

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 25

A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION OF
WYNETTA MASSEY, CITY ATTORNEY, FOR HER 35 YEARS OF
SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE CITY OF COLORADO
SPRINGS UPON HER RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Wynetta Massey is a native of Independence, Missouri, a graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia with a degree in speech communication with honors and political science, and of the University of Kansas School of Law; and

WHEREAS, Wynetta Massey began her legal career with the Colorado Springs City Attorney's Office in 1990 as a Prosecutor, and subsequently served as a Senior Corporate Attorney, Corporate Division Chief, Legislative Counsel, and was promoted to City Attorney in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Wynetta Massey has established a distinguished and notable legal career in public service with her dedicated tenure within the City Attorney's Office for over 35 years; and

WHEREAS, Wynetta Massey faithfully fulfilled her oath to uphold the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Colorado and the Charter of the City of Colorado Springs, and was loyally committed to serving the best interests of the City in performing her duties; and

WHEREAS, Wynetta Massey takes her responsibility of public service very seriously, extending her leadership to the legal community outside the City Attorney's Office as President of the Colorado Municipal League Executive Board, also serving on its Policy Committee and chairing the *Amicus* Committee and Attorney Section; as a member of the International Municipal Lawyers Association Board of Directors, including contributing to their Legal Advocacy Program; and

WHEREAS, Wynetta Massey has received numerous professional accolades, including the International Municipal Lawyers Association *Amicus* Service Award in 2020, their prestigious "Epps Award" for Longevity of Service in 2022, and was designated as an International Municipal Lawyers Association Local Government Fellow in recognition of demonstrated excellence in the field of local government law; and

WHEREAS, Wynetta Massey contributed to the legal profession as a frequent national speaker at many professional conferences for the Colorado Municipal League, the International Municipal Lawyers Association, the American Bar Association, the Colorado Bar Association, the Arkansas Municipal Attorneys Association, the Missouri Municipal Attorneys Association, the International City/County Management Association, as well as other private organizations on a wide range of topics including ethics, takings, land use, marijuana regulation, open meetings, real estate manuals, and the Council-Mayor form of government; and

WHEREAS, one of Wynetta Massey's proudest and most important contributions to the City was the hiring and promoting of attorneys, support staff, and real estate professionals dedicated to serving the City and fostering a family-like environment in her office; and

WHEREAS, Wynetta Massey has served under seven (7) mayors and nineteen (19) City Councils, she managed the 2001 recodification the City Code giving her an inexplicable ability to recite sections of the Code from memory, she authored hundreds of legal opinions, argued the

City's interests in appellate courts, and has a vast base of historical knowledge that will be greatly missed; and

WHEREAS, Wynetta Massey never holds back a candid response, thrives under pressure, is witty, and is an inspiring source of wisdom for all of those who know her; and

WHEREAS, Wynetta Massey has an uncanny ability to recall movie and television quotes, particularly scenes from the TV show "The Office", and has mastered trivia to which the answer is either "Missouri" or "Harry Truman"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Colorado Springs appreciates and recognizes Wynetta Massey for her commitment to public service; her leadership; her loyalty and excellence in serving the City, its departments, its enterprises and elected officials; and for the indelible mark she has left on the City she loves and the people she has touched.

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

Section 1. That the City Council recognizes WYNETTA P. MASSEY for her 35 years, 4 months and 4 days of service, leadership and contributions to the City of Colorado Springs.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Lynette Crow-Iverson, Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk