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Birmingham City Manager to Resign after 24 Years in Public Service

BIRMINGHAM, MI, October 5, 2020 – Birmingham City Manager Joe Valentine has announced plans to resign at the end of this year to pursue new opportunities. Following 24 years with the City, 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.

“Joe is a dedicated public servant who has spent his career ensuring Birmingham remains vibrant, prosperous, and on a path toward continued success,” said Birmingham Mayor Pierre Boutros. “I’m proud to have worked with him and he is leaving us with a solid platform as we begin to look for a replacement.”

Accomplishments achieved during Valentine’s tenure as City Manager include: six years of decreasing the City’s millage levy and strengthening the City’s AAA bond rating, the completion of the first two phases of downtown infrastructure replacements, the reconstruction of a new fire station, and more.

“It has been an honor and a privilege to serve this community for more than two decades in multiple capacities,” said Valentine. “Over the span of my career, I have had the pleasure of engaging with thousands of residents, businesses and community stakeholders who all share a special passion for this community. I also have to thank and acknowledge the dedicated and hard-working employees for their individual contributions in making Birmingham a premier community.”

At the City Commission meeting on Monday, October 12, City Commissioners will discuss a search process for Valentine’s replacement.

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