

RESOLUTION NO. ____ -19

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING KENNETH J. BURGESS FOR
14 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF COLORADO
SPRINGS, THE RATEPAYERS OF COLORADO SPRINGS
UTILITIES, AND THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, Kenneth J. Burgess ("Ken") was hired as an attorney for the City by City Attorney Patricia K. Kelly in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Ken served with distinction as an attorney in the City Attorney's Office Utilities Division, first as a Senior Attorney and then as Division Chief for the Utilities Division; and

WHEREAS, Ken brought significant regulatory, ratemaking, and general corporate experience to the City Attorney's Office for the benefit of the City of Colorado Springs and Colorado Springs Utilities; and

WHEREAS, Ken helped Colorado Springs Utilities establish numerous programs needed to ensure compliance with federal and state regulatory requirements, including programs that provided for a safer utility system, and helped with establishment of the Regulatory and Compliance Department within Colorado Springs Utilities; and

WHEREAS, Ken provided extensive support to Colorado Springs Utilities' Southern Delivery System project, a nearly billion dollar water project needed to help ensure the water future of the City of Colorado Springs; and

WHEREAS, Ken was instrumental in establishing a process for contribution of surplus utility revenues from Colorado Springs Utilities to the City of Colorado Springs; and

WHEREAS, Ken developed the legal strategy needed to establish a solar array at the United States Air Force Academy and negotiated agreements under which Colorado Springs Utilities could serve the Academy; and

WHEREAS, Ken developed strong relationships with numerous City Councils and Colorado Springs Utilities Boards of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Ken provided stability for Colorado Springs Utilities' ratemaking process and brought rigor to Colorado Springs Utilities' other administrative processes; and

WHEREAS, Ken served as a mentor and teacher for new attorneys and staff in the Utilities Division and the City Attorney's Office; and

WHEREAS, the attorneys in the Utilities Division have appreciated Ken's leadership and compassionate support of both their professional growth and lives outside of the office; and

WHEREAS, Ken's friendship with his colleagues in both Utilities and the City Attorney's Office will be 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 Kenneth J. Burgess for his outstanding contributions and service to the City of Colorado Springs and Colorado Springs Utilities during his 14 year career with the City's Attorney's Office.

DATED at Colorado Springs, Colorado this 24th day of September, 2019.

ATTEST:

Council President

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk