

FW: Media Inquiry for Forbes

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To: Jessie Fox <Jessie.Fox@openthebooks.com>;

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Good Afternoon Jessie,

The title Director of Public Works has not changed since 2006, however the job responsibilities have steadily increased since then and in early 2017 the position assumed oversight over the Public Properties Department which included several additional divisions. The merging of the departments, doubled the size of the original Public Works Department therefore a stipend was allocated for the additional responsibilities. The City did not backfill the position of the Director of Public Properties and the City Council codified the organization of the new Public Works Department in the fall of 2017.

In addition, the recently vacated position of Assistant Director of Public Works and the Director of Public Properties were not backfilled leaving many of the responsibilities to be assumed by the Director of Public Works.

The added responsibilities are in addition to reducing the Engineering staff by nearly 30% in 2009.

Lastly, we do not anticipate the current Director of Public Works to be retiring anytime soon.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Have a great day!

Alisia Lewis

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Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 12:43 PM

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Alisia,

Could you please respond to this inquiry?

Thanks,

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From: Jessie Fox [<mailto:Jessie.Fox@openthebooks.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2018 12:10 PM

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Subject: Media Inquiry for Forbes

Hi Ken,

I'm conducting research for a columnist at Forbes, looking through 2017 Illinois municipal salary data. I noticed a \$55,000 spike in your pensionable salary as the Aurora Public Works Director and City Engineer and was hoping you could provide some context. Our data shows you received a \$196,296 salary in 2016 and a \$251,870 salary in 2017. Did you receive a promotion or a title change? According to your LinkedIn page, you've held this position since 2006 -- are you planning to retire soon? Any clarity or context on the difference in 2016-2017 salaries would be greatly appreciated.

My deadline is end of business tomorrow, Wednesday (2-21). I look forward to your response. Thanks in advanced!

Best,

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