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Suffolk Finance Director to Leave Post to Return to Family

SUFFOLK, Va. (August 22, 2008) – The City of Suffolk announces the resignation of the Director of Finance, John Wallingford. Wallingford submitted his notice today, to be effective September 12, 2008. Wallingford joined the City five months ago and will be returning to his former employer, Prince William County Public Schools, as Director of Financial Services.

In his letter of resignation to City Manager Selena Cuffee-Glenn, Wallingford cited a poor housing market that resulted in the inability of his family to join him in Suffolk as the primary reason for his return to Northern Virginia. He has three children and indicated there were several “family needs and emergencies” that had required him to return to North Stafford. He noted that Cuffee-Glenn had been “wonderful in those instances, always indicating that family should be a top priority.”

“It has been a genuine pleasure to work for the City of Suffolk,” Wallingford advised. “While I have enjoyed the challenge of my new position, my top priority is my family and I look forward to returning to them on a full-time basis”, he added.

City Manager Cuffee-Glenn spoke highly of Wallingford, “John came at a very challenging time and we are disappointed that his tenure with the city was so short. We hate to lose him, however, as a parent I can certainly understand his desire to reunify his family and I respect that decision”, she added.

Cuffee-Glenn noted that Wallingford has added several CPA’s to the Finance department and feels confident there is a “strong team in place to operate during the transition.” Assistant Finance Director Brian Stump will serve as interim Director until a replacement is hired.

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