



PRESS RELEASE

SeaTac City Manager announces resignation after 32 years of public service

SeaTac, WA (April 25, 2024) –SeaTac City Manager Carl Cole is stepping down from his post after more than five years running the municipality of about 32,000 residents. Cole’s resignation was accepted by the Council at Tuesday night’s Regular City Council meeting.

“It’s been my great privilege to serve the City of SeaTac for the past five years and I will look back on this fondly,” said Cole.

In 2018, the Council appointed Cole to his role as City Manager after serving as SeaTac’s Police Chief. Cole began as City Manager in January of 2019 after spending 27 years at the King County Sheriff’s Office where he rose in the ranks from Deputy to Major.

“On behalf of the City Council, we extend our deep appreciation for Manager Cole’s decades of public service,” says Mayor Mohamed Egal. “We are grateful to Cole for investing his time, career and heart in SeaTac.”

During his tenure at SeaTac, Cole supported housing across the affordability spectrum including the Mercy Housing Northwest Angle Lake Family Housing with 130 new affordable, energy-efficient homes, with dedicated residences reserved for individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and the 365-unit Polaris development near the Tukwila International Boulevard Light Rail Station.

Cole ushered in an era of technological improvements including the City’s first online permitting system, a roll out of laptops to staff to keep the City running during the COVID-19 pandemic, and improvements to the City’s computer infrastructure network.

Most recently, he successfully launched a Civic Complex project that will bring local government closer to the people it serves. He has left the City in a good financial position with a solid investment policy and \$47 million in ending fund balance for 2023.

Cole submitted his resignation on March 27 and his last day in office will be May 1. Filling the interim role will be another City Manager’s Office employee, Kyle Moore, who currently serves as the Government Relations and Communications Manager.

About the City of SeaTac:

Incorporated in February 1990, the City of SeaTac is located approximately midway between the cities of Seattle and Tacoma. The City of SeaTac is 10 square miles in area and has a population of 31,740. The City is a vibrant community, economically strong, environmentally sensitive, and people oriented. The City boundaries surround the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, (approximately three-square miles in area) which is owned and operated by the Port of Seattle.*

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