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Springfield City Manager Announces Retirement

SPRINGFIELD, OH (April 16, 2018) — City Manager Jim Bodenmiller will retire Jan. 31, 2019, after 10 years as city manager and more than three decades in Springfield city administration.

Bodenmiller announced his plans to the Springfield City Commission in executive session following the public meeting Tuesday night.

“It has been a privilege to serve the citizens of Springfield and to work with such fine employees at the city,” said Bodenmiller. “I’ve always loved this city and community, and it’s been a pleasure to live and raise my family here.” Jim and his wife Jo Ann have no plans to leave Springfield. “This city is moving in the right direction and we want to continue to be part of the momentum.”

Bodenmiller was appointed City Manager during the onset of the Great Recession in 2008 that had devastating effects on jobs and housing nationwide and cuts to funding in Springfield by the State of Ohio. In his tenure, through prudent and often difficult decisions, Bodenmiller led the city during a time that saw more than \$400 million in downtown investment, despite the financial challenges.

“I’ve been pleased at the progress we’ve made in the past 10 years, especially in light of the tough economy” Bodenmiller said. “Helping turn things in a positive direction for our community and stabilizing the city’s finances were important goals for me.”

Bodenmiller joined the City of Springfield as Personnel Analyst in February 1987. He was appointed Assistant City Manager in April 2000, and City Manager in January 2009. Following retirement from the City of Springfield, he plans to serve as Program Director for the Ohio Fire Chief’s Association and its Ohio Fire Executive program.

At 10 years, Bodenmiller is the second longest-serving City Manager in Springfield’s history. Former City Manager Matt Kridler served for 20 years.