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City Commission Recognizes Joe Valentine for Years of Service

BIRMINGHAM, MI, December 23, 2020 – On Monday, December 21, the Birmingham City Commission presented a proclamation in appreciation of the years of service and multiple positions Joe Valentine held during his tenure. The Commission also recognized Valentine with the dedication of a park bench in his honor.

“It is a privilege to honor Joe Valentine with this proclamation and dedication of a park bench,” said Birmingham Mayor Pierre Boutros. “He will be a great asset wherever he goes, and we can’t thank him enough. We wish him all the best in his future endeavors.”

The bench will be located on the west side of Birmingham City Hall at 151 Martin Street and feature a commemorative plaque honoring Valentine for his years of service to the City of Birmingham and community. It will overlook beautiful Shain Park and provide enjoyment to residents and visitors for years to come. During the City Commission meeting, Commissioner Rackeline Hoff said they hope to hold a dedication ceremony when the bench is installed this spring.

“It is truly an honor to be recognized in this fashion,” said Birmingham City Manager Joe Valentine. “I am incredibly fortunate to have had so many opportunities to serve this great community and I’ve learned so much. It’s been a wonderful career here in Birmingham and I’m pleased to leave the City on a strong footing and position for continued success.”

Valentine started his career as an intern in 1997 and has served as a Management Specialist, Acting Director of the Birmingham Shopping District, Human Resources Director, Assistant City Manager and served two stints as Interim City Manager before accepting the position of City Manager in July of 2014. He will resign at the end of this year to pursue new opportunities.

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