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### CITY MANAGER ANNOUNCES RETIREMENTS AND APPOINTMENTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

SUFFOLK, VA (June 11, 2020) City Manager Patrick Roberts announced today that as a result of recent and upcoming retirements of members of the Administrative Staff, the following appointments have been made:



Effective Monday, June 15, 2020, **Major Alfred "Al" Chandler** will be the **Interim Chief of Police**. Major Chandler is a twenty-one year veteran of the Suffolk Police Department. In his time on the force, he has served in many capacities in the Department, to name a few: Field Training Officer, SWAT Team Operator, Detective, Crisis/Hostage Negotiator, Violent Crimes Unit Supervisor, School Resource Unit Supervisor, and Search and Rescue Team Supervisor. Major Chandler was a graduate of the 40<sup>th</sup> Session of the Chesapeake Police Academy, where he was Class President. He holds a Master's of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Saint Leo University. Major Chandler is a graduate of the West Point Leadership Course, as well as a graduate of the 270<sup>th</sup> Session of the FBI National Academy.

Police Chief Thomas Bennett's last day in the office was June 10, 2020, with his retirement effective August 1, 2020. He retired after more than thirty-six years in law enforcement, and served as Suffolk's Police Chief for eleven years.



Effective Wednesday, July 1, 2020, **Albert “Al” Moor** will be the **Interim Deputy City Manager**.

Al Moor is the current Director of Public Utilities and has over thirty-six years of progressive municipal government experience and has served as the Director of Public Utilities for the City of Suffolk since 1995.

Al holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering Technology from Old Dominion University. He completed the Senior Executive Institute: UVA Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service, the LEAD Program: UVA Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service, and AWWA Water Utility Management Institute sponsored by Virginia Tech.

D. Scott Mills, the current Deputy City Manager, will be retiring on June 30, 2020, after serving the citizens of Suffolk for thirty-three years.



Effective Wednesday, July 1, 2020, **Paul Retel** will be the **Interim Director of Public Utilities**.

Paul is currently serving the City as the Assistant Director of Public Utilities. He has been in that role for the past three years. As the Assistant Director, he oversees staff in operations, customer service, and engineering. Prior to his present role with the City, he worked for twenty-nine years in the municipal utility consulting sector. There he worked with numerous municipal utility departments on issues related to the planning, design, operation, and maintenance of municipal water and wastewater systems.

In commenting on these appointments, City Manager Patrick Roberts noted, “I am confident that the above-noted appointments will provide me with the needed support and the specific Departments with the experience and expertise needed as we continue to deliver critical services to the citizens of Suffolk. I can’t thank our retirees enough for their

public service totaling sixty-nine years, and for the tremendous impact they've made to our City.”

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