

BY THE COMMON COUNCIL

Resolution congratulating Jeffrey Polenske on his retirement from the Department of Public Works.

WHEREAS,

JEFFREY “JEFF” POLENSKE

retired with pride and satisfaction as commissioner of the Department of Public Works on December 17, 2021, after more than 31 years of dedicated service to the City of Milwaukee; and

WHEREAS, *Jeff Polenske earned his bachelor’s degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee in 1990 and immediately began his career with the City of Milwaukee as a Traffic Control Engineer in the Department of Public Works; and*

WHEREAS, *Jeff Polenske was appointed to serve as City Engineer in 2000 by Mayor John O. Norquist and was reappointed five additional times until his appointment by Mayor Tom Barrett to Commissioner of the Department of Public Works in 2018; and*

WHEREAS, *Jeff Polenske was involved in several high profile projects during his tenure, including developing The Hop (Milwaukee Streetcar), completing the City of Milwaukee’s Lakefront Gateway Project, the Milwaukee Bike Plan, the ongoing restoration and rehabilitation of City Hall, developing the high-impact paving program and implementing the Complete Streets Legislation; and*

WHEREAS, *Jeff Polenske also served on the Bublr Board, Near West Side Partners Board, and the East Town Association; and*

WHEREAS, *Jeff Polenske earned the trust and gratitude of DPW managers and staff members because of his dedicated service and leadership, his commitment to following through and completing projects on time, and for his many significant contributions to improving roadways and key infrastructure throughout the City of Milwaukee; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Jeffrey “Jeff” Polenske on his retirement from the Department of Public Works, commends him for his many valuable contributions to the city, 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 Jeffrey “Jeff” Polenske, an outstanding public servant.*

Introduced and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on January 18, 2022:
Mark A. Borkowski, Ashanti Hamilton, Cavalier Johnson, Nik Kovac, Robert J. Bauman, Nikiya Dodd, Milele A. Coggs, Khalif J. Rainey, JoCasta Zamarripa, Chantia Lewis, Michael J. Murphy, José G. Pérez, Scott Spiker, Marina Dimitrijevic and Russell W. Stamper, II.