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Councilor Schwager calls for Town Manager Corrigan to Step Down after Ethics Commission Finds Probable Cause in Ethics Complaint.

East Greenwich, RI – On Tuesday, the RI Ethics Commission presented its investigative report related to an ethics complaint filed against the East Greenwich Town Manager. The complaint alleges that the manager violated the RI code of ethics under RI General Law as follows:

- Recommending the hiring of her business associate to the newly created position of consolidated town finance director.
- Directly and continuously supervising the consolidated finance director while they remained business associates

In its investigation, the Ethics Commission found that probable cause exists to support the allegations that the Town manager violated RI General Law. This matter will now proceed to a full administrative hearing before the Ethics Commission.

“These are serious allegations,” stated Councilor Mark Schwager. “I believe it is in the best interest of the Town of East Greenwich for the town manager to temporarily step down from her position and for a Town department head to be appointed acting town manager until this matter is resolved.”

Schwager continued, “These ethics complaints, as well as an additional complaint that is still in process before the ethics commission, were known to the Town Council before the manager was re-hired in July. I believe the Council did not properly consider these complaints during the hiring process. I hope that now, given the findings of the Ethics Commission, my colleagues on the Council will support my request for the appointment of an acting town manager until the Ethics Commission can complete its work.”

Schwager’s motion to discuss the ethics findings during the Tuesday night Council meeting was not seconded. The Council’s next scheduled meeting is September 24, 2018.

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