

New public works director on the job

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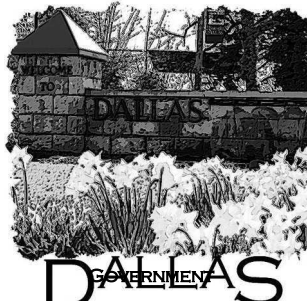
By Jolene Guzman

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DALLAS — The city of Dallas' new Public Works Director Frank Anderson capped his first day on the job meeting the Dallas City Council at its meeting Monday night.

City Manager Ron Foggin made the announcement for Anderson, who previously worked for the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation in Pendleton as the public works director.

Anderson said he has a



bachelor's degree in public administration and was interested in the Dallas job because the department is "full service," providing for and maintaining water, waste water and street systems.

"I'm excited to be here, to help move forward," Anderson said Monday.

Coinciding with Anderson's arrival was a council vote on an ordinance to modify the structure of the Public Works Department, which was formerly known as the engineering and environmental services department.

The ordinance changed the name of the department back to Public Works.

In other city business:

• The council will meet in a joint session with the Polk

County Board of Commissioners for a public hearing on the proposed urban growth boundary expansion involving Dallas Golf Club at 5:30 p.m. on April 3. The regular council meeting scheduled to follow that meeting has been canceled.

• Dallas Budget Committee will hold its "kick off" meeting on Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 187 SE Court St. The committee will review the city's five-year budget outlook and five-year capital projects plan progress.

Community Corrections director to retire

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POLK COUNTY — Marty Silbernagel started his first job with Polk County at the age of 22. On June 30, nearly 30 years later, the Community Corrections director will retire.

In the late 1980s, Silbernagel was hired as a community service coordinator, but about a year later, that position was on the budget

cut chopping block. He was offered a job as a juvenile probation officer and wasn't exactly thrilled about it.

"I took it because I wanted a job — and I loved it," Silbernagel said.

Eight years later, he applied for the community corrections director post and got the job.

Silbernagel said he's retiring because he believes it's time to do go something else, which as of now, includes

plans for volunteering and doing some farming on the side.

Polk County posted the position last week and added overseeing the juvenile department to the new director's duties. The job will be posted until April 12, a longer duration than other posts.

"We are talking about a department head, so I would recommend that the length is longer, but not too long

because we want to get someone in here," said Matt Hawkins, the county's administrative service director. "I think the goal is to have somebody here by June."

The job comes with a salary range of \$96,000 to \$102,000 annually.

The schedule to fill the position is to hold interviews the last week of April and select a new director in May, said Greg Hansen, county administrator.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Radio show begins legislative focus

SALEM — KMUZ Community Radio has launched a new segment in its morning radio news show covering state legislators and legislative session.

The show, "Legislative Matters, Tune In and Take Part," kicked off on March 13 at Willamette Wake Up's regular time slot of 8-9 a.m. and will continue through the session.

Each Monday, Legislative Matters program hosts Cindy Condon and Jan Margosian will highlight bills being considered in both the State House of Representatives and State Senate.

The pair will focus on a specific bill that they think will be of particular interest to those within the KMUZ listening audience, which includes Polk County, and has been introduced by legislators from the Mid-Willamette Valley. Programs will include a bill's background, key supporters, opponents and an understanding of who benefits. They hope to include live interviews of bill sponsors and those in opposition of the featured bill.

Other legislation with statewide interest, such as budget, education, and transportation will also be discussed.

For more information contact Cindy Condon at 503-559-9288 or Jan Margosian at ljargosian@comcast.net.

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