
Romulus City Council passes motion requesting Mayor Alan Lambert resign

ROMULUS, Mich. (WXYZ) - The Romulus City Council has unanimously passed a motion requesting that Mayor Alan Lambert resign his position.

For his part, Mayor Lambert is refusing to resign.

The council may have some questions for Mayor Lambert, but he won't be answering them directly tonight.

The council is holding their regularly scheduled meeting. A standing room only crowd is in attendance, however that does not include Lambert.

7 Action News is being told that Lambert left his office today, and sources are telling us he left with several boxes.

It is not known what was in the boxes.

During Monday's council meeting, Mayor Pro Tem Leroy Burcroff said this has been a busy week for his city, with some embarrassing things happening.

Burcroff announced his candidacy for Mayor earlier today. He received both applause and boos when he said he would run for mayor during tonight's meeting.

The resignation letters of both former Police Chief Robert Dickerson and former Economic Director Timothy Keyes were read to begin the meeting. Both men submitted their resignations last week, but

this makes them official.

In his letter Keyes wrote, "I am resigning for personal reasons." He thanked the people of Romulus, writing "I can no longer work for the administration."

Councilman William Crova called the loss of Dickerson and Keyes a real blow to the community.

Mayor Pro Tem Burcroff said, "People have, like, a pit in their stomach over this. We are cooperating with the Michigan State Police - they were here today. We gave them documents. The council is united in its cooperation in this investigation. There is nothing in the charter that triggers [Mayor Lambert's} removal at this point."

"We are going to continue to operate as professionals," agreed council member Eva Webb. "It would be in the best interest of this community if the mayor stepped down.

She then made a motion for Mayor Lambert to step down and asked for Dickerson and Keyes to rescind their resignations.

Webb's motion asking for Lambert's resignation was unanimously supported in a vote of the council members.

A representative for Mayor Lambert responded to the city council with a statement from Mayor Lambert that says he "takes exception" to the Police Chief Dickerson's conclusions. The mayor wrote that he has been Mayor for 12 years, and has served the city for 33 years.

He also wrote that Romulus is his home and that at this point he has not been charged with any criminal offense. Because of that, Lambert wrote, I cannot properly respond to questions.

"I will continue to serve as Mayor," Lambert wrote.

Mayor Lambert has been under fire since his home was raided as part of a Michigan State Police investigation.

Officials will not go into details on the raid, only saying it was part of an ongoing public corruption probe. They also say it is not part of another probe that led to charges being filed against several members of the Romulus Police Department.

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