

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WICHITA REGARDING ELECTED OFFICIALS

WHEREAS, The City of Wichita Code of Ethics for City Council Members states that “Council members shall conduct themselves so as to bring credit upon the city as a whole and so as to set an example of good ethical conduct for all citizens of the community; and

WHEREAS, a recently released audio recording of three area elected officials, State Representative Michael Capps, City Council Member James Clendenin and County Commissioner Michael O’Donnell has revealed behavior contrary to the City’s Ethics Policy as stated above; and

WHEREAS, the Wichita City Council finds that there is no place for this type of behavior by candidates and representatives for the Wichita City Council; and

WHEREAS, as municipal governing bodies have no legal authority to remove fellow elected officials for any violation, the Wichita City Council finds it incumbent to publicly address the situation to the extent to which it has authority to do so.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wichita City Council hereby condemns the behavior of the aforementioned public officials as heard in the recording as reported by local media, fully supports the investigation into these three officials that was announced October 26 by District Attorney Marc Bennett, and demands that Council Member James Clendenin consider the will of his constituents in the City of Wichita’s 3rd Council District as he makes decisions about the future of his term as a City Council Member.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Wichita this 27th day of October, 2020.

Yes _____ No _____ _____

Brandon Whipple, Mayor

Yes _____ No _____ _____

Cindy Claycomb, Vice Mayor

Yes _____ No _____ _____

Brandon Johnson, Council Member

District 1

Yes _____ No _____ _____

Becky Tuttle, Council Member

District 2

Yes _____ No _____ _____

James Clendenin, Council Member

District 3

Yes _____ No _____ _____

Jeff Blubaugh, Council Member

District 4

Yes _____ No _____ _____

Bryan Frye, Council Member

District 5

ATTEST:

Karen Sublett

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Jennifer Magana, City Attorney