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Bodenmiller Retires This Week, New City Manager Takes Over Feb. 1

SPRINGFIELD, OH (January 28, 2019) — Longtime Springfield City Manager Jim Bodenmiller will retire on Thursday, Jan. 31 after serving 10 years in that role. Bryan Heck will become City Manager the next day.

Bodenmiller retires after more than 30 years' service with the City of Springfield.

"I've been fortunate to have served with some of the most hardworking and dedicated people anyone could ask for," said Bodenmiller. "In my tenure as City Manager, we faced some challenging times. With a great deal of determination and the support of our residents we've come through some tough situations, and I couldn't be more proud of the work we've done as a community."

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. During 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.

At 10 years, Bodenmiller is the second longest-serving City Manager in Springfield's history.

Springfield City Commission Appointed Deputy City Manager Bryan Heck as the next City Manager on Dec. 18. He will take office this Friday, Feb. 1.

"I am excited and honored for the opportunity to lead this organization comprised of very talented and hardworking employees who are committed to making Springfield a great place to live, work and play," said Heck.

Heck is a lifelong resident of Clark County and a graduate of Wittenberg University. He and his wife Bailey have two children.

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 will take over as Program Director for the Ohio Fire Executive (OFE) program through the Ohio Fire Chief's Association.