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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION No. 81559 C.M.S.

Introduced by Vice Mayor Larry E. Reid

***RESOLUTION HONORING MS. WAVER GARRETT FOR TWENTY (20)
YEARS OF DEDICATED AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE CITY
OF OAKLAND AND CONGRATULATING HER ON HER RETIREMENT***

WHEREAS, Waver Garrett, has provided twenty (20) years of dedicated and distinguished service to the City of Oakland, and;

WHEREAS, Waver Garrett, an Oakland resident, began her career with the City of Oakland in August 1988, as a Semi-Skilled Laborer, in the Public Works Agency. As the Weed Abatement Inspector she was responsible for inspecting private and public properties for the abatement of weeds and debris on vacant lots, and;

WHEREAS, Waver Garrett, in 1989, as a Semi-Skilled Laborer, assisted with the revitalization efforts for the Catastrophic 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake and worked with the City's first responders in providing clean-up, weed abatement, debris removal, and other safety functions to assist the affected areas, and;

WHEREAS, Waver Garrett, was promoted to the position of Street Maintenance Leader in December 1990, and was responsible for leading crews of Public Works Maintenance Workers for the removal of weeds and debris, concrete crew for setting forms for curbs and gutters, and operating the minor paving truck for potholes. She was also the department's truck driver, and;

WHEREAS, Waver Garrett, in 1991, as a Street Maintenance Leader, was responsible for leading crews that assisted with the revitalization efforts for the Oakland Hills Firestorm, and was responsible for responding to citizen complaints in a timely manner and consulting with the supervisors to ensure the safety of citizens, weed and debris removal, minor paving, as well as, offering reassurance to the citizens that the Public Works Agency was there for them, and;

WHEREAS, Waver Garrett, was promoted to the position of Public Works Supervisor I in June 1995, in the Traffic Maintenance Division, and was responsible for supervising the parking meter repair staff for the repair and maintenance of all City parking meters. During the first seventeen months, Ms. Garrett and her staff increased the City's revenue by \$2.5 million and implemented and installed the first 8,000 electronic parking meters in the City of Oakland, and;

WHEREAS, Waver Garrett, in 1997-1998, was responsible for supervising crews during the El Niño recovery and restoration initiatives, and;

WHEREAS, Waver Garrett, in 2000-2001, acted as Public Works Supervisor II, and responsible for simultaneously managing the Traffic Maintenance and Heavy Paving Divisions that were responsible for all traffic markings, street signage, street markings, parking meter repair and maintenance, undulation, pothole repair, concrete repair, asphalt base repair, and fence repair, and;

WHEREAS, Waver Garrett, in 2001 was promoted to the position of Public Works Supervisor II, in the Traffic maintenance Division, and was responsible for managing a staff of twenty-two employees who were responsible for curb markings, traffic markings, sign repair and installation, and most importantly the implementation, fabrication, and installation, of the new Street Name Signs with the City Logo using the highly reflective diamond grade sheeting, throughout the City of Oakland, and;

WHEREAS, Waver Garrett, received many certificates, awards, and letters of recognition, i.e., the Chapter Lead Award for participation in the American Public Works Association (APWA) Self-Assessment Accreditation process for the Traffic Maintenance Division, the Moving Oakland Forward Initiative (Real Property Auction) Award, for the fabrication and installation of the "for sale signs", which netted the City over one million dollars. Ms Garrett was also the Northern Chapter of the Traffic Control Supervisor Association (TCSA), Vice President from 2003-2004, and received certification for Heavy Equipment Operator, and;

WHEREAS, Waver Garrett has been one of a few key people within the Traffic Maintenance Division to consult on street signage, traffic markings, parking meter repair and maintenance, and other historical information within the Division. Ms. Garrett is thought of in high regards by citizens, staff and management, and her hard work and dedication has earned her the respect of her staff, coworkers, supervisors, and management, and;

WHEREAS, Waver Garrett, will take fond memories with her and enjoy her retirement with her family and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the elected officials, staff, and citizens of Oakland hereby recognize Waver Garrett for her outstanding service and many contributions to the City of Oakland, and the Public Works Agency, which exemplify excellence in the workplace; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Oakland and the City Administrator extend their congratulation on behalf of the citizens of Oakland to Waver Garrett for 20 years of dedicated service, her "straight-forward" attitude, and professionalism to the City of Oakland and join her colleagues and associates in saluting her achievements and offering sincere appreciation. Her service, knowledge and skills will be greatly missed.


PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: **OCT 7 2008**

AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID, and PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE - 8

NOES- 0

ABSENT- 0

ABSTENTION- 0

ATTEST: 
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