

WHEREAS, Arlyn Bradshaw came to Salt Lake County as staff and aide to the Chair to then-Councilman Joe Hatch; and

WHEREAS, Arlyn decided to continue his career in public service by running for the vacant County Council District 1 seat in 2010 following Councilman Hatch's retirement, winning that election and subsequently being elected to office a total of four times; and

WHEREAS, during his time serving on the Council, Arlyn served as the Chair of the Salt Lake County Redevelopment Agency for over 12 consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, Arlyn served on many boards during his Council tenure including but not limited to: the Visit Salt Lake Executive Board, Utah Performing Arts Center Board, Salt Lake Valley Law Enforcement Services Area Board, Animal Services Advisory Board, Utah State Homeless Services Board, Salt Lake County Board of Health, Utah State Transparency Advisory Board, Salt Lake City Airport Advisory Board, and a very brief one month appointment to the Inland Port Authority Board; and

WHEREAS, Arlyn served on the National Board of Directors for the National Association of Counties representing Utah. Although his party affiliation was different than most of the county officials across Utah, he was well respected by both Republicans and Democrats. His Idaho roots definitely helped him relate to some of the rural commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Arlyn was elected by his colleagues to serve as Minority Leader of the Democratic Caucus seven times during his Council service; and

WHEREAS, Arlyn was known as the Council's steady hand, making the motion to approve the complex weekly consent agenda—thereby undoubtedly setting a record for most approved motions by a Council member that will likely never be broken; and

WHEREAS, Arlyn's Council tenure included passionate work on animal welfare and Salt Lake County's No-Kill mission, improving air quality, preserving open space and the natural beauty of our Wasatch canyons, economic development, tourism promotion, mental health services, criminal justice reform, active transportation, and tireless advocacy for Salt Lake County's employees; and

WHEREAS, Arlyn was known as a collaborative, collegial, and friendly Council member among his colleagues—and for being a good sport participating in their inside jokes like Steve Debry commonly singing “You Can't Always Get What You Want” to his “good friend Arlyn” and playing a holiday piano duet with Aimee Winder Newton; and

WHEREAS, Arlyn is a die-hard fan of the University of Utah athletics teams and used that to find common ground with his Council colleagues of all political stripes; and

WHEREAS, Arlyn had a well-earned reputation as a straight-shooter not playing political games and for being dependable and reliable—especially when it came to reliably needing to ask his staff for a pen at the start of every Council meeting; and

WHEREAS, Arlyn’s intelligence and wisdom often helped focus Council deliberations, and his insights, explanations, and institutional knowledge were relied upon by Councilmembers from both parties; and

WHEREAS, Arlyn was willing to make difficult decisions and had the courage to make bold changes that he knew would benefit the county long term; and

WHEREAS, Arlyn will be dearly missed by the constituents he represented, the Salt Lake County Council staff who took pride in supporting him in his service, and by his County Council colleagues.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Salt Lake County Council offers its sincere thanks to Arlyn Bradshaw for his 14 years of service on the Salt Lake County Council and wishes him well as he fulfills his new duties as Associate Deputy Mayor and looks forward to grilling him with hard-hitting questions as he begins his new life on “the other side of the table” during Council meetings.