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CITY HIRES NEW FINANCE DIRECTOR

Bainbridge Island, Wash., (April, 2019) – City Manager Morgan Smith has appointed DeWayne Pitts as the new Finance Director.

Pitts comes to the City with more than 30 years of experience in finance. He is currently the Director of Finance for the City of Bremerton, where he has worked since 2017. Pitts has also held leadership positions with the Washington State Auditor’s Office, King County Public Health and the King County Sheriff’s Office. Pitts is a certified public accountant and certified fraud examiner.

Pitts will lead the Department of Finance and Administrative Services, which provides accounting, front desk reception, budget and financial policy and planning services to City departments, the City Council and the community.



“I’m very pleased that DeWayne will be joining our team,” said City Manager Morgan Smith. “He brings a wide range of public sector experience across many aspects of accounting and budget. Based on his leadership in other roles, I know he will continue to build on our commitments to strong financial stewardship, transparency and forward-looking financial practices.”

Pitts, a Bainbridge Island resident, graduated from the University of Washington with a degree in business administration.

“I am very excited and humbled at the opportunity to contribute my skills and experience to the community where I live,” said Pitts. “I look forward to working with City staff, Council and residents to ensure a bright and sustainable future for Bainbridge.” Pitts will start on May 30.

The Finance Director position became vacant in October 2018 when the former Finance Director Ellen Schroer was promoted to Deputy City Manager.

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