

RESOLUTION NO. ____ - 16

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SHANE WHITE FOR 22 YEARS
OF SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF COLORADO SPRINGS AND
THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, Shane White was hired as an attorney for the City by City Attorney James G. Colvin II, in 1994; and

WHEREAS, Shane has served with distinction as an attorney in the City Attorney's Office Prosecution and Litigation Divisions, ultimately serving as the Division Chief of the Litigation Division; and

WHEREAS, Shane has expertly litigated numerous cases on behalf of the municipal government, Colorado Springs Utilities, and Memorial Health System in state and federal court at both the trial and appellate levels; and

WHEREAS, Shane's ability to evaluate cases fairly and his ability to craft clear and well-reasoned motions to dismiss and motions for summary judgment have ultimately saved the City of Colorado Springs millions of dollars in potential settlements and judgments; and

WHEREAS, Shane has argued before the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals on multiple occasions, and his argument in the qualified immunity case of *Medina v. Cram* established precedence that is regularly relied upon by attorneys and cited in decisions from across the nation; and

WHEREAS, through his work on cases involving stormwater issues and his testimony before the Colorado Senate and General Assembly, Shane was instrumental in the passage of legislation clarifying governmental immunity for stormwater and public sanitation facilities; and

WHEREAS, Shane has an unblemished success record representing the City in cases involving both TABOR and election issues; and

WHEREAS, Shane's expertise in municipal litigation is respected by attorneys across Colorado as evidenced by his receipt of the Outstanding Deputy or Assistant City Attorney award by the Colorado Municipal League and the Metro City Attorney's Association in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Shane's experience with, understanding of, and commitment to his client is highly regarded by the attorneys, paralegals, support staff of the City Attorney's Office, and other City personnel, as is his ability to explain legal arguments and issues in clear, concise, plain English; and

WHEREAS, Shane regularly mentors, advises, and counsels attorneys across the divisions of the City Attorney's Office; and

WHEREAS, Shane's wry sense of humor is impressive and his willingness to discuss his considered analysis and sage predictions during college football season boggles the mind; and

WHEREAS, most importantly, Shane is an honest, hard-working, friendly, and honorable man whose presence in the City Attorney's Office will be greatly missed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:

Section 1. That the City Council of the City of Colorado Springs hereby acknowledges and recognizes Shane White for his outstanding contributions and service to the municipal government, Colorado Springs Utilities, and Memorial Health System during his 22 year career with the City Attorney's Office.

Section 2. City Council recognizes December 13, 2016 as "You Can't Retire, Shane, You're Too Young Day" in Colorado Springs.

DATED at Colorado Springs, Colorado this ____ day of _____, 2016.

Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk