

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: September 11, 2023

To: Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Council Members

From: Ben Rowe, Assistant City Manager

Council Action Requested:

Resolution Naming Fire Station 13 After Former City Manager Lee D. Garrity (South Ward)

Strategic Focus Area: Service Excellence

Strategic Objective: NA

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

Key Work Item: No



Summary of Information:

On June 23, 2023, Lee D. Garrity retired as City Manager after having served in this position for almost 17 years. He had served the residents of the City of Winston-Salem since December 1990.

During his tenure as City Manager, Mr. Garrity adapted City government to better serve Winston-Salem's residents to include creation of the City Link call center and establishment of the Office of Community Assistance to assist residents in doing business with the City. In addition, he modernized City government to make operations more efficient and to meet the emerging needs of the 21st Century to include combining the City-County Inspections Division and the City-County Planning Department into the Department of Planning and Development Services; combining Streets and Stormwater into the Traffic Field Operations Department; combining the Minority/Women Business Enterprises staff and the Small Business Assistance staff into the Office of Business Inclusion Advancement; creating the Office of Sustainability; and adding a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Division to the Human Relations Department.

Mr. Garrity provided steady, innovative leadership through many difficult challenges, including

Committee Action:

Committee	<u>CD/H/GG - 9/11/2023</u>	Action	<u>Approval</u>
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For	<u>Unanimous</u>	Against	<u></u>
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Remarks:

the Great Recession, the COVID-19 pandemic, and implementation of the 2014 and 2018 bond projects, all while ensuring the City remained on sound financial footing and maintained the highest possible credit rating (AAA) from all three major rating agencies.

At Mr. Garrity's retirement celebration on June 26th, Mayor Joines announced that the City Council had approved naming the new Fire Station 13 located on Bethel Church Road the "Lee D. Garrity Fire Station 13." Under the City's policy for naming City facilities, the Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee must review and recommend requests to name City facilities. The attached resolution formally approves naming Fire Station 13 the "Lee D. Garrity Fire Station 13."