



City Council Agenda Bill

20064

Bill Number

Subject: Recognizing John Carter for his service to the City of Bellingham

Summary Statement: Finance Director John Carter will be leaving the City on Friday, August 9. Mayor Kelli will offer her gratitude for his exemplary service in providing the City with sound financial management during his tenure. John leaves the City having helped guide the City through difficult financial times while also positioning the City for significant achievements on the waterfront redevelopment, economic development initiatives, and many more. John has the distinction of being the City's first appointed Finance Director.

Previous Council Action: 6-0 approval of John Carter as Finance Director, December 19, 2007

Fiscal Impact:

Funding Source:

Attachments: Resolution

| Meeting Activity | Meeting Date | Staff Recommendation | Presented By | Time |
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| Evening Presentation | 05-Aug-2013 | Pass Resolution | Mayor Kelli Linville | 05 |
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Council Committee:

Agenda Bill Contact:

Mayor Kelli Linville

Committee Actions:

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| Legal | PMZ | 7/30/13 |
| Mayor | KL/BA | 7/30/13 |

Council Action:

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION AND HONORING JOHN CARTER FOR HIS SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY AND CITIZENS OF BELLINGHAM

WHEREAS, John Carter began his relationship with the City of Bellingham in January 2008, as the City's first appointed Finance Director; and

WHEREAS, John has taken a leadership role within the City's management team and been a resource on all matters relating to budget and finance; and

WHEREAS, John has shown great leadership in modernizing the City's accounting systems, streamlining internal finance operations, and enhancing customer service through the deployment of web-based technologies; and

WHEREAS, John's investments for the City have outpaced returns achieved by the State investment pool; and

WHEREAS, John has helped the City save hundreds of thousands of dollars by leading bond refinancing activities and leveraging innovative financial products; and

WHEREAS, John served as Finance Director during extraordinarily difficult economic times and worked diligently to preserve the City's unqualified audit opinion and enhance the City's bond rating despite these challenges; and

WHEREAS, John demonstrated an ability to translate complex financial concepts and figures into something easily understood by City Council, staff members and citizens; and

WHEREAS, John has worked with community leaders and other agencies on projects as diverse as the EMS task force, Waterfront Redevelopment, and other economic development activities; and

WHEREAS, John has been a respected and valued leader of his supporting staff within the Finance Department; and

WHEREAS, we are proud of his leadership, passion and commitment to achieving financial sustainability for the City of Bellingham and its citizens.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM:

THE CITY COUNCIL EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION AND HONORS JOHN CARTER FOR HIS LEADERSHIP AND DEDICATION TO THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM AND ALL OF ITS RESIDENTS.

City of Bellingham
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PASSED by the Council this _____ day of _____, 2013.

Council President

APPROVED by me this _____ day of _____, 2013.

Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Finance Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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