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Raymond Hillis named Streets Department Superintendent

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – Nineteen-year veteran of the City's Planning and Engineering and Streets departments Raymond Hillis has been named Murfreesboro Streets Department Superintendent.

He will officially take over the new position as Superintendent in July, City Manager Rob Lyons announced, replacing Streets Department Director Rick Templeton, who is retiring.

"After conducting an open search for a new Street Superintendent," Murfreesboro City Manager Rob Lyons said, "I am proud to see Raymond Hillis appointed to this position."

"Raymond's work ethic, drive and vision allowed him to progress from a part-time Street Department employee to heading the Street Division of the Engineering Department," he added. "He is a "get-it-done" kind of guy and I am proud to welcome him to a new leadership position."

Because the Streets Department will be moving under the Planning and Engineering Department's umbrella, Hillis said, he will report to City Engineer Chris Griffith.

"We're thrilled to have someone the caliber of Raymond Hillis as the new Superintendent of the Street Division," Griffith said. "Raymond has proven to be a great leader during his years with the City and we look forward to seeing what he and the Street Division team can accomplish together."

"We understand the mission we are going to try and accomplish," Hillis said. "We believe combining the missions of the two departments will greatly benefit our citizens."

Department improvements, such as training and a higher level of communication have already been identified, he said. Another important improvement will be creation of three teams to concentrate on specific areas, storm drain maintenance, City infrastructure and right-of-way maintenance (mowing, etc.) .

Hillis says he is grateful for the chance to supervise the Streets Department.

"I'm so appreciative to have been given this opportunity to serve the city at this level," he said, "and to do it with such great employees."