



City of Pittsburgh

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WHEREAS, in the words of Shakespeare, “**The less you speak of your greatness, the more I shall think of it.**” Soft spoken and humble but possessed of great character and ability, **Patrick Francis Hassett** has been a one of a kind gift to the City of Pittsburgh. Born in Great Barrington, MA, the middle of 7 children, Pat attended Monument Mountain High School, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY, where he played hockey, soccer and La Crosse and majored in Civil Engineering with a specialty in Transportation and then earned a Master’s Degree in Urban and Regional Planning at Virginia Tech. Pat’s first job was with the Mid-American Regional Counsel in Kansas City, where he worked as a regional economic development and transportation planner. He stayed for ten years before moving to Pittsburgh in 1990, equidistant from his parents and in-laws in Massachusetts and Virginia; and,

WHEREAS, **Pat Hassett** began his career with the City of Pittsburgh on September 1, 1990, in the Planning Department, hired and mentored by Paul Farmer. Pat and his wife, **Theresa** and two daughters, **Patricia and Jennifer**, lived first in Squirrel Hill and then in Greenfield where Pat became active in the community and an expert in his chosen career; and,

WHEREAS, Pat began with the City in the Planning Department as the City’s Principle Transportation Planner and Policy Advisor, rising to the position of Assistant Director of the Department in 2003. He was in charge of design, development and transportation and was responsible for the programming of all federal transportation monies coming into the City. He moved to the Department of Public Works in 2006 to oversee the new Bureau of Transportation and Engineering, rebuilding the City’s engineering capacity over the next 8 years. Focusing on increasing financial resources, improving administrative processes and attracting new engineering talent, Pat achieved many of those goals and was able to complete infrastructure projects like the South Millvale Avenue Bridge, the Brookline Blvd Streetscape project, trails and cycling infrastructure and the City’s first protected bike lanes in Schenley Park and Downtown; and,

WHEREAS, **Patrick Hassett** is currently the Assistant Director for the City of Pittsburgh’s Department of Public Works overseeing Transportation and Engineering, responsible for roadways, bridges, buildings, trails, traffic and park improvements. Pat loves the City of Pittsburgh and knows every road, street and especially the City’s bridges.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and commend **Patrick Francis Hassett** on a rewarding and remarkable career in which he contributed to the growth and development of the City of Pittsburgh and where he became an invaluable and indispensable asset to its success and congratulates Pat on his retirement; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Saturday, October 14, 2017, the day in which the Greenfield Bridge will be reopened to the public to be “**Patrick Francis**”

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Hassett Day” in the City of Pittsburgh.