

City of Brisbane PROCLAMATION

HONORING JOHN SWIECKI UPON HIS RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, John Swiecki has dedicated almost 21 years of exemplary service to the City of Brisbane, serving first as Principal Planner and then Community Development Director, applying his expertise, leadership, and vision to the growth and vitality of our community; and

WHEREAS, John has guided transformative projects that have enhanced the quality of life for residents, fostered sustainable growth, and preserved the unique character of our community, including the build-out of Sierra Point and planning for the Parkside area, Brisbane Baylands, and Quarry; and

WHEREAS, John has been a steadfast advocate for thoughtful planning, economic opportunity, and community engagement, ensuring that new development reflects the community's values and aspirations; and

WHEREAS, in staffing and supporting the Planning Commission's work, John's patience, breadth of knowledge, and effective communication skills, both with the Commission and members of the public, was notable, particularly his ability to inject humor and levity when needed; and

WHEREAS, John's supportive and approachable leadership style nurtured the growth and development of Department staff, helping retain and mentor staff for the overall benefit of Department operations; and

WHEREAS, John's commitment to leveraging new technology and supporting innovative problem solving helped set the tone for innovation within the Community Development Department, overseeing a smooth transition to electronic permitting during the COVID-19 pandemic, and implementation of a robust electronic permit system; and

WHEREAS, his professionalism, integrity, and collaborative spirit have earned the respect and admiration of colleagues and staff, elected officials, business leaders, and residents alike; and

WHEREAS, John's legacy will be seen not only in the buildings and neighborhoods he helped shape, but also in the relationships and trust he built throughout his career with colleagues and residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, on behalf of the City Council of the City of Brisbane, do hereby extend our heartfelt gratitude to John Swiecki and send him our best wishes for a joyful and fulfilling retirement.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 11th Day of December 2025.



Cliff Lentz, Mayor

