

It's no surprise that when a woman holds a man accountable for their inappropriate conduct, women are met with rage, called liars, and falsely accused of misdeeds to distract and deflect from the truth. It happens every time, without fail, and the certainty of cruel retribution is a primary reason women continue to suffer in silence. I am grateful for and humbled by all of the support I've received from citizens since January 6. I know I am not alone in being vilified for speaking the truth.

What I said in the January 6 meeting is true and represents a catastrophic lapse in judgment while Councilor Varwig was acting as a city councilor, away on the taxpayers dime, and representing our city at a professional cities conference. I found this conduct relevant during the election of Council President because I, and others, find the lack of judgement disqualifying for a position which acts as mayor when the mayor is unable. I thought the important vote should be made with all pertinent information. Since then, I have been actively working with the mayor to resolve this issue without embarrassment or expense to the City of Canby, and so we could return our focus to the important issues facing our community. Councilor Varwig was included in this process. Unfortunately, Councilor Varwig does not seem interested in resolution.

The mayor offered me an investigation, but I had yet to take him up in his offer because I was hoping to resolve this amongst ourselves. However, after the comments made it's clear that my good faith efforts will not be reciprocated and I've been left with no choice but to call for the investigation offered. It's the best thing we can do for transparency and with hope toward better council health for the sake of the city. As this is moving into an investigation, it's best for me to respect the sanctity of that and not speak about it or the details any further outside of that process.