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### **LEN GOODWIN NAMED DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES/PUBLIC WORKS**

*The new director brings more than 35 years of experience*

Len Goodwin has been selected for the newly created position of Development Services/Public Works Director and the Springfield City Council confirmed his appointment during a meeting on Monday night.

Goodwin has more than 35 years of local government experience, including 18 years with the city of Springfield. He recently served as the city's Assistant Public Works Director.

Springfield City Manager Gino Grimaldi said the choice was made after an extensive recruitment process. "This position has become even more vital to Springfield's success given the recent merging of Public Works and Development Services into one department. Len is ideally suited to lead this new department forward," said Grimaldi.

The director oversees a budget of \$37.4 million, a capital budget of \$42.7 million and 130 employees.

"I am excited about the opportunity to find new and different ways to do things, so that our customers, the 58,000 citizens of Springfield, can look forward to doing business with the City," said Goodwin. "I hope to position the Department so we are ready to support renewed economic development and growth as the local economy begins to recover."

#### **Background:**

Len has been with the City of Springfield for 18 years, following 17 years of public service in New York, where he served as First Deputy Director and General Counsel to the New York State Financial Control Board.

He is a member of the Oregon State Bar and member of the American Public Works Association, the Government Finance Officers Association, the International City/County Managers Association, the Oregon City/County Managers Association, the National association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors, and the Oregon City Attorneys Association.

He has published a number of articles on municipal management of right of way. He serves on the League of Oregon Cities Standing Committee on Cable Television and Telecommunications, the League of Oregon Cities Legal Advocacy Committee, and the Planning Commission of the City of Veneta. His hobbies include being an amateur cellist and photographer, as well as raising a small flock of chickens.