



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

R-143

RESOLUTION

R – 2017

Introduced by City Council on July 19, 2017

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

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.