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From: Fisher, Julie
Sent: Monday, November 06, 2017 4:15 PM
To: NLRDepartmentHeads
Subject: FW: Retirement Announcement

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Subject: Re: Retirement Announcement

Diane,
The Mayor requests that you please include the following as communication in the Council Agenda.

Julie,
Please forward to department heads.

Thank you!
Nathan

Statement from Mayor Joe A. Smith on Jason Carter leaving as NLR City Attorney and recommending Amy Fields as acting City Attorney

November 6, 2017

Effective November 17th, Jason Carter will transition into private practice and will no longer serve as the elected North Little Rock City Attorney. I am recommending that the City Council appoint Asst. City Attorney Amy Fields to serve as acting City Attorney for the remainder of Jason's elected term, ending December 31st, 2018.

Jason has served our city with the highest distinction and integrity for the past 10 years. His work ethic is second-to-none, his legal knowledge and counsel has been invaluable, and his successful oversight of our electric department was critical. Jason remains a great friend and trusted advisor to my administration and me personally. We are grateful for his service and wish him well as he moves into the next chapter in his life. His friends at City Hall will miss working with him.

Jason informed me many months ago that he would like to move into private practice and that he would do everything possible to aid in the transition. Jason has done an exceptional job preparing his staff and my administration for his departure.

Fortunately, NLR has an exceptionally qualified successor who is ready to take the helm of our legal department. Amy Fields has practiced law for more than 25 years, serving for 13 years the Deputy City Attorney for Little Rock. She has been serving the residents of North Little Rock as Assistant City Attorney for the past 7 months. She is prepared and enjoys the confidence and trust of Jason Carter and myself. With the approval of the City Council, her appointment will serve us well.

On Mon, Nov 6, 2017 at 12:11 PM, <JCarter@nlr.ar.gov> wrote:

Honorable Members of the North Little Rock City Council:

The purpose of this email is to advise you that I intend to retire on November 17, 2017. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as the North Little Rock City Attorney. I attempted to convey in the attached letter how much I appreciate the trust and confidence that you and the citizens of North Little Rock have placed in me. It has been an incredible experience.

Mayor Smith informed me that he intends to sponsor legislation appointing Amy Fields to replace me – a decision I fully support. Amy is an exceptionally bright and capable attorney. I know that she will serve the City with the utmost professionalism.

Sincerely,

C. Jason Carter

City Attorney

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