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Houck to Serve as Interim City Manager

Newark, DE (January 10, 2012) – Newark’s Mayor and Council voted to appoint Assistant to the City Manager Carol Houck as Interim City Manager following the retirement of Kyle Sonnenberg in late February. The decision to appoint Houck was unanimous and came as no surprise to most as Houck has served as Acting City Manager at various points in time for the better part of 14 years, filling in and conducting City business in the City Manager’s absence.

“Carol is in the best position to step into the Interim City Manager’s role and hit the ground running as she is already interacting on a daily basis with our Department Directors and plays a vital role in many of our projects and initiatives” said City Manager Kyle Sonnenberg. Further adding, “Carol has been a consistent and committed member of our management team and I have appreciated her enthusiasm and willingness to take on tough assignments.”

Houck has lived in the Newark area for twenty-two years; the last fourteen years have been in the City limits. Houck began her career with the City of Newark in 1990 in the Parks and Recreation Department and in 1997 was promoted to the City Manager’s Office as the Assistant to the City Manager handling special projects, purchasing and resident outreach. Houck says, “I welcome the opportunity to serve as Interim City Manager for the community that I call home and of which I am very proud. The Mayor and Council and I are no strangers to each other and we have enjoyed a good working relationship over the years based on open communication and trust. I am honored to be asked to step in at this point in my career and I am ready to roll up my sleeves and get to work alongside our dedicated and hard working employees.”

“Carol has performed the duties of Acting City Manager confidently and successfully when Kyle was away. I think she is more than competent to fill the interim position and I am very pleased with Council’s decision,” says Mayor Vance Funk, III.

Deputy Mayor Jerry Clifton adds, “Carol has a wealth of institutional knowledge about the City of Newark and she is a great selection to carry Newark to the next level as we go through the process of selecting a new City Manager.”

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