

## **CITY OF HILSDALE - CITY COUNCIL PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

<b>Submitted by:</b>	Lance Lashaway, Vice Chair - Hillsdale Conservatives
<b>Date Submitted:</b>	January 20, 2026
<b>Subject:</b>	Request for Resignation of the Mayor; Risk Mitigation; Record Preservation; Independent Review; Board Appointment Practices

### **A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE MAYOR'S RESIGNATION DUE TO LIABILITY CONCERNS RAISED BY ALLEGED MISCONDUCT AND APPOINTMENT PRACTICES, AND DIRECTING RISK-MITIGATION STEPS**

**WHEREAS**, the City has a duty to protect the public trust and reduce avoidable legal exposure by responding to serious allegations through neutral, documented processes; and

**WHEREAS**, the undersigned submits this proposed resolution and supporting exhibits for receipt into the public record and for Council consideration; and

**WHEREAS**, allegations have been raised that, after election as Mayor, the Mayor has used the influence of office to remove respected community members from City boards and commissions and replace them with individuals who are not residents and/or who have made public statements that can reasonably be understood as hostile toward the welfare of children; and

**WHEREAS**, a publicly posted video circulated on social media has been identified by the undersigned as depicting conduct that the undersigned alleges constitutes harassment and/or stalking of City board members and Hillsdale residents (the "Video Exhibit"), and the undersigned requests that the City treat this as a serious liability concern warranting immediate process safeguards; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council is not required to adjudicate disputed facts during public comment, but it is responsible for risk management, record preservation, and ensuring the City obtains independent legal advice when serious allegations involve senior officials;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Hillsdale hereby:

1. **Receipt into Record.** Receives and logs into the City's public record the **Public Submission Packet** dated January 20, 2026, including the exhibit list and links identified therein, subject to lawful redactions for privacy where required.
2. **Request for Resignation.** Based on the seriousness of the allegations and the resulting liability and reputational risk to the City, formally requests that the Mayor submit a written resignation to the City Clerk effective immediately or as soon as practicable, to mitigate exposure and restore public confidence while these matters are reviewed.
3. **Record Preservation Directive.** Directs the City Clerk and City Manager to take reasonable steps to preserve potentially relevant City records pending completion of review, including (as applicable) communications related to board/commission removals and appointments, City email and official messaging, and official meeting recordings.

4. **Independent Legal/Process Review.** Directs the City Attorney to advise Council regarding:
  - (a) the City's potential legal exposure arising from the allegations;
  - (b) lawful options available to the City Council; and
  - (c) whether the City should retain independent outside counsel and/or an investigator to avoid conflicts of interest and to ensure public confidence.
5. **Appointment Practices Safeguards.** Directs the City Attorney and City Manager to propose to Council neutral, consistently applied appointment procedures for boards/commissions, including (as permitted by law):
  - verification of residency where relevant;
  - documented criteria for selection;
  - transparency measures for removal/replacement decisions; and
  - conflict-of-interest disclosures.
6. **Scheduling for Council Action.** Directs the City Manager to place this matter on a future Council agenda for action on the recommendations of legal counsel and/or any committee referral, including whether Council should adopt additional safeguards, censure/no-confidence language, or other lawful remedies.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that nothing in this resolution prejudges disputed facts; the purpose is to establish a documented, neutral process to mitigate risk, preserve evidence, and protect the City's legal interests and public confidence.

Adopted:	_____	2026	Ayes:	____	Nays:	____	Absent:	____
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