



## HONORING PETER GINDER FOR HIS SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS

- WHEREAS: PETER GINDER, Deputy City Attorney, first entered employment in the City Attorney's Office as a prosecutor in the Criminal Division on April 13, 1981, having graduated from St. John's University and the University of Minnesota Law School;
- WHEREAS: Mr. GINDER's extraordinary talents and skills were recognized and acknowledged from the start and, after mastering the craft of criminal prosecution, transferred from the Criminal Division to the Civil Division where he was rapidly promoted through the attorney ranks and was appointed as Deputy City Attorney in charge of the Civil Division of the City Attorney's Office in June, 2003;
- WHEREAS: Mr. GINDER has been involved in every major legal matter at the City over the past couple of decades, personally handling many of the most complex, high profile litigation cases and other projects, and has consistently throughout his 35 year tenure provided the highest caliber legal services, advice and guidance to this City and its leaders;
- WHEREAS: Mr. GINDER has served four Mayors and sixty City Council Members during his tenure, with Don Fraser as Mayor and Alice Rainville as Council President when he made his first presentation during a closed council session, all of whom have relied on his skilled counsel and advice;
- WHEREAS: Mr. GINDER has been an outstanding manager and leader of the Civil Division, shaping and mentoring a talented group of attorneys, helping form the best civil law firm in the City and ensuring the future quality of the City Attorney's Office after his retirement;
- WHEREAS: Mr. GINDER has the uncanny ability to remain calm and unflappable, applying his vast knowledge of municipal law, recalling case precedents by name at the drop of a hat and dispensing sound advice and leadership especially in critical, high pressure situations;
- WHEREAS: Mr. GINDER is also extremely effective at all he undertakes, from managing dozens of direct reports and hundreds of legal matters to such things as culinary skill where he has racked up repeated awards in the Office's annual chili cook-off and provided advice that has improved the pie crust making skills of the current City Attorney;
- WHEREAS: Mr. GINDER has exemplified all of the values of the City Attorney's Office, the legal profession and the best ideals of public service, including a commitment to the highest ethical standards and excellence in providing legal representation and advice;
- WHEREAS: Mr. GINDER has dedicated his career to serving the public and has justly earned the respect of all who have had the privilege of working with him and of those with whom he has dealt;
- WHEREAS: Mr. GINDER will be deeply missed by the City's elected officials, department heads, staff and fellow members of the City Attorney's Office as a legal adviser, colleague and friend; and
- WHEREAS: The City Council wishes to recognize PETER GINDER's extraordinary contributions, career and dedication to the City of Minneapolis;

### **Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved:**

That the Mayor and City Council commend PETER GINDER for his dedicated and exemplary service to the City of Minneapolis and expresses its deep gratitude and appreciation to him for his outstanding commitment to the City.

Be It Further Resolved that the Mayor and City Council congratulate PETER GINDER for his many significant accomplishments and wish him much happiness and fulfillment in all of his new ventures.

Adopted by Council this Twenty-Sixth Day of February, 2016.

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BARBARA A. JOHNSON, *President of City Council*

APPROVED:

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BETSY HODGES, *Mayor*

ATTEST:

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CASEY JOE CARL, *City Clerk*