



The City of Minneapolis
A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

By Glidden, Yang, Reich, Gordon, Frey, B. Johnson, Warsame, Goodman, Cano, Bender, Quincy, A. Johnson and Palmisano

Honoring Steve Kotke for his Service and Dedication to the City of Minneapolis

- Whereas:** Steve Kotke, Director of Public Works and City Engineer, first entered employment in the Public Works Department in 1989 and worked as a paving engineer, Director of General Services (aka Property Services), and Deputy Director, Internal Services before his appointment by Mayor R.T. Rybak to lead the department in 2006;
- Whereas:** Mr. KOTKE carried out the significant duties and responsibilities of Public Works Director with the public's best interest always as his highest priority, balancing complex and competing interests with adept technical and political skill to find the best path forward for Minneapolis;
- Whereas:** Mr. KOTKE had the courage and fortitude to tackle challenges big and small, always striving to continuously improve, sorting out issues related to finances, regulations, infrastructure and development projects, organizational structure, staffing, and a wide array of other issues, all of which will continue to have significant positive impact on the City for many years to come;
- Whereas:** Mr. KOTKE expertly led the department through several catastrophic events including the 35W bridge collapse, multiple wind storms, two tornados, and a gas main explosion;
- Whereas:** Mr. KOTKE led the department through the 35W bridge rebuilding, reopening the Plymouth Avenue Bridge and the Sabo Bridge, Southwest LRT negotiations and Municipal Consent, the Blue and Green LRT lines, MARQ2, Crosstown Commons, 35W Transit Access, One Sort recycling, Organics roll out, facility plans, Complete Streets policy, protected bike lanes, and bike trails including the Cedar Lake trail and Dinkytown Greenway;
- Whereas:** Mr. KOTKE served as a leader for the City on transportation funding, changes to project delivery methodology, managing LGA cuts, regional funding, Downtown action plan, Access Minneapolis, Green Fleet policy, building the Hiawatha LEED certified facility, as well as significant bridge projects including Northtown, Camden, Plymouth, 10th Avenue and Bridge 9;
- Whereas:** Mr. KOTKE expertly managed the City's largest department with 1,000 employees, a \$335 million operating budget and a \$110 million capital budget;
- Whereas:** Mr. KOTKE is bilingual and is renowned for his ability to translate Engineer-ese into English so elected officials, staff and community stakeholders fully understand Public Works projects;
- Whereas:** Mr. KOTKE is widely respected by a broad array of partners and stakeholders, and sought out for advice on issues well beyond the duties typically under the purview of a Public Works director;
- Whereas:** Mr. KOTKE will be deeply missed by the City's elected officials, department heads, staff and fellow members of the Public Works Department as a leader, Professional Engineer, colleague and friend;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved:

That the Mayor and City Council commend STEVE KOTKE for his dedication and exemplary service to the City of Minneapolis and expresses its deep gratitude and appreciation to him for his outstanding commitment to the City.

Be It Further Resolved that the Mayor and City Council congratulate STEVE KOTKE for his many significant accomplishments and wish him much happiness and fulfillment in all of his new ventures.

Passed, May 27, 2016

Barbara A. Johnson, President of the Council

Approved:

Betsy Hodges, Mayor

Attest:

Casey Joe Carl, City Clerk