



## **Dayton City Commission Names Tim Riordan City Manager**

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The Dayton City Commission today announced the appointment of Tim Riordan as City Manager, effective October 9. Riordan will serve in the position for an interim period until a permanent successor is named for City Manager Rashad Young, who recently accepted the City Manager position in Greensboro, N.C. The City Commission will take formal action to appoint Riordan at this evening's City Commission meeting.

Riordan has more than 30 years of public service experience in Ohio and has served in a leadership capacity on numerous national boards and organizations within the public administration field. And as a previous employee of the City of Dayton, Riordan also has extensive knowledge of the Dayton community and the City organization. He served in various capacities for the City of Dayton from 1972-1998, including Director of the Office of Management & Budget (1979-1986), Finance Director (1986-1995), Deputy Director of Aviation (1995-1998), and interim City Manager (January 1994-December 1994). Riordan also worked for the City of Cincinnati for approximately six years – from 1998 to 2004 – as Finance Director, Assistant City Manager, and Acting City Manager.

Throughout his career, Riordan has been actively involved in the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States & Canada (GFOA), even serving as the group's president at one time. Since his retirement from the City of Cincinnati in 2004, he has operated a private consulting business and serves as a trainer for GFOA.

“We are very fortunate to have Mr. Riordan join our team during this important transition period,” Mayor Rhine McLin said on behalf of fellow City Commissioners Dean Lovelace, Joey Williams, Matt Joseph and Nan Whaley. “Nationally, Tim is a well-known and highly respected public administration official, and he knows the Dayton community well. We are confident that his experience and expertise will enable us to move forward without missing a beat.”

The City Commission has agreed to begin the search for a permanent City Manager in January, after the 2010 budget is in place. A permanent City Manager is expected to be selected by next summer. Riordan has indicated he will not be a candidate for the permanent position.

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“I am excited about returning to Dayton and once again serving the Dayton community,” Riordan said. “Dayton is among many other cities facing a variety of challenges associated with the struggling economy. But Dayton also has many important development projects underway and great potential for emerging from the recession in better shape than other communities. I am excited about working with the City Commission, the City employees, and the strong network of neighborhood and business partners to continue the momentum building in Dayton.”

Riordan has been a member of the 17,000-member GFOA for many years, serving on the Board of Directors between 1991-1997 and presiding as President in 1995. He currently is Chairman of the Seasongood Good Government Foundation and has served as a member of the National Advisory Committee on State & Local Government Budgeting.

Riordan is a magna cum laude graduate of the University of Dayton and earned a Masters of Public Administration from UD. He has written numerous articles concerning public finance and management, including “Management by Unreasonable Objectives” about an award-winning management strategy.

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