

Saluting the public service of Councilmember Mike Allen

WHEREAS, Mike Allen was first appointed to the City Council in 2007 and was elected to a full Council term in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Mike Allen served the City of Spokane while also raising two children and serving as a professor at local universities; and

WHEREAS, Mike Allen championed fiscal accountability and a brought a small business voice to the City; and

WHEREAS, Mike Allen raised funds and helped secure a new location for the Peaceful Valley Youth Center and helped create yearly event for community centers to raise dollars; and

WHEREAS, Mike Allen spearheaded an ordinance with Council President Stuckart to allow mobile food trucks to operate in Spokane, and was instrumental in working with the neighborhoods to get short-term rentals and cell tower regulations in place; and

WHEREAS, Mike Allen dedicated much of his time to the sustainability of the parks system and the Riverfront redevelopment and served as the Council liaison to the Park Board; and

WHEREAS, Mike Allen fought hard to establish a city-wide Capital Improvement Program both times he served on the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Mike Allen could always be counted on to second motions made by Mike Fagan allowing discussion on issues regardless of whether he supported the discussion or not; and

WHEREAS, Mike Allen has many remarkable talents that make him legendary among his City Council colleagues; he is affectionately known as the “Council Crooner” whose spontaneous singing has lifted morale, initiated sing-a-longs and inspired many co-workers to insist he be a contestant on The Voice; and

WHEREAS, Mike Allen has exhibited superior skills in Excel data mining, trend line equation Interpolation and a high frequency of visits to the council's Red Vine stash; and

WHEREAS, Mike Allen has been a pleasure for all of us to work with and we are grateful for his service to the City of Spokane;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Spokane City Council that we hereby salute **Mike Allen** for his service to the City of Spokane and for his everlasting friendship.

I, Ben Stuckart, Spokane City Council President,
do hereunto set my hand and
cause the seal of the City of Spokane
to be affixed this 14th day of December in 2015

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ben Stuckart". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "B".

Ben Stuckart
Spokane City Council President