

Resolution

Whereas, Michael Parker served the Town of Chapel Hill as Town Council Member from December 2, 2015; and

Whereas, prior to his election to the Town Council, Michael served our community as a member of the Chapel Planning Commission, as well as on the boards of the Friends of the Downtown, the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce and the Arts Center in Carrboro. He also served as chair of the Transportation Advisory Board and co-chair of the Central West Steering Committee; and

Whereas, Michael brought to council experience and expertise in financial and organizational matters, a commitment to implementing forward-thinking solutions to the issues that Chapel Hill faces, and a willingness to reliably represent the Town at community events; and

Whereas, Michael served as Mayor Pro Tem from 2019–2021; and

Whereas, Michael participated in the approval of numerous projects and policy decisions that will leave their mark on Chapel Hill including:

- Working collaboratively to guide our community through the COVID pandemic;
- Utilizing a tri-partite strategy to create more affordable housing, with 891 new units built or committed to;
- Shaping future growth through adoption of the Future Land Use map and Complete Community strategy which lay the foundation for a comprehensive rewrite of the Town's Land Use Management Ordinance;
- Helping Chapel Hill Transit continue to be a leader statewide with the acquisition of our first three battery-electric buses and leading the effort to keep regional service fare-free;
- Adopting the Town's first economic development strategy that utilized incentive grants to bring important businesses and office spaces to Chapel Hill;
- Adopting a plan for the American Legion property that combines creation of a great community park with setting aside land to be used for affordable housing in collaboration with an affordable housing provider;
- Passing new rules for our police and creating the Reimagining Public Safety Task Force, whose recommendations we continue to implement; and

Whereas, since 2016 Michael has served the community and Council through participation on more than 20 advisory boards and task forces, including serving in the following leadership positions:

- Chair, Town Properties Task Force
- Chair, Council Committee on Economic Sustainability
- Chair, Public Transit Partners
- Chair, GoTriangle Board of Trustees
- Policy Board, Metropolitan Planning Organization

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that we honor and thank

Michael Parker

for his outstanding service to the people of Chapel Hill and his willingness to serve the community as an elected leader; and we further resolve that Chapel Hill is a better place because of Michael.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL ON THIS THE EIGHTEENTH DAY OF DECEMBER IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY THREE.



