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Longtime Deputy Law Director Retiring

SPRINGFIELD, OH (February 20, 2019) — Andy Burkholder, City of Springfield Deputy Law Director, will retire Feb. 28 after 34 years of service.

“Andy has been an invaluable asset to the City of Springfield, and has served the community with distinction,” said Law Director Jerry Strozdas. “We wish him all the best in his retirement.”

Burkholder made immense contributions to the community, including his role in drafting the Cooperative Economic Development Agreement (CEDA) among Springfield, Springfield Township and Clark County that was struck in 2000. The agreement facilitated economic development to the shared benefit of the whole community. Next Edge Technology Park, Prime Ohio 2 Industrial Park and Silfex are projects made possible because of CEDA.

Burkholder was also instrumental in the development of the hospital project downtown that began in 2004. The groundbreaking project merged two hospitals into one new facility in the center of Springfield, an initiative that no other city in the country has been able to undertake. The construction of Springfield Regional Medical Center was the catalyst that sparked a momentum of economic development downtown that continues to this day.

“I am grateful to have had the privilege to serve the people of Springfield in some challenging and exciting times,” said Burkholder. “Springfield is a robust community that continues to thrive, and I will miss the hardworking men and women I served with. I have found the citizens of Springfield to be some of the best folks I have had the privilege to get to know and to work with in my lifetime.”

He was hired as Assistant Law Director in 1984, and was made Deputy Law Director in 1986.