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**City of Port Orange Announces Interim Assistant City Manager**

**Port Orange, FL** – The City of Port Orange Interim City Manager, Alan Rosen, announced today the appointment of Susan Lovallo, the City's Parks & Recreation Director, as Interim Assistant City Manager, effective Monday, December 14, 2020.

As was previously announced, the City of Port Orange City Council selected Mr. Rosen for the Interim City Manager position after current City Manager, Michael "Jake" Johansson, tendered his resignation to the City on November 4. Mr. Johansson's last day with the City is Friday, December 11 and Mr. Rosen will take over at 5:00 pm that day until a new City Manager is appointed.

*"Susan is the longest-serving department head," said Rosen. "She brings with her significant knowledge about the inner workings of the organization and how we got to where we are. Susan is very strategic-minded and has the ability to help us move the organization where it needs to go."*

As Interim Assistant City Manager, Ms. Lovallo will oversee the City's Fire & Rescue, Parks & Recreation, Clerk, Public Utilities and Public Works departments and Mr. Rosen will be responsible for Administrative Services, Public Information, Finance, Police and Community Development departments. While Ms. Lovallo is serving in her role, Peter Ferreira, Parks & Recreation Deputy Director, will assume the role as Interim Parks & Recreation Director.

*"I am incredibly honored, and humbled to have been asked to fill this role," said Ms. Lovallo. "I've built the majority of my career in Port Orange, and I look forward to using the experience I've gained to provide continuity of leadership until a new City Manager is in place."*

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