

RESOLUTION NO. 15 - 44

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE, TEXAS ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF JOHN BALLOTTI FROM THE POSITION OF MAYOR OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE, TEXAS.

WHEREAS, John Ballotti was duly elected as Mayor of the City of Commerce on May 12, 2012; and

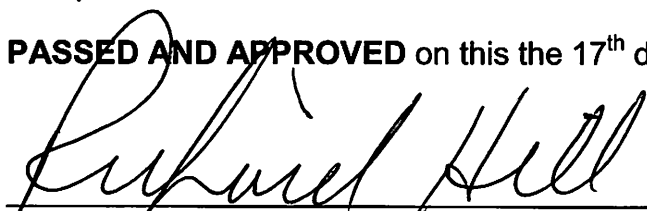
WHEREAS, the City of Commerce extends its appreciation to John Ballotti for his exceptional service in his position as Mayor on behalf of the citizens of the City of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, John Ballotti has provided a formal resignation effective November 4, 2015;

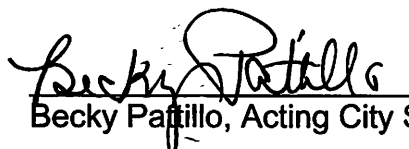
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE, TEXAS THAT:

The resignation of John Ballotti as Mayor effective November 4, 2015, is hereby accepted.

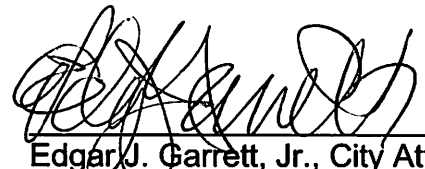
PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 17th day of November, 2015.


Richard Hill, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:


Becky Partillo, Acting City Secretary

REVIEWED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:


Edgar J. Garrett, Jr., City Attorney

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As a college educator I made the decision to continue to work until the enjoyment of being a college instructor and those obligations became unenjoyable or the work affected my health. When that happens I will know it is time to retire. Three and a half years ago I was elected mayor of Commerce and for the better part of the first three years the position was enjoyable. That included working with the residents of Commerce, the business leaders of Commerce, the administrators at Texas A& M University Commerce, and the City Council. Four years ago when I ran for the first time there were three overriding issues: The first was to hopefully insure that the duties of Mayor would not be bestowed on a University student without an election or vote. The second was to take measures necessary to establish and or enforce a building and health code and enforcement officer that would help protect the residents of Commerce. And a third was to form some sort of working relationship with the administration of the university so the major industry and employer of the city and the city would work together for the betterment of the city. I have accomplished all three.

During the last 6 months the enjoyment of exercising the duties involved with the leadership required to be an effective mayor have been undermined by some citizens of Commerce working against the city government, city employees working against the city government, members of the City council working against the city government and members of the Commerce Chamber of Commerce working against the city government. No names need to be mentioned as those crying foul the loudest will identify themselves. At this point I have determined that any effectiveness I might have had as Mayor of Commerce has been sufficiently eroded to the point that I am no longer effective and can no longer serve in any fashion that would continue to move the city forward.

I have my family to consider. I have my job at Texas A&M University Commerce to consider. I have my health to consider.

Therefore, effective today 4 November 2015 I am resigning the position of Mayor of Commerce, Texas.

Dr. R. John Ballotti, Jr. Ph.D.