

Press Statement By David Frasher

I will always be grateful for the last almost six years I spent as Oregon City's City Manager. During that period I worked with six different City Commissions and three different Mayors. My work was recognized by five consecutive outstanding performance appraisals, the most recent being in March of this year.

It was a wonderful experience and we accomplished a great deal. Most important is the Willamette Falls Legacy Project. We completed the Master Plan, developed public and private partnerships, and secured \$20 million in funding. It will include a public riverwalk in the heart of the City and will secure the City's future as a regional economic power and statewide destination, just as the Oregon Trail did for the City in its early history.

Some of the other notable achievements the elected officials, staff and I collaborated on include:

- Initiated or completed major generational projects including the Carnegie Library expansion, acquisition and funding for a new City Hall, Police, and Municipal Court campus, The Cove Development, the Jughandle transportation project, Downtown Revitalization, countless Urban Renewal projects, Ermatinger House restoration, and the End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center.
- Oversaw award-winning financial management as recognized every year by the Government Finance Officers Association. We also completely overhauled, improved, and modernized the City's Finance Department (including move to a biennial budget). Major improvements were made in the other Departments as well.
- Implemented innovative ideas generating over \$4 million in new revenues for the City and provided greater fairness and cost savings to local tax payers and businesses.
- Developed one of the most successful right-of-way management programs in the state,
- Helped improve the City's tax base and local economy through work with the Oregon City Chamber of Commerce, the Oregon City Business Alliance, Clackamas Community College, the Downtown Oregon City Association, dozens of large and small businesses, and state, local, and regional agencies and elected officials.
- Assembled, inspired, and led a truly exceptional team of talented senior and intermediate staff which increased the quality of customer service, the level of professionalism and the quality of supervision for every Department or municipal service in the City.
- Improved the image of Oregon City through greater transparency, accountability, and communication with citizens, businesses, and the media.
- Elevated City's bond rating to the highest in its history through excellent management of financial resources.
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- Improved relationships with the City's labor groups, reduced liabilities, and helped improve safety. The result was reduced insurance costs, claims, and risks.
- Created the City's first comprehensive and successful ethics program to improve the public's trust in local government.
- Specific achievements include:
 - Completed \$25 million transportation project for new highway interchange;

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- Negotiated the purchase of large site from school district and secured funding and planning for new campus to co-locate Police Dept., Municipal Court, and City Hall on a single site to better serve the public;
- Secured funding and implemented capital projects to address deferred maintenance in streets, water, and sewer services;
- Developed and implemented highly successful downtown revitalization program that dramatically improved the local economy, boosted tax base and transformed the image of Oregon City; and
- Passed a general obligation bond and initiated construction of a new library facility

It has been a great run and one I will always remember fondly. I sincerely wish Oregon City the very best and offer a warm farewell to the wonderful staff, citizens and community leaders with whom I was privileged to work.

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