

BY THE COMMON COUNCIL

Resolution congratulating Robert “Bobby” Smetana on his retirement from the Common Council – City Clerk’s Office.

WHEREAS,

ROBERT “BOBBY” SMETANA

retired with pride and satisfaction as City Channel Manager with the Common Council – City Clerk’s Office on June 25, 2021 after more than 23 years of dedicated service to the City of Milwaukee; and

***WHEREAS,** Robert “Bobby” Smetana joined the Common Council – City Clerk’s Office on September 2, 1997 as a Television Production Specialist II at the City Channel, and was promoted to City Channel Manager on July 15, 2018; and*

***WHEREAS,** Taking to his new leadership role during a time of significant transition and change, Bobby Smetana ably used his vast experience and knowledge to oversee and improve award-winning City Channel public programming showcasing Common Council meetings, a variety of public meetings and events, Mayoral State of the City speeches, and more; and*

***WHEREAS,** Bobby Smetana spearheaded a new City Channel program – The Vault – to allow viewers to enjoy footage of past Common Council proceedings (some footage from as far back as the early 1990s) -- many featuring noteworthy subject matter and issues -- as part of a broader commitment to improving the non-meeting broadcasting but still relating to City affairs; and*

***WHEREAS,** When the COVID-19 pandemic put in-person meetings on hold indefinitely, Bobby Smetana helped oversee the transition to allow for remote meetings of the Common Council and its standing committees, oversaw the first ever remote Inauguration and Charter Meeting of Common Council members in April 2020, the first ever remote Joint Public Hearing on the 2021 City Budget (October 2020), as well as overseeing remote meetings of other city boards and commissions, and town hall meetings for individual Council members (and joint meetings); now, therefore, be it*

***RESOLVED,** That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Robert “Bobby” Smetana on his retirement from the Common Council – City Clerk’s Office, extends its appreciation on behalf of the community, and wishes for him a happy and healthy retirement; and, be it*

***FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Robert “Bobby” Smetana, an outstanding employee.*

Introduced and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on July 7, 2021: Nik Kovac, Ashanti Hamilton, Cavalier Johnson, Robert J. Bauman, Nikiya Dodd, Milele A. Cogg, Khalif J. Rainey, JoCasta Zamarripa, Chantia Lewis, Michael J. Murphy, Mark A. Borkowski, José G. Pérez, Scott Spiker, Marina Dimitrijevic and Russell W. Stamper, II.