



CITY OF ORLANDO

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MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Mayor Buddy Dyer *BD*

DATE: February 11, 2014

SUBJECT: Appointment – Chief/Director , Orlando Police Department

Chief Paul Rooney has notified me that he is retiring after more than 27 years on the force as of March 31, 2014, and I am pleased to announce that I am appointing Deputy Chief John Mina to serve as Chief of the Orlando Police Department effective April 1, 2014.

I know you will join me in thanking Chief Rooney for his remarkable and productive tenure as Police Chief, as well as I recognize the support and sacrifice of his wife, Donna, and their two daughters. He has overseen a reduction in violent crime, placed a new emphasis on officer safety and training, launched new domestic violence initiatives, enhanced outreach and support to the elderly and initiated a body camera study, among a host of accomplishments, and he made succession planning a priority.

As you know, John Mina currently serves as a Deputy Chief leading the Patrol Services Bureau, the largest bureau in the department. He joined OPD in 1990 after serving in the United States Army 82nd Airborne Division as a Military Police Officer. John served on the SWAT Team for 17 years and was the Team Commander. He has worked in a number of units in OPD rising up the ranks and served as Staff Director for former Chief Demings. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy.

I am confident John's experience and leadership will allow us to continue to provide our residents with superior service and protection. I look forward to working with Chief Mina and I appreciate your support in his new role. In addition, John looks forward to meeting with each of you prior to the February 24th Council meeting.

Confirmation of his appointment will be placed on the February 24, 2014 Council agenda. Please contact Chief Administrative Officer Byron Brooks if you have any questions on the above or desire additional information.

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