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H. Byron Matthews Officially Named Head of City Finance Department

City Manager David Deutsch announced today that H. Byron Matthews has been selected to replace Robert Patrick, as Director of the City of Bowie Finance Department. Mr. Matthews has worked for City since 1993, first as a staff accountant, and since 2002 as Assistant Director of the Finance Department.

After a competitive search process, Mr. Matthews was chosen to head the 9-person department. The Finance Department manages the flow of revenue and expenditures for the City, handles payroll for employees, billing for the City's Water and Sewer Service, and provides all of the financial data needed to make administrative and policy decisions.

In announcing the selection, David Deutsch said, "The Finance Director is a critical member of our organization. With Byron Matthews we know that we are getting an excellent employee. He has a proven track record, he understands our operations, and he is already heavily involved in our budgeting process. We are delighted that Byron has accepted the challenge to lead this busy and very well respected department."

Mr. Matthews has been part of a Finance Department team that for the last 36 years has received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Accounting and for 16 years has been honored by the Government Finance Officers Association with the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. Together with his predecessor Rob Patrick, he played a critical role in helping the City of Bowie achieve a AAA bond rating, one of only two cities in Maryland to earn this distinction.

H. Byron Matthews is a Certified Public Accountant, licensed in the states of Maryland and Texas. He has over twenty-five years of government finance experience, having worked for in the Maryland State Treasurer's Office, before being hired by the City of Bowie in 1993. He earned a degree in Accounting from Wilberforce University in Ohio in 1979. He has been serving as Acting Finance Director since January 2014.

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