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City of Edmonds Community Services and Economic Development Director Stephen Clifton departing for job opportunity with Snohomish County



(Edmonds – WA) The City’s long time Community Services and Economic Development Director Stephen Clifton has announced his resignation from the City of Edmonds.

In his letter of resignation, Clifton states “I have been offered a wonderful opportunity to serve as an Executive Director with Snohomish County and after careful consideration, have accepted the position. The Executive Director position provides direction and acts as a liaison with county departments and assists in the coordination of policy and procedure decisions.”

Clifton told Mayor Earling that he would truly miss working with him, City staff, citizens, community organizations/groups and many council members over the years. He states, “I greatly appreciate the opportunities I have been given during my time with the City, as well as your leadership, support of City staff, and openness.”

Over a 13.5 year period, Mr. Clifton was instrumental in the formation of the Edmonds Public Facilities District and Edmonds Downtown Business Improvement District. He served as the City’s project lead for the Edmonds Center for the Arts, Edmonds Crossing Multimodal Project, Sound Transit Edmonds Station, and Fire Station 16. He also helped secure funding to build Edmonds Center for the Arts and acquire Marina Beach Park and Off-Leash Area in addition to other projects and programs. More recently, he facilitated completion of the City’s Strategic Action Plan (SAP). His economic development responsibilities also included helping form the City’s Economic Development Commission and working closely with the Edmonds Chamber of Commerce, Port of Edmonds, Downtown Merchants Association and Economic Alliance of Snohomish County.

Mayor Earling accepted his resignation, stating that “Stephen has been a true asset for the City. He is a great communicator, collaborator, and a strong part of the executive team. He will definitely be missed.”

Clifton’s last day will be April 15, 2014. He assured the Mayor that he would help facilitate an effective transition.