



# City of Pittsburgh

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## Text File

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***WHEREAS***, in the words of Teddy Roosevelt, “Far and away the best prize in life that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing.” The work of **James A. Takacs**, currently a Telecommunications Inspector for the City of Pittsburgh and ready to retire after a successful career, has proven to be work worth doing; and,

***WHEREAS***, Jim Takacs, a lifelong resident of the Hays Section of the City, a graduate of Taylor Allerdice High School and Community College of Allegheny County, began working for the City in 2001 as a Telecommunications Inspector, first for the Cable Bureau and then later, when the work switched to the Department of Public Works, added street inspections, rights of way and service center complaints to his responsibilities as an Inspector out of the 4<sup>th</sup> Division which oversees Southside, Carrick, Beltzhoover and Brookline ; and,

***WHEREAS***, prior to his employment with the City of Pittsburgh, Jim capped off a successful 32 year career with Bell Telephone Co. of PA as a Lineman, Cable Splicer and Construction Supervisor. During that time, Jim enlisted in the Army and during his four years of active duty, he attended Infantry Officer Candidate School, graduating as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant. He continued his training in Paratrooper School and then on to the Elite Army Ranger School where he was awarded the coveted Ranger Tab ; and,

***WHEREAS***, after being injured after stepping on a land mine to Vietnam in 1970 and spending 4 months recuperating, Jim returned to active duty, was assigned as the Executive Officer of the Third Ranger Company, attained the rank of Captain, ultimately attending the Advanced Paratrooper Jumpmaster Course and becoming a Field Instructor for the Army Ranger School. Upon release from active duty, he spent 8 years in the Reserves and retired with the rank of Major. Jim received the Purple Heart, Combat Infantry Badge, Parachute Jump Wings, Ranger Tab, Air Medal and the Army Commendation Medal for his dedicated service ; and,

***WHEREAS***, Jim has been involved with the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 5321, is the Parade Coordinator for the Memorial Day Parade in Lincoln Place, a 31<sup>st</sup> Ward Committeeman and was instrumental in having the Veterans Memorial in Hays restored by Public Works. Married to his wife, Alice, for 27 years, he plans to spend his retirement with his wife fishing and traveling.

***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*** that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize the military and public service of **Jim Takacs** and congratulates Jim on the occasion of his retirement from his distinguished service with the City of Pittsburgh; and,

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, October 1, 2013, to be “**JAMES A. TAKACS DAY**” in the City of Pittsburgh.