

## **City Appoints New Planning and Building Services Director**

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### **City Appoints Ron Bunch as Planning and Building Services Director**

The City of Lake Oswego welcomes Ron Bunch as the Planning and Building Services Department Director. Bunch returns to the City of Lake Oswego with 35 years of planning, community development and management experience. Twenty-four years of his career were with the cities of Tigard, Lake Oswego and Gresham in positions ranging from Planning Division Manager, Assistant Community Development Director and Community Development Director. Between 1991 and 2001, Bunch worked for the City of Lake Oswego managing Long Range Planning and among other things developed our Comprehensive Plan, which is currently being updated.

Bunch's appointment is for six months. The Planning and Building Services Director position has been vacant for over a year. City Manager Tom Coffee shared that, "the Planning and Building Services Department provides many services of importance to the community and the City Council. The Department needs dedicated leadership and focus and will benefit from the skills Ron brings to the position."

"I am happy to help out and guide the Department, in particular the revision of the Comprehensive Plan and developing a plan for its implementation," said Bunch of his new role. "The Department provides services of great importance to the City and interacts with the public on a daily basis. What they do is important and I look forward to working with the community, staff, City Manager and Council."

The Planning and Building Services Department is responsible for the City's planning and building efforts. Planning entails both current and long range efforts, processing land use permits and overseeing enforcement of land use, tree, sign and fence codes. Current projects in Planning include Sensitive Lands review, updating the Comprehensive Plan and the reorganization of the City Code to make it easier to read and implement. Building is responsible for the review and inspection of all building construction plans within the City.

Bunch holds a Bachelor of Arts in Landscape Architecture, Bachelor of Science in Parks and Recreation Management and a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Lewis and Clark College.

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