

# **TOWN** *Of* **PARADISE VALLEY**



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## **STAFF REPORT**

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**TO:** Mayor Stanton and Town Council Members

**FROM:** Andrew B. Ching, Town Manager  
Catherine Kauffman, Historical Advisory Committee  
Duncan Miller, Town Clerk

**DATE:** May 28, 2026

**DEPARTMENT:** Town Manager  
Duncan Miller, 480-348-3610

**AGENDA TITLE:**

**Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Historical Advisory Committee's Recommendation to Honor Edward F. Lowry with a Memorial Plaque**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the Historical Advisory Committee's recommendation to honor former Mayor Ed Lowry with a memorial plaque in the Town Hall Reflection Garden.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

Catherine Kauffman, on behalf of the Historical Advisory Committee, submitted an application to honor former Mayor Ed Lowry with a memorial plaque in recognition of his many years of volunteer service to the Town. The decision to formally recognize individuals or groups rests with the Town Council.

**BACKGROUND:**

Town Council Resolution 2017-18 establishes criteria and provides a process for honoring notable residents who have made lasting impacts on the Town. An application must be submitted to the Historical Advisory Committee for review and recommendation to the Town Council.

The criteria includes:

- Enhanced well-being and quality of life for Town residents;
- Preservation of the Town's history;
- Contributions toward the acquisition, development or conveyance of land, buildings, structures or other amenities to the Town;
- Local, state or national recognition for work in public service that directly impacted the Town;
- Any other contribution that resulted in tangible benefits to the Town or Town residents.

**Recommendation to Honor Mayor Edward F. Lowry**

Ed Lowry was a proud resident of the Town for more than 60 years and served in numerous civic capacities including as a Town Magistrate and Mayor. The list of notable accomplishments during his six-year tenure as mayor included resolving the sewer lift station dispute with the City of Scottsdale, undergrounding the 69kV utility lines on Lincoln Drive and Scottsdale Road, establishing the Goldwater Memorial, authorizing the use of rubberized asphalt on major arterials.

The application listing his accomplishments and highlighting his dedicated service to the Town is included as Attachment B.

If the recommendation is approved by the Town Council, a bronze memorial plaque with the inscription provided in the attached application will be installed in the Reflection Garden walkway between Town Hall and the Police Department.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

- A. Staff Report
- B. Recommendation
- C. Resolution 2017-18