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Councilmember Cleworth\*  
Councilmember Sprinkle  
Councilmember Marney  
Councilmember Tidwell  
Councilmember Ringstad  
Date: April 27, 2026

**RESOLUTION NO. 5209**

**A RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF ROBERT H. PRISTASH, P.E.  
AND IN RECOGNITION OF HIS DECADES OF SERVICE TO THE  
CITY OF FAIRBANKS AND ITS RESIDENTS**

**WHEREAS**, Robert "Bob" Pristash began his career with the City of Fairbanks Engineering Department as an Engineer I in April of 1988 and has devoted more than 38 years of dedicated service to the City and its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Bob was promoted to City Engineer in April of 2018, where he served as Department Head while continuing to lead design and construction efforts, demonstrating a strong commitment to both leadership and hands-on-engineering; and

**WHEREAS**, Bob has made a lasting impact on the engineering and construction community through his professionalism and dedication to public service; and

**WHEREAS**, Bob has been a committed mentor and teacher, generously sharing his knowledge and experience to develop and guide the next generation of engineers, strengthening both the City Engineering Department and the profession as a whole; and

**WHEREAS**, Bob approaches every challenge with a "get it done and get it done right" mindset using his experience and ability to work through complex issues with fairness and professionalism to achieve practical, thoughtful, and mutually beneficial solutions; and

**WHEREAS**, Bob has spent much of his career working directly with the public and property owners, always treating residents with respect, fairness, and genuine care, which exemplifies the "Golden Heart" spirit of the City of Fairbanks; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout his career, Bob has earned the respect of colleagues, contractors, and the community through his technical knowledge, steady leadership, and clear commitment to doing what is right for the public; and

**WHEREAS**, this respect has been recognized through honors including Engineer of the Year from the Alaska Society of Professional Engineers, Water/Wastewater Industry Engineer of the Year from the Alaska Water and Wastewater Association, 2011 Meeting the Challenge of a Job Architect Award from the Associated General Contractors of Alaska, and Project Manager Appreciation Award from the Fairbanks Resource Agency; and

**WHEREAS**, above all, Bob is a kind, hardworking, and well-loved member of the City of Fairbanks family whose impact will continue well beyond his retirement.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS, as follows:**

**SECTION 1.** The City Council recognizes and honors Robert H. Pristash, P.E., for his outstanding service, leadership, and lasting contribution to the City of Fairbanks and its residents; and

**SECTION 2.** Mr. Pristash's legacy of integrity, mentorship, and dedication to public service will be long remembered by City employees, the Mayor, the City Council, and the community he has faithfully served for nearly four decades; and

**SECTION 3.** The City Council extends its deepest appreciation to his wife, Sarah Reid, for sharing Mr. Pristash with the City and its residents and wishes Mr. Pristash a long, healthy, and happy retirement.

**SECTION 4.** The effective date of this resolution is six days after adoption.

  
Mindy O'Neill, City Mayor

AYES:           Approved with no objection  
NAYS:           None  
ABSENT:        Therrien  
ADOPTED:      April 27, 2026

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
D. Danyelle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

  
Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney