

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - 22

A RESOLUTION IN APPRECIATION OF THE CENTER FOR STRATEGIC MINISTRY FOR OPERATING THE WESTSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER

WHEREAS, in 2006, Woodmen Valley Chapel formed the Center for Strategic Ministry as an affiliated non-profit organization; and

WHEREAS, since 2010, the Center for Strategic Ministry has operated the Westside Community Center in a collaborative partnership with the City of Colorado Springs to provide services and support to the historic Westside neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Westside Community Center is to create community for friends of all ages and follows its motto of, "Our Space, Your Place"; and

WHEREAS, the Westside Community Center is a community hub that hosts recreation activities, arts and cultural classes, meetings for local organizations, and serves many other important functions; and

WHEREAS, Woodmen Valley Chapel and the Center for Strategic Ministry have invested nearly \$1 million into programs, services, campus improvements, and support for the Westside Community Center, and served more than 300,000 guests. They welcomed aging neighbors with a smile and a hot meal. They provided a safe space for at-risk youth in need of a friend. They tutored children ready for the next chapter in their story. They hosted events and organizations that provided fun, education, civic engagement, and even life-saving support for all who would come. They helped re-establish the Westside Community Center as a beacon of light in the community.

WHEREAS, none of this would have been possible without the time, effort, and dedication from the Center for Strategic Ministry and their staff; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Strategic Ministry is committed to fostering a flourishing city and to seek opportunities to serve our city, its leaders, and our neighbors in other ways.

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

Section 1. City Council appreciates the work and partnership with the Center for Strategic Ministry and their dedication to the Westside Community Center and wishes them well with all their future endeavors in the City of Colorado Springs.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022.

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Council President

ATTEST:

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Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk