

## **Resolution No. 296**

### **The Honorable Scott Ogilvie**

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Scott Ogilvie moved to Saint Louis from Minneapolis in 1999 and graduated from Washington University in Saint Louis in 2003 with a degree in Political Science; and

**WHEREAS**, during his time at Wash U, Scott fell in love with Saint Louis and, in particular, one of its residents. Deciding to stay, he worked as a bike mechanic, graphic designer, and operations manager; and

**WHEREAS**, after a challenge by his wife to run, or stop talking about it, Scott ran and won for office as an independent, grassroots force and was sworn into the Board of Aldermen in April 2011 to serve both the 24<sup>th</sup> Ward and the City of Saint Louis; and

**WHEREAS**, Alderman Ogilvie is a devoted husband to Ruth, the very proud father of Mara, and an intelligent and humble public servant. Saint Louis is lucky he chose this City as his home; and

**WHEREAS**, Alderman Ogilvie has been a zealous, smart, and effective advocate for legislation and policy on a wide variety of issues including public transportation, bicycle and pedestrian friendly infrastructure, campaign contribution limitations, thoughtful, numbers-based tax incentives, and addressing regional fragmentation. From time to time, he has been viewed by some as an obstructionist or impossibly adversarial, but he is now known as a wise wordsmith and one of the Board's most methodical, thorough and well-researched members; and

**WHEREAS**, Scott, upon announcing his decision not to run again, created an exceedingly meaningful metaphor to be used wisely as both a call to action for our region and a sardonic quip among colleagues that working at City Hall is akin to his wife not having scissors to use at the hair salon she owns. To quote the Alderman, "this is what living and trying to govern in a City wrecked by suburban sprawl and depopulation and devastating crime and an inadequate tax base is like...we accept that rich people get excellent services because they wall themselves into suburban enclaves and avoid engaging with the rest of the region, and we accept that poor people will have poor services because they are poor. We accept that the middle class will endure a series of choices driven by anxiety and fear rather than love and optimism;" and

**WHEREAS**, Alderman Ogilvie embodies the true meaning of public service and devotion to the City of Saint Louis. Scott, while sometimes lovingly referred to as a curmudgeon despite his young age, has regularly stood in deference to (or left the meeting in protest) the best interests of women, Indigenous People, and on the right side of history many times. His departure leaves a role not easy to fill, so we pause in our deliberations to note the Board's admiration of how Scott moved the City forward in his time as an Alderman, to thank him for his years of service, and to wish him well on his future endeavors.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause to recognize and acknowledge Scott Ogilvie for his dedicated service and many contributions to the City of St. Louis. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a memorial copy to the end that it may be presented to Stephen at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019 by:

**The Honorable Christine Ingrassia, Alderwoman 6<sup>th</sup> Ward**

Adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019 as attested by:

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Louis C. Galli, Clerk

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Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board