



City of Harrisonburg

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Deanna Reed, Mayor
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A RESOLUTION HONORING JAMES TED BYRD FOR SERVICE AS COUNCIL MEMBER FOR THE CITY OF HARRISONBURG

WHEREAS, Ted Byrd has been on the City Council since 2006, serving one term as mayor; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure, Council Member Byrd executed the duties of an elected official with integrity, fairness, and effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, Ted has also served the community on numerous other boards and commissions such as the City/County Liaison Committee, the Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission, the Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Finance Committee, the Stormwater Advisory Committee, the Plan Our Park Liaison Committee, VML Transportation Committee and the Deer Population Task Force; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Byrd has been a strong advocate for continued economic development within Harrisonburg, supporting new and expansion projects including Tenneco Automotive, Convergent AI, Ariake USA, Shenandoah Valley Organic, T&E Meats, and others, creating jobs and investing significant capital within our City; and

WHEREAS, Ted has been a critical leader in forwarding environmental compliance and improving the quality of Blacks Run by providing judicious, cost-effective, and practical contributions to the community's long-term stormwater management program and Stormwater Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, Ted has been a proponent of a balanced transportation system by serving on the Virginia Municipal League (VML) Transportation Committee, as member and chairman, supporting Public Transportation, ensuring transportation relationships with James Madison University and Harrisonburg City Public Schools and staying aware of funding and issues concerning transportation for Harrisonburg; and

WHEREAS, Ted realizes the value of water to the City and has supported and encouraged the completion of the Shenandoah River Eastern Raw Water Pipeline Project. He has been instrumental in ensuring Harrisonburg's Public Utilities are up to date and continuing to meet the needs of citizens for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, Ted is a strong supporter of Public Safety ensuring fire apparatus were kept up to date helping to secure funding to replace apparatus as necessary, making the renovation of Fire Station 1 a priority to ensure personnel had a modern facility from which to work, and recently helped to ensure funding to replace self-contained breathing apparatus, which were approaching the end of their useful life ; and,

WHEREAS, Ted has been a valued colleague and friend to citizens, fellow elected officials, and staff; and,

WHEREAS, Ted's dedication and professionalism will be greatly missed by City employees, elected officials, and the citizens he served.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the members of the Harrisonburg City Council take great pride in recognizing and honoring the achievements and service of Ted Byrd, thanking him for the dedication he has rendered and the contributions he has made in making the City a better place to live.

Adopted this 11th day of December 2018.

Attest: 
Pamela Ulmer, Deputy City Clerk

BY: 
Deanna R. Reed, Mayor