

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-68

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL IN APPRECIATION OF
RANDY W. LEPTIEN, CITY ENGINEER, FOR HIS MORE
THAN 23 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITY OF ALBANY**

WHEREAS, Leptien, Cronin and Cooper (LCC), and its president, Randolph W. Leptien, had established an excellent reputation in Albany, several years prior to 1989, because of engineering work performed for others firms working for Albany; and

WHEREAS, on April 10, 1989, the City decided to hire a consultant to be directly on-call to the City, and selected the firm of Leptien, Cronin and Cooper to serve the City's need for engineering, surveying, and consulting services; and

WHEREAS, from day one, Randy Leptien became the "face" of LCC in Albany for the next 23 years; and

WHEREAS, Randy Leptien immediately gained respect for: his creativity in solving difficult engineering problems; giving his personal attention to virtually every capital project or engineering-related issue confronting the City; tackling issues with a no-nonsense hands-on attitude; and, responding promptly whenever engineering questions and issues arose (large or small); and

WHEREAS, in November 1994, it was therefore no surprise that Randy Leptien was asked to become the City Engineer; and

WHEREAS, Randy Leptien's original charge was to do two things: 1) Assist in implementing the City's Five-Year Capital Improvement Program (which consisted of

about four projects at the time); and 2) Serve as the Engineer of Record for the City's Landscape & Lighting District; and

WHEREAS, Randy's skills, knowledge, and personal affinity for Albany have been invaluable toward Albany's ability to work cooperatively with regional and state agencies, such as Caltrans, EBMUD, PG&E, and neighboring cities, and the like; and

WHEREAS, the CIP project list grew astronomically in the following years, and Randy Leptien was instrumental in planning and implementing nearly all of them. The following lists but a few:

- Community Center/Library project
 - Solano Avenue Sewer and Streetscape Improvements (SP Avenue to Masonic)
 - Sewer Rehabilitation projects (e.g., SE quadrant, San Pablo Avenue, city-wide)
 - Storm Drain projects
 - Creek Restoration projects
 - Eastshore Highway bridge connection to Buchanan Street
 - Street projects (e.g., Marin Avenue Calming, Pierce Street, Buchanan/Jackson, Marin/Santa Fe)
 - Bicycle path projects
 - Maintenance Center (starting in 1990; and finally finding a permanent home)
 - Coordinating with regional agencies and companies such as: Caltrans, BART, AC Transit, EBMUD, PG&E, UP Railroad, Alameda County Congestion Management Agency.
 - Coordinating with neighboring cities (e.g., creek, street, sewer projects)
 - Securing right-of-way or easements for needed projects
 - Pierce Street Park
 - Utility Undergrounding projects
 - Grant application assistance
 - Reviewing Planning and Building application submittals
 - You get the idea!
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WHEREAS, Randy took the time to help staff, commissioners, the public, and the Council, understand the “why’s and what for’s” of technical problems, using layman terminology. (Remember the Neilson Street storm drain “dig”?); and

WHEREAS, one of Randy’s favorite manta’s was “Right-of-Way, Right-of-Way, Right-of Way...you can’t proceed unless you have it”. (And how right he was.); and

WHEREAS, Randy Leptien has been a valued friend of Albany’s and its residents; and

WHEREAS, Randy Leptien is officially ending his service as Albany’s City Engineer, but will continue to assist from time to time,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Albany expresses its deep gratitude and appreciation to Randy W. Leptien for his more than 23 years of exemplary and dedicated service to the City of Albany, and wishes him the best in his future endeavors.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City of Albany held this 19th day of November 2012.

Peggy Thomsen
Council Member

Marge Atkinson
Vice Mayor

Joanne Wile
Council Member

Robert S. Lieber
Council Member

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