

CITY OF COLLEGE PLACE PROCLAMATION

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

PROCLAMATION OF APPRECIATION TO PAUL HARTWIG FOR HIS 40 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITY OF COLLEGE PLACE

WHEREAS, Paul Hartwig began his career in the City of College Place on June 27th 1977 with a part time position in public works right after college, with the plan to begin the University of Washington Sports Medicine Program later that year. After several months working part time, a full time position as a garbage man came open with the city and he decided to stay on. Paul worked as the garbage man for about a year until a position opened in the water department and he transitioned there. When the Streets Supervisor retired, Paul was selected for that position. Sometime later, the Water Supervisor retired and Paul was again selected to fill that position. In 1988 he was promoted to the position of Public Works Superintendent; and then again promoted to Public Works Director when former Director Voorhies retired; serving the City in that capacity still today; and

WHEREAS, Paul holds the following professional certifications; Water Distribution Manager IV, Cross Connection Control Specialist, and Wastewater Collections I. He represents the City in many meetings and organizations throughout the state. He was an original member of the local Utility Coordinating Council, serving as president in that organization for several years. He has shared his expertise by teaching water classes for the Water Environmental Training Resource Center all over Washington State. Currently he holds a seat on the Board of Directors for the Evergreen Rural Water of Washington group; and

WHEREAS, over the past forty years Paul has been an integral part of many major projects that have improved the quality of life here in the City of College Place. Projects such as the construction of two wastewater treatment plants; the southern distribution water loop project which made the Wal-Mart development possible; the intertie projects with Walla Walla College (now University), the local water districts, and the City of Walla Walla; the Home Depot development; the eastside water storage project, multiple large water main and infrastructure projects, and most recently the CARS Project. In addition to that he has implemented the automated meter reading system to help reduce labor hours and increase efficiency; and

WHEREAS, he has worked with ten different mayors (beginning with his own Father), an abundant number of council members, and a great number of city staff. He has been the head of the public works department long enough that nearly all of the current employees in that department were hired by him. He said that working with the great city staff and citizens of College Place is the reason he has stayed for such a long time. His expertise has had, and we hope will continue to have a lasting positive impact on life in the City of College Place; and

NOW THEREFORE, this Council and Mayor of the City of College Place does hereby confer upon

Paul Hartwig

This high commendation for the manner in which he has performed his duties with the City of College Place Public Works Department with special thanks for his 40 years of professionalism, dedication and service to the community.

Dated this 27th day of June, 2017

Approved



Mayor, Harvey R. Crowder

Attest



City Clerk, Lisa R. Neissl