

# Davidson Bids Tearful Goodbye To City Council

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The  
Kodiak City Council bid farewell to longtime Councilman Charlie Davidson  
Thursday.

Davidson, who  
served 15 years on the council, gave a tearful goodbye speech, at the beginning  
of which he pretended to be his twin brother, Cliff. He then touched on some of  
the themes of his tenure on the city's governing body.

(Charlie  
Goodbye 1 1:00 "…encourage any citizen to give it a  
go.")

All  
of his fellow council members shared fond memories of serving with Davidson.  
Especially Tom Walters, who joined the council at the same time as Davidson,  
and will continue to serve after being sworn in to a sixth consecutive term  
Thursday night.

(Charlie  
Goodbye 2 :44s "…can't ask for any more in a  
person.")

Taking  
Davidson's place on the council is Paul Smith, who was elected by Kodiak voters  
at the October 7th municipal election. Smith acknowledged that  
filling Davidson's seat would be pretty near impossible.

(Charlie  
Goodbye 3 :18s &ldquo;&hellip;here to fill not his shoes or his  
chair.&rdquo;)

Davidson  
said he would like to remain involved in local politics, mostly as an observer.  
He joked that as a private citizen he was going to try and raise money for a  
tram going from downtown to the top of Pillar Mountain, something he once  
suggested that the city should do to boost tourism.

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