

CITY OF FAIRVIEW PARK

RESOLUTION NO. 20-15

REQUESTED AND SPONSORED BY: COUNCILMAN MINEK AND COUNCILWOMAN WERING

**A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING POLICE CHIEF**

**ERICH UPPERMAN**

**ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 36 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITY**

**WHEREAS**, Erich Upperman was hired as a Fairview Park Patrolman on September 1, 1984, was promoted through the ranks and formally sworn in as the seventh Police Chief on October 21, 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Upperman served in a number of leadership roles during his tenure with the department including pre-hire Physical Fitness and Agility tester, ASP Tactical Baton Instructor, Breathalyzer/PR-24 Instructor, Commander of Auxiliary Unit, Contract Negotiator, Defensive Tactics Instructor, Field Training Officer and Animal Control Officer. Chief Upperman was the Chairman of the Westshore Enforcement Bureau in 2014, and played an integral part in forming the Bureau's Crisis Intervention and Quick Response Teams ; and

**WHEREAS**, he also has also been instrumental in initiating several lasting programs and initiatives in the Department, County and the community at-large. He created the FPPD weight/workout room, Safety/Security workshop for Fairview High School seniors, Wooden Nickel Reward Program, transitioning to the County 9-1-1 system and the License Plate Reader Program. He instituted the Department's Police Bicycle Unit, and established a domestic violence victim outreach program; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Upperman helped to usher the Department into the 21<sup>st</sup> century by obtained new pieces of technological equipment such as the MARCS (Multi Agency Radio Communication System) digital radio system, patrol car dash cams, a Stealth Radar Unit used for speeding complaints by residents, a traffic cam on the Lorain Road Bridge, and a True Speed SXB Total Station, which is used in traffic accidents and crime scene investigations; and

**WHEREAS**, Erich and his wife, Diane have been married for 36 years and residents of the city since 1986. They have 3 children - Alicia 33, Ashley 32, and one son, Brett 22, who all attended Fairview Park City Schools.

**WHEREAS**, in his free time he enjoys weightlifting/fitness, computer enthusiast, gardening, amateur photography, avid reader, and hiking. Chief Upperman is hoping to do some travel upon retirement and work on projects around the house.

**WHEREAS**, Chief Upperman oversaw the revivals of defunct programs, services and upgrades to the Department including bringing manpower complement back to 27 officers, the Policeman of the Year recognition ceremony, renovation of the City Kennels. Some of his outgoing project(s) included a renovation of records reception, radio room and detective bureau areas, replacement of the antiquated paper/ink fingerprinting with a Digital Fingerprint system and a total overhaul of the Department's locker room facility. These final accomplishments display, and are testament to his earnest dedication to all that embodies the profession of law enforcement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRVIEW PARK, COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA AND STATE OF OHIO:**

**SECTION 1:** That this Council pauses in its deliberations to honor Erich Upperman on the occasion of his retirement from the City of Fairview Park Police Department and commend his outstanding 36 years of public service, leadership and dedication and further acknowledges and records its appreciation, as well as the appreciation of this community and wish him much happiness and fulfillment in his retirement.

**SECTION 2:** It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements and this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

**PASSED: 10.05.20**

**APPROVED: 10.05.20**

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Patrick J. Cooney, Mayor

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Michael P. Kilbane, President of Council

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Liz. L. Westbrooks, Clerk of Council

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 10.05.20

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Suspended

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading: Suspended