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City of Edmonds Finance Director Roger Neumaier Resigns

(Edmonds – WA) The City’s most recently hired department director Roger Neumaier has submitted his letter of resignation to Mayor Dave Earling, effective January 31, 2014.

In his letter of resignation, Neumaier states that Edmonds is a wonderful city and the caliber of employees working for the City is outstanding. He applauds Mayor Earling for his excellent management skills and for his integrity and kindness.

However, Neumaier states that there are challenges here at the city and points to the “lack of respect”, “micromanagement” and “lack of civility” of certain Council members. He stated that he “could not have imagined a circumstance where he would be resigning at this time”, and also cited “the level of conflict and disrespect that has occurred.”

The Mayor accepted his resignation, stating that “we are very sorry to lose Roger Neumaier. Roger brought knowledge, insight, and a depth and breadth of experience that was valuable to this City.” The Mayor also reflected, “this is a serious issue, and the Council will need to challenge themselves with how to better interact with staff. I will be meeting with Council leadership to explore ways to create more effective relationships between staff and the City Council.”

The Mayor’s intent is to hire a new Finance Director as soon as possible.

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