



RESOLUTION NO. R17-2023
COMMENDING KATHY MCNEAR FOR HER DEDICATION AND
SERVICE TO THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE

WHEREAS, Kathy Gillen McNear began calling Springdale home in 1969, when she moved here from Philadelphia with her family and resided in the Beacon Hills Subdivision. A Princeton High School graduate, she married her high school sweetheart, Jim McNear. The McNears lived in several neighborhoods in Springdale and their grandchildren are 4th generation Springdale residents.

WHEREAS, in 1972, during the inaugural year of the Springdale Recreation Center, Kathy was hired for her first job, at the age of 15, at the Recreation Center where she worked in the basket room. In this role, she learned customer service skills and a variety of tasks such as concession stand operations, setting up for weddings and parties in the gym, cleaning up after parties, assisting in the office with memberships, typing, grounds supervisor, and that all important line on every job description that reads: and anything else as assigned. She also taught gymnastics and ceramics; and

WHEREAS, Kathy became inspired by her Springdale experience as an employee during her youth and endeavored to give back to the community by looking for a means to serve. She was appointed to the Charter Revision Committee and the Board of Zoning Appeals. Kathy also served as a soccer coach, a volunteer, and a treasurer for FRYs. Jim McNear contributed by being with their two sons while Kathy pursued these activities, and he also coached baseball and basketball.

WHEREAS, in 1994, Kathy served as an at-large council member in an unexpired term, and was re-elected for the 4-year full term in the next year. Kathy quoted this as a true test of the strength of your marriage to run a political campaign twice in a year; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure as an at-large member of council for 13 years, she also served on the Board of Zoning Appeals, Vice President of Council, President of Council, and History Book Committee Member. Many artifacts and pictures from her family are included in the History Book.

WHEREAS, Kathy made the recommendation to Mayor Doyle Webster that we take advantage of the beautiful Pine Tree on the municipal building grounds and use it for a Tree Lighting Ceremony and thankfully he granted that request and it has been a tradition for over 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Kathy was elected in 2007 as Springdale's 6th Clerk of Council/Finance Director. Over the course of 4 terms, the finance department worked continuously to improve and automate processes. In consideration of the excellence in accounting designation awards for over 25 years and the quality of the CAFR, on line reporting, full time accounting professionals on site, it was the recommendation of Kathy, Administration, and the Finance Office/Tax Commissioner that the elected position she held be eliminated and the responsibilities absorbed and reassigned into other roles which resulted in a savings to the City in salary and benefit costs. This change was successfully passed by the electors as a Charter change in November 2021.

WHEREAS, Kathy leaves the formal role as elected official, employee, volunteer from teenager to senior after a 51 year commitment of service to a new role of full time Professional Grandparent; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Springdale, Ohio, _____ members elected thereto concurring:

Section 1. That Kathy McNear is hereby given the commendation of the Council of the City of Springdale for her outstanding and distinguished service to our City.

Section 2. That Clerk of Council/Finance Director Kathy McNear receive a certified copy of this Resolution as a remembrance of this action.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect on the earliest date allowed by law.

Passed this 15th day of November, 2023.

Lawrence C. Hawkins, III
Vice President of Council

Attest:

Kathy McNear
Clerk of Council/Finance Director