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OFFICIAL STATEMENT REGARDING ALLEGATIONS OF MISCONDUCT BY ELECTED OFFICIAL

SEAT PLEASANT, MD. - The City of Seat Pleasant recently became aware of allegations by a former government employee alleging the city's Chief Executive Officer, Mayor Eugene W. Grant, abused his authority and engaged in acts of sexual misconduct. The specific allegations were received on July 16, 2020.

On July 19, 2020, after learning of the allegations, Mayor Grant vowed to fully cooperate with the investigation and voluntarily suspended his position as the Chief Executive Officer until an independent investigation has been completed.

Due to the serious nature of the allegations, on July 20, 2020, the City Council ordered an immediate independent investigation to be conducted by a law firm unaffiliated with the city. Additionally, the City Council unanimously voted to formalize the Mayor's voluntary action to suspend his duties, by passing a resolution to temporarily assign his supervisory duties and responsibilities as Chief Executive Officer to the Acting Chief Operating Officer to ensure a thorough and impartial investigation.

City Council President Reveral L. Yeargin stated, "our number one priority is to ensure an independent and transparent investigation is completed. Our elected leaders must do what is in the city's best interest and ensure that all stakeholders are treated fairly and impartially. This matter is extremely sensitive; therefore, I want to remind each stakeholder to respect due process and the rights of all involved parties."

City leadership, administration, and staff remain committed to fair and equitable practices, processes, and policies. We are committed to the city's core values, and we will fully cooperate with the independent investigation. There will be no further comment at this time.

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