

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-05-___ (R)

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY,
TEXAS, EXPRESSING DISAPPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBER
LA'SHADION SHEMWELL'S RECENT ACTIONS AND ISSUING ITS
CENSURE OF SAID MEMBER**

WHEREAS, it is a core value of the City Council that all citizens, including its elected officials, visitors and others who come in contact with city employees be treated with the utmost respect and integrity; and

WHEREAS, the elected officials of the city must set the example and tone for demonstrating respect and integrity; and

WHEREAS, it is the City Council's expectation that council members consistently behave in a professional manner, and adhere to the McKinney Home Rule Charter at all times; and

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2018, Council member La'Shadion Shemwell improperly directed a city employee/police officer to contact his department head, incident to a traffic stop in which Council member Shemwell was the subject, such direction being in contravention to Section 30(a) of the Charter; and

WHEREAS, Council member Shemwell made the following statements to the city employee/police officer:

“Clearly, when you read my name you knew who I am”

“You're out of line” (2 times)

“You better call Chief Conley” (2 times)

“Mr. Wilkerson, you're making a really bad decision” (2 times)

“You are in really big trouble” (8 times)

“You better get Chief Conley on the phone, now, and let him know what you're doing”

“You're digging yourself a hole”

“You made a very bad decision”; and

WHEREAS, at the traffic stop, Council member Shemwell displayed uncooperative and argumentative behavior toward the employee/police officer; and

WHEREAS, Council member Shemwell's statements and actions demonstrated a lack of judgment and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, while Council member Shemwell has expressed some regrets for his actions, the City Council finds that it is necessary to reinforce that this type of behavior is not acceptable for an elected official; and

WHEREAS, by this resolution the City Council desires to address Council member Shemwell's actions and reinforce our commitment to respect and integrity.

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

Section 1. The above stated recitals are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. The City Council of the City of McKinney hereby reaffirms its commitment to ensuring that all persons be treated with respect and integrity. The City Council further calls upon Council member La'Shadion Shemwell to reaffirm his commitment to abide by the Charter. For the reasons stated in this resolution, the City Council does hereby issue its censure of Council member La'Shadion Shemwell.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately after its passage and approval.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS ON THE 23rd DAY OF MAY, 2018.

CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS

GEORGE FULLER
Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Secretary

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