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Colonial Heights Hires City Manager



On January 10, 2017, City Council unanimously voted to hire Douglas E. Smith as the next City Manager of Colonial Heights. Mr. Smith will fill the City Manager position left vacant by the departure of former City Manager Tom Mattis. Mr. Mattis accepted a position back in September, in the city of Elgin, Texas, to be closer to his children who live in Austin, Texas.

Mr. Smith will be coming to Colonial Heights in March from Margate, Florida, where he served as Assistant City Manager and currently serves as City Manager. Prior to his work in Margate, Mr. Smith served as Assistant City Manager for Delray Beach, Florida and Assistant Village Manager for North Palm Beach, Florida. He began his career in local government with the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia and has over twenty years of combined government experience.

“We are very excited to have Doug as part of our City team” expressed Mayor Kochuba. “He brings vast experience and knowledge at the Assistant and City Manager level”.

Mr. Smith received a Bachelor's degree in Government from Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia and a Master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Georgia in Athens, Georgia. In addition, Mr. Smith is a member of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA).

Mr. Smith is married to Lyana, and they have four children: Emily, Sarah, Johnathan, and Andrew.

The City Manager is appointed by the City Council and is the chief executive officer of the City. The position is responsible for the overall management of all departments.