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Dear Waldport City Council,

I am writing to call to your attention, the unacceptable and aggressive behavior of Mayor Heide Lambert on Tuesday, March 25, 2025.

Mayor Lambert came in to City Hall to pick up mail from her inbox. After retrieving the mail, but before opening or reading any of the contents, she approached the front desk and spoke with Robin. Mayor Lambert was clutching a small stack of envelopes, demanding to know why the letters had not been scanned to her and council. Robin asked for me to come to the front desk to assist, since I was the person who received and scanned these letters in Megan's stead (Megan being on vacation). I greeted Mayor Lambert, asking how I might help. She, obviously frustrated and with an accusatory tone, commanded to know why the letter scans had not been sent to her, as they were addressed to her. I let her know that the letters had, in fact, been scanned and sent to Dann and that their delivery would come from either Dann or Megan. As that is their role.

She continued, in a confrontational manner, by insisting the letters be scanned to her and stated that "all these letters are complaints against Dann", as she clasped the letters, shaking them at us in emphasis. How she could possibly be aware of the contents of the letters without having read them is beyond me.

Both Robin and I tried to explain to her that communication of those sort of documents need to come from either Dann or Megan. It seems Mayor Lambert found our answers and explanations lacking and continued to insist, demand and interrogate the two of us. This was all quite tense and I could tell from previous experience, that Robin was feeling really uncomfortable. I must say, I'm not easily intimidated, but Mayor Lambert's behavior was not only out of line, but was also in violation of city charter.

During a pause in her relentless onslaught, I let Mayor Lambert know that since none of our answers would satisfy her, we should end this conversation, and she should speak with Dann. She, of course, had the last word by saying, "I won't be speaking with Dann. I will be speaking with legal counsel".

I don't take this lightly, and I hope that neither will any of you. Thank you for your time and attention to this seriously troubling matter.

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