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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **21 Apply for Springfield City Manager Position**

SPRINGFIELD, OH (Oct. 3, 2018) — The City of Springfield has received 21 applications for City Manager, a position made available by the retirement of current manager Jim Bodenmiller.

Bodenmiller, who's served as City Manager for a decade, announced in August that he will retire in January 2019. The City posted the open position last month, and the deadline for submissions was Sept. 28.

Three internal candidates applied for the position: Assistant City Manager Tom Franzen, Deputy City Manager Bryan Heck, and Community Development Director Shannon Meadows. External applications were received from numerous candidates in Ohio and other states.

“The City of Springfield is moving in the right direction after enduring tough economic times following the Great Recession of 2008,” said Springfield Mayor Warren Copeland. “The next City Manager must be prepared to lead the administration of a city with significant challenges and real opportunities to move forward.”

The Springfield City Commission is expected to narrow the field of applicants in executive session following their next meeting Tuesday night, Oct. 9. A first round of interviews could begin in early November.