



Director, Deputy Director Named for Dayton Water Department

- Michael Powell, Aaron Zonin Appointed to Leadership Positions -

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City Manager Shelley Dickstein announces the appointment of Michael Powell and Aaron Zonin to the positions of Director and Deputy Director of the Dayton Water Department, effective immediately.

As Director, Powell will be responsible for executive-level management of the Water Department's approximately 400 staff members, its \$90 million annual budget, its water, wastewater and storm water utilities, and its ongoing \$300 million capital improvements program. He has served as interim director since March of 2016 and previously served as deputy director (2012-16) and as manager of the Water Utility Field Operations Division (2012-14) and Water Distribution Division (2009-12). Prior to his career in Dayton Water, Powell worked as an engineer for the Delphi Corporation.

Powell's Water Department accomplishments include successful compliance with federal water safety regulations, management of large industrial accounts, negotiation and management of contracts and service agreements, and successful implementation of cost-reducing operations improvements.

Powell holds a B.S. in Electrical & Computer Engineering from Kettering University (Flint, MI) and an M.S. in Engineering Management from the University of Dayton. He also completed the Water & Wastewater Leadership program at the Kenan-Flager Business School of the University of North Carolina.

As Deputy Director, Aaron S. Zonin, will provide technical direction and oversight of the Department's administrative, operational, financial, and engineering aspects. He will be tasked with ensuring the timely execution of the Department's capital and asset management programs and will work closely with other City departments to plan and complete organization-wide efforts.

Zonin has served as acting deputy director since March of 2016. He joined the Water Department in 2000 as a senior engineer and has held the positions of chief

engineer and manager of the Sewer Maintenance Division. His accomplishments include providing leadership for two of the Department's critical initiatives of recent years – formation of the Water Utility Field Operations Division and implementation of a new Water and Sewer Asset Management program.

Zonin holds a B.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Pittsburgh and served in the United States Marine Corps from 1993 to 2001.

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