



## Memorandum

**Memorandum No: 24-114**

**Date:** July 29, 2024

**To:** Honorable Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Commissioners

**From:** Susan Grant, Acting City Manager *Susan Grant*

**Re:** **Appointment of Acting Assistant City Manager**

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I am pleased to inform you that I have appointed Chris Cooper as our new Acting Assistant City Manager, effective July 29, 2024. This appointment comes as part of our ongoing efforts to strengthen our leadership team and enhance our service delivery to the community.

Chris brings extensive local government expertise to this role, with a career spanning over two decades. Since joining the City in 2018, he has demonstrated exceptional leadership, most recently as the Director of the Development Services Department for the past two years. His proven ability to navigate complex administrative challenges and implement innovative solutions makes him uniquely qualified for this critical position. Chris's deep understanding of our City's operations and his forward-thinking approach will be invaluable assets in his new role.

In his new role, Chris will oversee the Development Services Department as well as the Neighbor Support division of the City Manager's Office. Through Neighbor Support, he will spearhead our efforts to address homelessness in our community, working closely with multiple City departments and various stakeholders, including non-profit organizations, county officials, and state agencies.

His responsibilities will include:

- Developing and implementing comprehensive strategies to reduce homelessness
- Coordinating the City's response and compliance with House Bill 1365, which in October 2024 prohibits overnight camping on public property
- Coordinating interdepartmental efforts related to homelessness
- Liaising with external partners to maximize resources and impact
- Regularly reporting progress and challenges to the City Commission

I am confident that Chris' experiences in local government and leadership within the City will significantly contribute to our City's goals in these critical areas.

To ensure continuity in Chris' previous department, I am pleased to announce that Alfred 'Al' Battle will be stepping into the role of Acting Director of Development Services Department. Al has been with the City for nineteen years and has demonstrated exceptional leadership skills in his current role as Deputy Director. I am confident in his ability to seamlessly continue the excellent work in the Development Services Department.

Please join me in welcoming Chris to his new role as Acting Assistant City Manager and congratulating Al on his promotion. I invite you to reach out to them directly should you have any questions or wish to discuss matters related to their areas of responsibility.

I look forward to the positive impact these changes will have as we continue to serve our community with excellence.

c: Anthony G. Fajardo, Assistant City Manager  
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