

GROVER C. ROBINSON, IV
MAYOR

MEMORANDUM

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: GROVER C. ROBINSON, IV, MAYOR

GCOR

RE: CITY ATTORNEY

DATE: December 18, 2018

President Terhaar and Members of the City Council,

It is my great pleasure to inform you that I will be appointing Susan Woolf to serve as City Attorney, and I will be seeking your consent to that appointment at the City Council's meeting on January 17, 2019. Further, this is to advise you that the current City Attorney, Lysia H. Bowling, and I have reached an agreement that effective January 11, 2019, she has accepted the position of serving as the City's Contract & Lease Counsel.

I believe you will agree that Susan is well qualified to serve as City Attorney. She is a native Pensacolian and graduated from Emory University undergraduate and Cornell Law School with a Juris Doctorate with a concentration in Public Law. She served as a law clerk to a federal appellate judge, worked in the local State Attorney's office as a prosecutor for 4 years, and was a partner in the local firm of Shell, Fleming, Davis & Menge for 9 years before joining the City Attorney's office as an Assistant City Attorney in 2008. She then became the Pensacola Police Department's General Counsel in 2011 until Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller Pam Childers appointed her as General Counsel for the Clerk of Court in 2013. In short, she has a well-rounded background and is very familiar with the City of Pensacola and its employees, departments, boards, and procedures. I expect to be working closely with Ms. Woolf in order to restructure the City Attorney's Office and reduce the reliance on outside counsel where possible.

I hope you will join me in welcoming Susan Woolf as our new City Attorney. The staff will be in contact with each of you soon to set up opportunities for you to meet with her.