

#### CITY OF ALLENTOWN

### RESOLUTION

# Introduced by City Council on January 20, 2016

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## No Confidence Vote/Resignation

## Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

Whereas, a series of cumulative events have put the government of the City of Allentown in a critically unfavorable light in the community; and

**Whereas**, a subpoena for records from the FBI was served on Allentown City Hall on July 2, 2015 containing a list of more than 20 people, companies and entities in connection with a federal Grand Jury Investigation pending in Philadelphia; documents, computers and other items were taken from multiple offices and there have been subsequent requests from the FBI for additional records; and

**Whereas**, an assistant city solicitor pleaded guilty in November, 2015 to conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud in the awarding of a contract and, in January 2016, the former finance director pleaded the same federal offense; and

**Whereas**, the City Controller pleaded guilty to a single felony count of conspiracy to commit honest services wire fraud also in January, 2016; and

Whereas, all the positions so noted above fall under the supervision, direction or influence of the Mayor of the City of Allentown; and

Whereas, court documents indicate someone only matching the description of Mayor Ed Pawlowski was involved in these alleged actions violating numerous federal statutes in connection with the FBI investigation; and

**Whereas**, these allegations have brought the City into disrepute and created a negative work environment making it difficult to effectively conduct city business.

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,** Allentown City Council concludes that the continued service of Mayor Ed Pawlowski as Mayor of the City of Allentown is a detriment to the well-being of the City, its residents and city employees.

**Be It Further Resolved**, that Allentown City Council concludes that Mayor Ed Pawlowski is no longer an effective leader and can no longer carry out the duties of the Office of Mayor.

**Be It Finally Resolved,** that this Resolution is a formal declaration of **No Confidence** and that the City Council of Allentown hereby goes on record demanding Edwin Pawlowski resign from the Office of Mayor immediately.