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Grandview City Administrator/Public Works Director, Cus Arteaga, Announces his Retirement After 50 Years

GRANDVIEW, WA – Cus Arteaga announced his retirement at a recent City Council meeting after working for the city for 50 years. He is serving as both the City Administrator and Public Works Director. Soon after high school graduation in 1973, Cus began working for the city as a maintenance employee and moved up the ranks to Public Works Director. In 2009, he was also promoted and added the City Administrator duties to his day-to-day responsibilities. To date, he continues to be responsible for doing both jobs.

“Mr. Arteaga will be profoundly missed at the city. It will be difficult to find someone to fill his big shoes with his years of experience, knowledge, and the many strong partnerships he has developed with local, county, and state organizations,” said Gloria Mendoza, Mayor of Grandview.

“It has been an honor to serve my home, the City of Grandview, for 50 years. I struggle with the idea of retiring, but the city is in a good place financially, economically, and with experienced department leaders. After many great years, it is time to pass the torch to a new City Administrator,” said Cus Arteaga.

Cus Arteaga recently navigated the city through COVID-19 and under his leadership, all critical systems and services continued operating smoothly. This included helping many local small businesses and organizations recover from the devastating pandemic by providing them financial grants. His management skills and experience were tested during these trying times, but he skillfully and successfully guided the city through and out of the pandemic.

The City Administrator has been instrumental in Grandview’s current growth of numerous new housing developments and new businesses locating in Grandview. The city recently adopted the slogan, ***Grandview is on the Move and Growing!*** This exemplifies the many economic development initiatives the city has recently undertaken. Grandview will be looking for someone to continue all of these tremendous efforts.

“Cus has earned the respect of his peers across the Yakima Valley and is often called upon for advice on the many facets of managing a city and maintaining its complex infrastructure. He has served the city with the highest distinction and dedication in managing the city and improving services for all our residents,” said Mayor Mendoza. “He leaves behind an unmatched legacy at the city.”

Cus’ official retirement date will be December 15, 2023. However, the city plans to begin the search immediately to find a full-time City Administrator and a full-time Public Works Director, which will allow time for Mr. Arteaga to mentor and/or train the new employees. The city’s website will soon post the recruitment & application process for both positions.