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Stearns selected for Public Utilities Director position

EUSTIS - Donald F. Stearns, P.E. has been selected for the position as Eustis' Public Utilities Director. In 2004, Mr. Stearns founded Adirondack Engineering Services, an environmental engineering firm located in Mount Dora, Florida. The firm was acquired by Hoyle, Tanner & Associates, Inc. in 2005 where he has been serving as a vice president and chief engineer. He will replace Chin Khor, who retired from City employment in December of 2007.



Mr. Stearns has over 35 years of experience as a registered Professional Engineer. Prior employment includes: Regional Engineer and Engineering Department Manager for the Florida Water Services Corporation (2000-2004); Principal Utility Engineer for Griffey Engineering, Inc. (1998-2000); self-employed Consulting Engineer (1994-1998); and numerous active duty tours as a Commander in the Civil Engineer Corps (CEC) of the U.S. Naval Reserve from 1990-1993. From 1969 to 1990, Mr. Stearns worked as an engineering project manager or principal for various firms in the New England area.

Mr. Stearns received his Master of Engineering Degree in Sanitary (water/wastewater) Engineering from Manhattan College in Bronx, New York and holds a Bachelors Degree in Civil (Environmental) Engineering from Clarkson University in Potsdam, New York. Mr. Stearns is an active member of the Florida Section American Water Works Association and a member of the Florida Water Environment Association, where he serves on the Florida Asset Management Committee. Since the 2004 hurricane season, Mr. Stearns has been a volunteer with the Lake County Medical Reserve Corps.

"We are excited at the opportunity for Don Stearns to become a member of our management team," said Paul Berg, Eustis City Manager. "His approach to customer service and working with the public is very consistent with our core values. He will be a great asset in implementing the City's Strategic Plan and leading the staff in the Public Utilities Department."

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