

RESOLUTION NO. 15-399

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are pleased to announce that Mrs. Pearlie M. Stamper, Administrative Aide to the Huntsville City Council for 17 years and Council Secretary for 8 years, for a total of 25 years, officially retired on June 1, 2015; with thirty two years of exemplary service to the City of Huntsville; and,

WHEREAS, she is affectionately known throughout the City of Huntsville as “Ms. Pearl,” by all who come in contact with her. She is a native Huntsvillian, born to parents Emma Pearl Ford and David Lee Vance, deceased. She has three sisters; Maggie Toney, Eileen Russell and Jacqueline Wilson, all of Huntsville, Alabama. She attended Mount Lebanon Elementary School, Councill Training High School and graduated from Lee High School in 1969. After high school she attended Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University in 1969; she also attended various business colleges and graduated from Athens State University with a B.S. in Human Resources/Personnel Psychology, 1993, and,

WHEREAS, Pearl’s tenure of 32 years spans the administration of four Mayors: Joe W. Davis, Steve Hettinger, Loretta Spencer, and present Mayor Tommy Battle. She has assisted approximately 15 Council members during her tenure in the Huntsville City Council Office which includes the present Huntsville City Council: Mark Russell, President, Bill Kling, Jr., President Pro Tem, Dr. Richard Showers, Sr., Dr. Jennie Robinson and Will Culver ; and,

WHEREAS, Pearl was employed as a Clerk with the City of Huntsville in 1976 in the Community Development Department and secretary in the Recreation Department. She relocated and was employed with the City of Lakeland, Florida, 1984 – 1987 in the Building Inspection Department. After returning to Huntsville, Alabama she was employed at Oakwood University as a secretary in the Physical Education and Title III department. She met Dr. Richard Showers, Sr., while attending a family wedding, and he shared with her that there was an opening for a secretary in the City Council Office, and she credits him for the opportunity. She was reemployed with the City of Huntsville in the City Council Office as the secretary in 1990, and appointed the Administrative Aide to the City Council in 1995; and,

WHEREAS, Pearl served as the primary administrative support person to the Huntsville City Council. She assisted the Council President Mark Russell and other council members with the day to day operations of the office with guidance provided by the City Council members, City’s Personnel Policies and Procedures, Council Bylaws, Federal, State and local laws, and considerable independent judgment. She handled complex and sensitive concerns and issues, coordinated and planned City Council meetings and events, responded to inquiries from the general public, served as liaison in communicating information from the City Council to the Mayor, City department heads, employees, and supervised the City Council staff; and,

WHEREAS, Pearl is a member of the Harvest Seventh-day Adventist Church, Pastor Prentiss Sorrells, where she participates as a choir member, Women’s Ministries leader, treasurer, and supports all departments of the church, as much as possible, with her knowledge, skills and talents. She was also a member of the 2008 Transition team of Mayor Tommy Battle; and,

WHEREAS, some of her accomplishments and recognitions include: Public Service Award, Chamber of Commerce, Lakeland, Florida; Community Service Award, Alpha Omega Chapter of Eta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated for her contribution

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to the Junior Cotillion, February 2004 ; Appreciation Award presented by the Alabama Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (ABC/LEO) for legislative assistance, May 2005; National Women's Month Commendation recipient presented by the State of Alabama Board of Education, Montgomery, Alabama, March 2004; Appreciation Award presented by Oakwood University for services to Oakwood University, Huntsville Community and City Council, August, 2010; and recipient of the Government Relations Leadership Award by the Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University Alumni Association, Inc. Huntsville Progressive Alumni Chapter, Inc., June 2011; and,

WHEREAS, Pearl is passionate about cooking and enjoys writing. Her greatest joy and fulfillment in life is in representing God and helping others.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, express special thanks and appreciation to Pearlie M. Stamper for her dedicated service and untiring effort to the citizens and City of Huntsville for thirty two years. It is a pleasure to honor her on the occasion of her Retirement Celebration held at the Westin-Huntsville Bridge street Town Centre on June 21, 2015, and extend best wishes for her continued success.

ADOPTED this the 11th day of June, 2015.

President of the City Council of
the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 11th day of June, 2015.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama