

RESOLUTION 2016 - 1

RESOLUTION ON THE CITY COUNCIL'S CENSURE OF COUNCILMEMBER TERRY CROW IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY COUNCIL'S RULES OF ORDER AND PROCEDURE AND THE CITY CHARTER AND MUNICIPAL CODE OF UNIVERSITY CITY

WHEREAS, Article XII, Section 111 of the City Charter of the City of University City mandates that every member of the City Council of University City take an Oath of Office, promising to faithfully discharge the duties of his office or employment with impartiality and justice; and

WHEREAS, Section 110.040 of the Municipal Code of University City mandates that public officials of the City be independent, impartial and responsible to the people and that government decisions and policies be made in the proper channels of the governmental structure; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of University City has adopted its Rules of Order and Procedure; and

WHEREAS, Rule 37 in the Council Rules of Order and Procedure states that contents of confidential memos must be kept confidential; and

WHEREAS, on February 21, 2014, Councilmember Terry Crow shared an e-mail he received as a member of Council from City Attorney Katherine Forster, relating to the firefighters, with Kurt Becker, the Vice President of Firefighters' Union Local 2665; and

WHEREAS, at the time the e-mail was provided to Kurt Becker, the City of University City was being sued by Firefighters' Union Local 2665; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Crow's sharing of an e-mail he received through his position as a member of Council with a party that was engaged in litigation against the City was not an impartial act and bypassed the City's procedures for the release of records retained by the City; and

WHEREAS, the interests of the City of University City have been harmed by the release of this e-mail to this organization which was and is litigating against the City; and

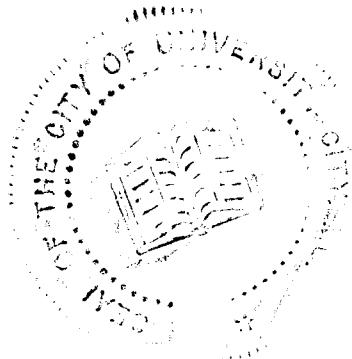
WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the City Council to make clear it will not allow the interests of the City to be harmed without taking action to discipline one of its members who does so.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this City Council formally censures Councilmember Terry Crow for intentionally sharing an e-mail of the City Attorney with Firefighters' Union Local 2665, an organization involved in litigation against the City, putting the interests of the City at risk. This Council also declares that it is considering additional action in response to a breach of the Councilmember's Oath of Office and violation of the Municipal Code by Terry Crow.

Adopted this 11th day of January, 2016.


Shelley Welsch, Mayor

Attest: 
Joyce Pumam, City Clerk



RESOLUTION 2020-18

A RESOLUTION RESCINDING THE CENSURE OF TERRY CROW

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2016, Resolution 2016 - 1 was adopted by a vote of 4 to 3, formally censuring then-Councilmember Terry Crow for allegedly sharing a confidential e-mail of the City Attorney with the International Association of Firefighters Local 2665 on February 21, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Terry Crow has honorably served University City as a Councilmember from April 2008 to April 2018 and as Mayor since April 2018; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the record of the meeting on January 11, 2016, and all other relevant information, and finds that the censure was not supported by the evidence because the e-mail was not confidential; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2016 - 1 should be rescinded and the censure therein removed from Terry Crow's record.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF UNIVERSITY CITY, MISSOURI, THAT:

Resolution 2016 - 1 is hereby rescinded and the censure therein is removed from Terry Crow's record.

ADOPTED this 14th day of December, 2020.

By: 
Bwayne Smotherson, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:


LaRette Reese, City Clerk

