



REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: December 4, 2007

SUBJECT: Certificate of Appreciation for Eddie Lavorico

Report in Brief

Eddie Lavorico, Park Facilities Technician, has been an employee in the Parks & Recreation Department for over 32 years. Staff recommends that the City Council recognize Eddie Lavorico with a Certificate of Appreciation for his many years of dedicated service to the City of Woodland.

Background

Eddie was hired by the City of Woodland in October of 1975 and was originally assigned to the Public Works Department and worked at the Woodland Cemetery. He was later transferred into the Parks and Recreation Department as a Park Maintenance Worker II and worked at John Ferns Park and Harris Park. After several years, Eddie was promoted to Park Maintenance Worker III in recognition of his skills in the field of park maintenance including fencing, carpentry, brick work, concrete work and irrigation systems. In 2005 Eddie was promoted to Park Facilities Technician and has continued to work to provide safe and well maintained park and recreation facilities for the citizens of Woodland.

Eddie's many accomplishments with the City of Woodland's Parks & Recreation Department have included:

- Technical assistance in turf management and irrigation systems
- Concrete, block, and brick work throughout our park and recreation facilities including the brick sign for the old Senior Citizen's Center on Lincoln Street
- Numerous carpentry and plumbing improvements to the parks including shade structures, bleacher repairs, construction of picnic tables, and installation of irrigation systems.
- Assistance with new playground installations

With Eddie's hard work and dedication to a quality job, he has earned the respect of all who have worked with him. This includes everyone in the parks maintenance division and many employees from other divisions, as well. Eddie is a dedicated husband, father, grandfather and will be missed by all who have worked with him over the years.

Discussion

Employees are the City of Woodland’s greatest asset. Losing an employee with 32 years of dedicated experience will be difficult to replace. Eddie has a great deal of institutional knowledge that will be lost with his retirement.

Several years ago, Eddie was one of the first City employees in Northern California to achieve the rank of Certified Landscape Technician, a challenging certification process developed by the California Landscape Contractor’s Association. He used these skills frequently in his employment and the results can be seen throughout our park system. This accomplishment has not been achieved by another City employee.

Fiscal Impact

There will be some initial savings to the City of Woodland’s budget until the position is filled.

Public Contact

There will be public recognition for Eddie at tonight’s meeting and several fellow employees are expected to attend. The City Council agenda was posted.

Recommendation for Action

Staff recommends that the City Council recognize Eddie Lavorico with a Certificate of Appreciation for his dedicated service to the City of Woodland.

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City of Woodland

Certificate of Appreciation

EDDIE LAVORICO

WHERE AS, Eddie Lavorico was hired by the City of Woodland in October of 1975; and

WHERE AS, Eddie was first assigned to the Public Works Department and worked at the Woodland Cemetery as a Groundsman Gardener, and later transferred to the Parks and Recreation Department as a Park Maintenance Worker II; and

WHERE AS, Eddie was later promoted to Park Maintenance Worker III in recognition of his vast knowledge and skills in the park maintenance field and earned the respect of his co-workers throughout the City; and

WHERE AS, Eddie was finally promoted to Park Facilities Technician and continued to provide high levels of maintenance and care for the City's neighborhood parks and ballfields, and his commitment to providing customer service have provided a valuable asset to meet the demands of citizens of the City of Woodland; and

WHERE AS, Eddie Lavorico will retire December 31, 2007 with 32 years of outstanding service to the City of Woodland,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Woodland does hereby congratulate Eddie Lavorico upon the occasion of his retirement from municipal service and wishes him good fortune in his future endeavors.

PRESENTED this 4th day of December 2007.

David M. Flory, Mayor