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## **Town of Summerville Welcomes Frank A. Neal, Jr. as New Director of Community and Economic Development**

**SUMMERVILLE, S.C. (Friday, June 30, 2023)** – The Town of Summerville has named Frank A. Neal, Jr., MPA, AICP, as the newly appointed Director of Community and Economic Development, effective July 3, 2023.

Neal brings a rich professional background spanning multiple roles in the public and private sectors. His broad understanding of city management, planning, and development and his proficiency in entrepreneurship and energy solutions add a distinct and valuable perspective to his new role.

In his role, Neal will be the primary contact for businesses seeking to establish or expand in the town. His responsibilities will include collaborating with property owners on annexation issues. He will also assist businesses in navigating town codes and development processes and offer guidance on economic development assistance and incentive programs.

"During a recent strategic planning session, Council listed responsible economic development as a top priority for Summerville," said Lisa Wallace, Town Administrator. "We are pleased to have someone with Frank's background in community master planning as well as large-scale project management help lead those efforts".

Neal's extensive career includes leadership roles such as CEO of The Neal Group Construction, LLC, a company he founded and managed for 13 years, and Account Executive at ABM Industries - Building Solutions, where he led the development of self-funded, eco-friendly facilities in the education and government sectors.

Neal's public sector experience spans various municipalities in Georgia. He served as Town Administrator for the Town of Thunderbolt, where he brought significant improvements to all

areas of the municipality. Additionally, Neal has held positions at the City of Statesboro. He contributed to the creation of the city's inaugural Strategic Plan and solicited public input on comprehensive planning initiatives.

Before his stint at Statesboro, Neal served as Director of Planning and Development for Grovetown, honing his land development, economic development and code enforcement skills.

Neal holds a Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree and is certified by the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP).

“I am extremely excited to join the Town of Summerville, and I look forward to working collaboratively with citizens, staff, and elected officials,” said Mr. Neal. “Together, we can create a thriving future that honors our heritage, supports our local businesses and enhances the quality of life for everyone.”

The Town of Summerville welcomes Neal as he joins the community and looks forward to his leadership in furthering the town's growth and vibrancy.

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