August 17, 2018, pursuant to the terms discussed in Executive Session.

Voice vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.

7. Adjournment:

Ms. Wakefield made a motion, seconded by Mr. D. Griffiths, to adjourn the meeting.

Voice Vote:  Unanimous. Motion passed.

The meeting ended at 9:01 p.m.

                                                                                                Respectfully submitted,

                                                                                                 Elizabeth Buzalski

Council Secretary

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