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City Manager restructures and selects Director of new consolidated Department

Bristol, Tennessee City Manager Bill Sorah recently announced a restructuring of the Public Works and Community Development Departments. In the restructuring process Tim Beavers, Interim Community Development Director was chosen to head up the newly formed Department of Development Services as the Department Director.

The consolidation of the two departments will create new and effective avenues of communication and accountability in areas of public services and community development. The concept is to streamline City operations and to improve service for those doing business with the City. The new alignment will decrease the number of direct reports to the City Manager allowing for greater efficiency in the decision making process on a daily basis.

The new department will house six divisions which will include Planning, Engineering, Codes Enforcement and Building Inspection, Public Services, Utilities and the Metropolitan Planning Organization. Each division's staffing and daily operations will be overseen by division managers. Beavers stated that he felt fortunate to have had a successful career with the City and that it was a privilege to have the opportunity to head up this new department.

Beavers has worked for the City for the past 27 years and has served as Interim Community Development Director for the past five months. Prior to his stint in the Community Development office he served as the Public Works Director from 2013 until early 2018. Beavers began his career with the City as a Civil Engineer. He is a graduate of Virginia Tech with a B.S. in Civil Engineering. He is a Registered Professional Engineer and is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the National Society of Professional Engineers. "Tim has, throughout his career with the City, earned respect and trust among those he works with daily, members of the community as a whole and in the development community in particular. I am pleased that he has accepted this new role. I look forward to seeing what great things will come out of this department with his brand of leadership at the helm," said City Manager Bill Sorah. "I feel strongly with Tim's



background in Public Works and the time he has spent in Community Development, makes for a natural fit.”

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