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MAYOR BERNS REAPPOINTS CHRIS ARRIETTA AS PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

(BEACHWOOD, OHIO –June 1, 2022) – Mayor Justin Berns announces with tremendous gratitude that Chris Arrietta, the city’s Public Works Director, accepted a reappointment to this key civic position, effective June 1. This occasion follows Mr. Arrietta’s retirement date, effective May 31, based on OPERS eligibility after 32 years of public service.

“Over the past three decades, the City of Beachwood benefited by having Mr. Arrietta as a member of our Public Works team. He was originally appointed to the Public Works Director in January of 2019, and has a proven exemplary service record,” says Mayor Berns. “We are pleased that he will continue working for us as his knowledge and expertise will benefit the City moving forward.”

City Council confirmed this reappointment with a new base salary that registers at a reduced rate compared to his previous salary and is consistent with the city’s past practices. Terms of this rehiring fall within section 1.9.4 of the Administrative Salary Ordinance which permits the Mayor to rehire an employee who is eligible to and elects to retire under OPERS. Factors of consideration for rehire include whether the employee is essential to the operation of the city, whether the position requires special training and whether the re-employment benefits the city financially.

The city has several major projects, some underway and others coming in the near future, that will benefit from Mr. Arrietta’s long history and oversight, enabling a smooth transition to completion. Those include the city’s five-year sewer plan, a five-year road plan, and the completion of the major ODOT–I-271/Chagrin and Richmond corridor project.

“I’m very pleased to be in a position to be able to lead a most talented team and continue to provide exemplary service to the entire community,” states Mr. Arrietta. “We have several major projects ahead, and I intend to guarantee that they are handled in our first-class fashion. The City of Beachwood has provided me and my family with tremendous opportunities over the years and I want to thank Mayor Berns and members of city council, along with previous administrations for all of their efforts.”

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