

For Council Meeting: June 4, 2007
Agenda Item: 5 (b)

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
**FROM: *Linda Norris*
LINDA NORRIS, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER**

SUBJECT: COUNCILOR WALKER'S RESIGNATION

Motion

Accept Councilor Walker's resignation from City Council as of June 1, 2007 and declare a City Council vacancy in Ward 1 as of June 2, 2007.

Discussion

The attached correspondence from Councilor Walker announces his resignation as of June 1, 2007. Councilor Walker has served on the City Council representing Ward 1 since January, 2005. His current term expires on December 31, 2008.

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May 25, 2007

Bob Wells, City Manager
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Re: Resignation from City Council

Dear Bob:

The purpose of this letter is to inform the city staff that I will be resigning my City Council Seat effective June 1, 2007. I want to thank all of the Department Heads and staff for the genuine support and kindness they have all shown me over the past 37 months since I announced I was running. You may recall that I attended nearly every council session from May of 2004 until I took office in January of 2005. The meetings preceding my taking office were both pleasurable and informative, and prepared me well for office.

I also want to express a special thanks for the staff at the City Managers/Mayors office for all of the support. I have never seen an office where the staff is so gracious and pleasant. You know they are special when they ask you what kind of dressing you want on your sandwich.

Finally, I extend a special thank you for my fellow council members and Mayor Taylor. I will never forget the debates, and at times drama, that are so much a part of serving. This is one special group of people and I have never seen so few people accomplish so much in such a short period of time. There was never a dull moment, and I think every counselor would agree that we have a special chemistry and sense of purpose. I mean that from the bottom of my heart.

My reasons for leaving the council are principally related to the health of two of my immediate family members. I am also needing to continue helping family members in New Orleans who are having continuing struggles with the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. This is a bittersweet thing for me to have to do, and while I will miss being woven into the fabric of the city, I also see this as an opportunity to spend more time with my family.

This letter would not be complete without also thanking all of those wonderful volunteer citizens and all the rest of the citizens of our proud city. I will miss the letters and phone calls asking me

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to help in solving problems or taking advantage of an opportunity to serve. The constituents have truly made my term a very special experience. I look forward to seeing them again as I will continue to live in Salem.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frank D. Walker". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Frank D. Walker
City Councilor
Ward 1