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Gregory Rose Announces Retirement as City Manager for University City

Marks the conclusion of a distinguished public service career and a transformative era for University City

UNIVERSITY CITY, Mo. – Gregory Rose, City Manager of University City, today announced his plans to retire effective February 6, 2026, concluding a distinguished 30-year public service career that includes two leadership tenures in University City, one of St. Louis County's largest and most diverse inner-ring suburbs.

As City Manager for the past eight years, Rose has guided University City through one of the most significant periods of progress in its history. Among his most notable accomplishments is the near completion of The Market at Olive, an estimated \$211 million redevelopment project that has redefined the Olive I-170 gateway into University City and expanded economic opportunity through tax revenues to benefit residents in the Third Ward and across the community.

Rose also advanced long-awaited upgrades to essential civic infrastructure, including the soon to be completed permanent headquarters for the University City Police Department, which has operated from temporary trailers for the past decade. Under his leadership, the city is also anticipating the opening of a new permanent home for the University City Municipal Court, restoring stability, efficiency and professionalism to public services that directly affect residents' daily lives.

During his tenure, Rose also led the city through three natural disasters, including two major floods and last spring's tornado, working closely with state and federal agencies to assess damage, secure assistance, and support residents and businesses throughout recovery. His steady leadership during these crises earned widespread respect and reinforced his commitment to the community's safety and resilience.

"Gregory has provided outstanding leadership, vision and tenacity as a much-admired city leader who has guided the biggest turnaround in University City's modern history," said Mayor Terry Crow. "His ability to navigate complex challenges, rally partners and deliver results has strengthened our community in lasting ways. We are grateful for his service and for the momentum he has created for our city's future."

Rose's career has been marked by a commitment to operational excellence, fiscal responsibility and inclusive community development. His leadership played a significant role in stabilizing the city's financial position, modernizing internal operations and positioning University City for continued economic growth.

"Having recently celebrated my 65th birthday, the timing is right for me to devote more time to my family and personal interests. It has been an honor to serve the residents, businesses, and

employees of University City,” Rose said. “Together we have built a foundation for long-term success, and I have full confidence that the city will continue to move forward with strength and purpose.”

The University City Council will outline the search process and announce next steps in the transition at a later date.

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About University City: *University City was incorporated on September 4, 1906, by founder Edward Gardner Lewis, as a city of learning, culture and beautiful neighborhoods. This diverse community of approximately 35,000 residents provides welcoming neighborhoods, thriving business districts and is a great place to live, learn, work and be entertained. More information is available at www.ucitymo.org.*

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