



City of Palo Alto
City Council Staff Report

(ID # 11734)

Report Type: Special Orders of the Day Meeting Date: 11/9/2020

Summary Title: Retirement Resolution for Jon Hospitalier

**Title: Adoption of Resolution of the Council of the City of Palo Alto
Expressing Appreciation to Jon Hospitalier Upon his Retirement**

From: City Manager

Lead Department: City Clerk

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Resolution Hospitalier



Resolution

Whereas, Jon Hospitalier has enthusiastically served the citizens of Palo Alto for over three decades as a committed, innovative, and positive leader who has developed successful programs focused on maintaining and improving the City's infrastructure, served as a role model and mentor for other staff, and maintained a commitment to emergency response and preparedness; and

Whereas, Jon joined the Public Works Department as a Street Sweeper Operator in 1989, and through his hard work and successes, was promoted through a range of increasingly responsible positions, including Truck Driver, Equipment Operator, Heavy Equipment Operator, Utilities Supervisor, and Manager of Maintenance Operations, culminating in his appointment as Assistant Director of Public Works for the Public Services Division in 2014; and

Whereas, during the San Francisquito Creek Flood of February 1998, Jon was one of the Public Works first responders who worked the initial operations to close streets, knock on doors to warn residents, and conduct mop-up operations during the first 24 hours of the disaster; and

Whereas, Jon received ten Public Works customer service awards related to his work on Municipal Service Center Open House events and appreciation letters received from residents, and was recognized by Congresswoman Anna Eshoo in 2018 through issuance of a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition for his work related to the City's in-house sidewalk repair program; and

Whereas, Jon demonstrated a steady interest in continuous improvement, developing and refining policies and procedures, developing Key Performance Indicators, overseeing organizational assessments, and implementing technological improvements to existing infrastructure such as addition of Remote Vehicle Monitoring to the City Fleet and fiber optics communication to storm drain pump stations; and

Whereas, Jon's interest in emergency preparedness and his close working relationship with the Office of Emergency Services led to many improvements, including development of the San Francisquito Creek Multi-Agency Coordination, improved stormwater pump station controls and monitoring, Municipal Service Center site security, and procurement and outfitting of the Public Works Mobile Department Operations Center; and

Whereas, Jon's leadership was instrumental in combining what had been three independent Divisions into the single Public Services Division following the Public Works Department reorganization, ultimately succeeding in bringing the team together as one cohesive group addressing maintenance of Streets and Sidewalks, the Storm Drain system, the Urban Forest, City Facilities, and the City Fleet.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that the City Council of the City of Palo Alto recognizes Jon Hospitalier for his tireless and enthusiastic commitment to the people of Palo Alto and thanks him for his 31 years of dedicated service on their behalf.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED: November 9, 2020

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

City Clerk

Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Manager

City Attorney