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### **INTERIM CITY MANAGER ANNOUNCED**

Mayor George K. Heartwell, along with the entire City Commission, is pleased to announce the appointment of Eric R. DeLong, Deputy City Manager, to Interim City Manager, effective January 6, 2009.

Mr. DeLong has been a valuable contributor to the City organization for the past 13 plus years. He joined the City in May, 1995, as Assistant City Manager for Public Works Services, overseeing departments with a combined operating and capital budget of over \$120 million. In November, 1999, he was appointed by the City Manager to the position of Deputy City Manager, where he currently oversees the departments involved with Planning and Economic Development Services and Enterprise Services. Mr. DeLong works closely with current City Manager Kurt Kimball, top management staff, other governmental organizations, and the community. He is, and has been, involved with many successful community building activities and guides the completion of complex, major economic development transactions. Mr. DeLong also serves as the City's legislative director and leads the City's Lean initiative.

Earlier in his career, Mr. DeLong was Village Manager for the Village of Spring Lake, Michigan.

"It's a privilege to be asked and an honor to accept," said DeLong regarding his appointment.

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