

RESOLUTION 2010-06

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND APPLAUDING THE
LASTING CONTRIBUTIONS OF THOMAS CORCORAN AND GEORGE CROOK
TO THE CITY OF BELLE MEADE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF BELLE MEADE, as follows:

WHEREAS, Thomas Corcoran and George Crook have served loyally as Commissioners of the City of Belle Meade since 2002 and 2000 respectively;

WHEREAS, their public service has required a rare combination of business acumen, public trust and finely tuned political instincts, not to mention the ability to field random calls at all hours of the day and night about matters not within their control;

WHEREAS, the duties required of a Commissioner are not proportional to the size of the city, as the City of Belle Meade presents the same issues of governance, politics, long range planning and allocation of scarce resources as cities many times its size;

WHEREAS, in addition to those duties required of anyone involved the governance of a city, the City of Belle Meade presents unique challenges to those charged with preserving its substantial assets, both tangible and intangible;

WHEREAS in addition to those duties routinely required of those who assume such responsibilities, they have faced floods, droughts both climatic and financial, and the pestilence of litigation;

WHEREAS, they valiantly led the effort to preserve the beauty of our fair city through architectural review (succumbing, it has been suggested, to forces who feared such precedent might lead to a similar evaluation of their personal visage);

WHEREAS, they contributed to the public discourse of current events and governmental affairs on which this great Country was founded now more than two hundred years ago, eschewing the anonymity of the internet in honor of the proud traditions of the Constitutional debates of 1787 and today's Sunshine Laws, while holding forth on the affairs of state at the bar of the Belle Meade Country Club;

WHEREAS, having undertaken these serious duties, fully understanding the burden of exercising their discretion in deciding matters that excite legitimate debate, and exercising the courage to resolve important issues for the long term benefit of all of our citizens, they have each contributed daily much to the welfare of this City and its citizens

WHEREAS, they have made these contributions each using their unique combination of intellect, experience (we bought a few cars along the way, didn't we George?), political acumen, business judgment and wisdom;

WHEREAS, each of them assumed many leadership roles during the course of their service, including Tom Corcoran's services as Vice Mayor from 2006-2008 and George Crook's service as Mayor from 2002 through 2008;

WHEREAS, as a consequence of their leadership, the City of Belle Meade, has been well-managed fiscally through turbulent economic times while preserving public services, improving its infrastructure and assuring the general satisfaction of its justly demanding citizens;

WHEREAS, they have done so as volunteers, without monetary compensation, acting as involved and responsible stewards of this City's assets while always planning for its future;

WHEREAS, Thomas Corcoran and George Crook have served this City with selfless devotion and time-consuming effort, are highly regarded by their fellow Commissioners and respected as leaders on our Board of Commissioners and in our community for their invaluable contributions to this City; And,

WHEREAS, their contributions to the City of Belle Meade will be always be appreciated, their presence in the future missed, and their sacrifice for the benefit of our fair City always celebrated;

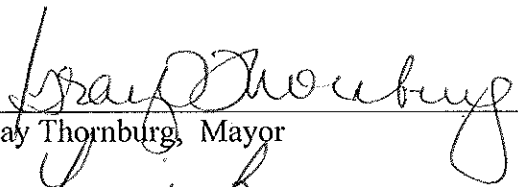
NOW, THEREFORE, in recognition of their many contributions to the City of Belle Meade, be it resolved;

The City of Belle Meade, while bemoaning the retirement of selfless public servants Thomas Corcoran and George Crook, recognizes their many contributions and wishes them the best in their retirement from public service to this city; And,

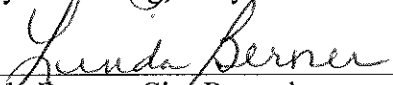
The City of Belle Meade, acting through vote of its Commissioners, recognizes, lauds and applauds Thomas Corcoran and George Crook upon their retirement as Commissioners of the City of Belle Meade and thanks them for their lasting contributions and enduring legacy of service to its citizens.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect from and after the date of its adoption, the welfare of the City of Belle Meade requiring it.

Passed this the 20th day of October, 2010



Gray Thornburg, Mayor



Linda Berner, City Recorder