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City Manager Sharon Hayes announces retirement after 35 years of public service for the City of Weatherford

WEATHERFORD (CITY OF WEATHERFORD), Texas - City Manager Sharon Hayes has announced her retirement in December 2019. Hayes was appointed city manager for the City of Weatherford in 2015 after serving as assistant city manager and various other multi-management positions. She has served 35 years working devotedly to public service.

“Sharon Hayes has exhibited a high level of professionalism, unmatched integrity and has positioned Weatherford strategically to manage the rapid growth we are currently experiencing,” said Mayor Paul Paschall. “She has assumed numerous leadership roles throughout her career with intensity and vision. While serving as our City Manager, Sharon has always maintained a unique ability to protect the heritage of Weatherford while being open to new ideas and opportunities for our citizens. Our residents have been blessed by the leadership that Sharon Hayes has provided. As decades pass, future city leaders will reflect back and be very thankful for the forward-thinking mentality Sharon brought during her time of leadership.”

Throughout her career with the City of Weatherford, Hayes worked on numerous projects that have benefited the community including major construction projects that have improved and expanded services. She was instrumental in establishing relationships with educational institutions, non-profit organizations and community outreach programs that enhanced the quality of life for all Weatherford residents.

Hayes has been with the City of Weatherford since October 1985 starting as the city's Pretreatment Coordinator. She has held the positions of City Sanitarian, Superintendent of Treatment, Department Manager for Environmental Services and Treatment and Assistant Director of Utilities before being appointed as Deputy Director of Utilities. Sharon Hayes served as the City's Director of Utilities and Assistant City Manager before becoming City Manager on May 1, 2015.

Hayes holds a bachelor's degree in science from Tarleton State University (TSU), Master of Science degree in Environmental Science from Texas Christian University (TCU) and Master of Public Administration degree from the University of North Texas (UNT). She is a member of the International City Managers Association, Texas City Managers Association and serves on the Texas Public Power Association board of directors and is past president. She is past president of



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the North Central Texas Chapter of the Texas Section of American Water Works as well as a past president of the Texas Association of Clean Water Agencies. Hayes has also published work in professional trade publications.

“For 35 years I have had the honor and privilege of serving Weatherford,” said City Manager Sharon Hayes. “This moment is bittersweet for me and I am tremendously proud of everything we have accomplished. I am leaving the City in excellent and highly capable hands with a great team of executive leaders and staff. I would like to thank everyone in the community who has trusted me to lead the City and who has given me many opportunities throughout my career.”

Hayes and her husband Wayne have two children, Phillip, an attorney in Dallas and Tiffany, a school teacher in Weatherford ISD.

City Council will begin discussions to replace Hayes and determine next steps in the process to find a qualified successor. For news inquiries, please contact Director of Communications and Marketing Blake Rexroat at 817-598-4209 or brexroat@weatherfordtx.gov.

Editor's note: A high-res image of City Manager Sharon Hayes is attached.

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