



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

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RESOLUTION

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*Introduced by City Council on July 19, 2017*

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**Requests more Speed in the Delivery of Justice to the Citizens of Allentown**

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

**Whereas, Allentown City Council** passed Resolution 29161 in a unanimous vote on January 20, 2016 declaring No Confidence in Edwin Pawlowski, asking for his resignation from the office of Mayor; and

**Whereas,** a series of cumulative events continues to put the government of the City of Allentown in a critically unfavorable light in the community, inclusive of:

- A former assistant city solicitor and finance director pleading guilty to conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud in the awarding of a contract.
- The former City Controller pleading guilty to a count of conspiracy to commit honest services wire fraud.
- The Mayor's former campaign manager pleading guilty to conspiracy to commit extortion and bribery offenses, and tax evasion,
- The former managing director who works directly under the supervision of the Mayor, pleading guilty to conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud, implicating his previous boss in a pay-to-play corruption scandal.

**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,** this process started more than two years ago and was brought to the public's attention when 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,** these allegations continue to bring the City into disrepute and continue to create a negative work environment making it difficult to effectively conduct city business.

**Whereas,** Mayor Ed Pawlowski cannot be an effective leader and carry out the duties of the Office of Mayor in a respectful and dignified manner given the implications of the investigation.

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,** Allentown City Council finds that the length of time and delay of indicting or exonerating Edwin Pawlowski is a disservice to the citizens of Allentown, robbing a majority of residents of any possibility of respectful governance so long as the allegations hang over Mr. Pawlowski.

**Be It Also Resolved that** a copy of this resolution be sent to the United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, the FBI (att: Scott Curtis) and a copy to Judge Sanchez, asking for expediency.