



HAINES CITY

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Honorable Mayor and City Commissioners,

The intent of this letter is to serve as my official resignation for the position in which I currently occupy as City Manager for the City of Haines City. This decision was undoubtedly one of the most difficult decisions I have ever made, but I have been afforded an excellent executive management opportunity that will allow me to expand my knowledgebase and understanding of local government in a tremendous capacity, which will help me continue to grow into an effective public administrator. I am eternally grateful for the opportunities this community has afforded me, and the challenges we have overcome have been tremendous. Specifically, I thank the elected officials, who play an incredible role in the governance and management of the organization. Your selfless service to this community sometimes goes unnoticed, but it has been my pleasure and honor to work with you and for you.

We have accomplished a lot, but none of the accomplishments that we have seen occur over the past three years would have occurred had it not been for the unwavering commitment and support from this organization's exceptional workforce and your leadership. I have worked for many government units, and the team that has been assembled here is phenomenal. I will miss this community and our workforce, but I believe that Haines City has immense potential, and I will always have a special place in my heart for the opportunity that you have given me and that shall never be forgotten.

On a personal note, I have enjoyed my opportunity to interact with our local students, and hopefully my involvement in our students' lives will pay dividends in the future. I am humbled and grateful for the opportunities to interact with so many exceptional organizations, religious institutions, government entities and local businesses. I have truly been blessed. Their support has been amazing.

As stipulated in the employment agreement between the city and myself, I am required to provide a 30-day notice in the event that I am to tender my resignation. In order to assist in the transition process, specifically the budget discussions, I am requesting that the City Commission accept my resignation with the condition that my final date of employment with the city will be July 29, 2016, at approximately 5 PM. This additional time will allow me to work with staff as well as yourselves, ensuring that all the appropriate deadlines and processes are maintained in the utmost professional fashion.

In closing, I cannot thank you enough for this opportunity and your leadership during my tenure, and I am confident that whoever is selected to serve as your next City Manager will ensure that great things continue to happen in the heart of Florida. Thank you all, and in the eloquent words of the great General Patton, "Always do more than is required of you," which I hope you believe I have done for this community.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Evans, MPA, MBA, ICMA-CM

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"Our team of professionals will provide our residents and business community with the highest quality services in a fiscally responsible manner through cooperation, strong ethical leadership with a lifelong commitment to enriching lives."