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New Assistant City Manager Selected for South Jordan

SOUTH JORDAN, UT— South Jordan City Manager Gary Whatcott recently selected Dustin Lewis as the new Assistant City Manager. Dustin will replace the City's Chief of Staff, Paul Cunningham, when Paul retires Feb. 28, 2017.

The selection process for the new assistant city manager position took place over a period of a few months with testing and evaluating more than 64 candidates, both internally and externally.

“The process was difficult and challenging and in the end it provided the top candidate. I am pleased for Mr. Lewis and confident he will rise to the challenge of his new position. Dustin has been an engaged leader in our organization and I am sure his ongoing contributions will help to keep South Jordan a leader in municipal governance,” said South Jordan City Manager, Gary Whatcott.

Paul Cunningham began his career with the City of South Jordan in 2006 after a long career with the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office from 1975-2004. Paul was promoted to Chief of Staff in 2014 after serving in several roles with the City including: Human Resources Director, Director of Asset Management, and Director of Government Services. He received a Master's of Economics and Human Resources from the University of Utah. Paul will retire after more than 40 years of public service.

Dustin Lewis has more than 22 years in public service. He came to South Jordan after working for the City of Centerville, Utah and the City of Blackfoot, Idaho. He served in several roles at South Jordan including: Emergency Management Coordinator, Emergency Manager, Director of Emergency and Risk Management, and most recently as Director of Administrative Services. Dustin received a Master's of Science of Emergency Management from Jacksonville State University.

The new appointment will be in effect, Jan. 1, 2017. Dustin and Paul will work together on a 60-day transition before Paul retires.

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The City of South Jordan, one of the fastest growing cities in the United States, is located 20 miles southwest of Salt Lake City, and home to more than 69,000 residents. In 2010, 2012, and 2014, South Jordan was named one of the Top 20 “Best Place to Live in America” by Money Magazine.