RESOLUTION NO. 77 - 22

A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR CRAIG BLEWITT

WHEREAS, the City has benefitted greatly from the dedicated service of Craig Blewitt, Transit Services Manager, for the past 37 years; and

WHEREAS, Craig began his career with the City of Colorado Springs in 1985 first as a Comprehensive Planner, then serving as a Senior Transportation Planner, Transportation Planning Manager, Transportation Planning Division Manager, Comprehensive Planning Division Manager, and finally as the Transit Services Manager; and

WHEREAS, over his 37-year City career, Craig served on numerous boards and committees including, but not limited to the Citizens' Transportation Advisory Board, the Colorado Transit and Rail Advisory Committee, the Colorado Association of Transit Agencies; and

WHEREAS, Craig was instrumental in crafting and bringing to the voters a dedicated funding source for transportation roadway capital projects, road and bridge maintenance, and public transit services known the Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority; and

WHEREAS, Craig shepherded the Transit Services Division through difficult times during the Great Recession, more than doubling the offered service at 2010 levels and growing the budget from \$24 million in 2010 to \$50 million in 2021, while maintaining a healthy level of reserve;

WHEREAS, Craig set the vision, mission, and goals for Mountain Metro Transit, enabling them to earn the Large Transit System of the Year award three times in his tenure, as given out by the Colorado Association of Transit Agencies; and

WHEREAS, the City appreciates his dedication, commitment, leadership, mentorship, and stewardship of taxpayer dollars throughout his years of service to the City; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes him happiness and success in all his future ventures.

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

Section 1. That City Council recognizes Craig Blewitt for his 37 years of service, leadership, and contributions to the City of Colorado Springs.

DATED at Colorado Springs, Colorado this 14th day of June 2022.

Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, D