



City of Forest Park

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**SUBJECT: DONNIE JONES APPOINTED AS NEXT CITY MANAGER
FOR FOREST PARK, OHIO**

Following the Forest Park, Ohio City Council majority vote at the council meeting of March 4, 2019, Mayor Charles H. Johnson formally announced the appointment of Donnie Jones as the next City Manager of Forest Park. Mr. Jones comes to Forest Park from the City of Huber Heights, Ohio, where he has served as the Assistant City Manager and Finance Director since 2008. The appointment is effective April 1, 2019 upon the retirement of the current City Manager, Ray Hodges, who has served as City Manager since October 1985 and will be retiring on March 31, 2019. Mr. Jones was sworn-in as City Manager by Mayor Johnson at the March 4th council meeting.

Mayor Johnson said, "City Council is extremely pleased to announce the selection of Donnie Jones as the next City Manager of the City of Forest Park. We narrowed a field of outside City Manager applicants down to three highly qualified finalists who we interviewed, and Mr. Jones has risen to the top. We are impressed with Mr. Jones' background and financial acumen as he brings a breadth of experience on similar issues and opportunities that confront the City of Forest Park. This is not about one candidate being better qualified than another as much as it is about being able to select a highly qualified person who represents the best fit for this organization to take us into the future and best represent this community with loyalty, commitment, innovation and professional creativity."

Mr. Jones is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati, a licensed Certified Public Accountant (CPA), and brings a distinguished career with over 30 years of local government and private sector experience. This combination of private sector and public sector experience has allowed him the unique ability to bring private sector solutions to public sector issues.

Mr. Jones is currently the Assistant City Manager for the City of Huber Heights, Ohio where he has served the City for the past 10+ years. His previous local government experience includes serving as Treasurer of the City of Orlando, Florida and Auditor of the City of Norwood, Ohio. His previous private sector experience includes operating a public accounting and financial advisory firm and serving as Vice President & Manager of Institutional Trust CRPS Department for The Provident Bank and Provident Financial Advisors.

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