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City of Denton Appoints New City Auditor

DENTON, TX, Jan. 16, 2018 – The Denton City Council has selected Umesh Dalal as the new City Auditor for the City of Denton. The Council approved an employment agreement at the City Council meeting on Jan. 16.

“I am honored to be selected as the City Auditor for the City of Denton,” said Mr. Dalal. “Denton is a wonderful community and I am eager to work with City Council and staff to enhance Denton’s commitment to transparency, compliance, and continuous service improvement through the auditing function.”

Mr. Dalal is a seasoned auditing professional, with extensive experience in financial and performance/operational auditing and fraud investigations. He is an avid advocate of accountability and transparency in government. His approach has made a significant positive impact in improving internal controls, efficiencies, and operational effectiveness during his previous employments with governments. He believes that the auditing function, in partnership with administration, can play a significant role in improving government processes for rendering services to taxpayers of the City. Mr. Dalal’s most recent employment was with the City of Richmond, VA, where he retired after approximately 11 years of service as the City Auditor. Prior to Richmond, he was the City Auditor for the City of Arlington, TX and the City of Tempe, AZ. He has also served in other internal auditor roles for the City of Phoenix, AZ and Maricopa County Treasury, AZ.

Mayor Watts and the City Council expressed excitement after the final selection had been made.

“The City Council is pleased to welcome Umesh to the City of Denton,” said Mayor Chris Watts. “He has the skills and background to help the City continue to emphasize accountability and transparency.”

The City Council started the selection process in October by working with Dallas-based executive recruitment firm Springsted|Waters to launch a nation-wide search for candidates. A total of 10 applicants responded. Springsted|Waters worked with the City Council to narrow the list to four finalists based on the candidate applications, resumes, and supplemental materials. The Council held interviews on Jan. 5.

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About the City Auditor Position

According to the City Charter, the City Auditor is appointed by the Council and performs auditing duties at the direction of the Council. The primary roles of the City Auditor are to evaluate financial information, internal controls, and compliance functions in an auditing nature and to work with the City Manager's Office and/or department directors to review and evaluate organization operations, performance, efficiencies, and programs. The City Auditor reports all findings to the City Council, Audit/Finance Committee, and/or the City Manager.