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### **City of Springfield mourns the loss of former Deputy City Manager General Fred Marty**

City Manager Greg Burris and the staff of the City of Springfield express sincere condolences to the family of General Fred Marty, recently retired Deputy City Manager. City officials were notified of his passing Wednesday evening. He was diagnosed with cancer in 2012.

Marty officially retired from the City in November, 2013, after a career providing more than 50 years of public service. A public memorial service is being planned. More details will be provided later today.

Marty, a retired major general in the U.S. Army, also had served as vice president of administration at Missouri State University, chancellor of the university's West Plains campus and executive director of the Wonders of Wildlife museum.

Marty had been a part of the city's leadership team since 2010, participating in the development of plans to meet environmental standards, the direction of building development services, public works, human resources and more.

"I can think of no other person who has had a more profound impact on the City's operations than Fred Marty," said Burris. "Fred's work here will leave an indelible mark on our community for decades to come. He will be greatly missed by all of us who have come to know him as colleague, mentor and friend."

When Marty was hired, Burris asked him to improve the City's development processes and served as an 'ombudsman' to the development community."

Perhaps his biggest legacy at the City will be his work on Collaborative Community Development (CCD) - the City's philosophy for working with private developers and designers in developing the community.

"His work in this arena has improved relations with our development community greatly and improved our reputation both within and outside our city limits," Burris said.

After interviewing more than 75 local developers, architects, engineers, and contractors, he subsequently led the implementation of ePlans – the first electronic development review process in the state.

"Fred's leadership in fixing the development process at the City of Springfield has been so important to the economic growth of this community, and he has left a lasting legacy in this regard," said Jim Anderson, president, Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce.

"He was the City's ombudsman - in the truest sense of the word. He listened to the concerns of all parties, he objectively sought solutions, and he made them happen. The result of Fred's dedicated efforts is a development process that is welcoming to business and growth. We are sincerely going to miss working with Fred," said Anderson.

General Marty was born in St. Louis, MO and attended Missouri State University in Springfield, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree and participated in Army ROTC. He entered active duty in June 1963, upon being commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in Field Artillery.

While on active duty with the Army, General Marty served extensively in command and troop leadership assignments in combined arms units located throughout the world. During two tours of duty in Vietnam and four tours in Germany, he soldiered predominantly with field artillery units supporting cavalry and armored forces. General Marty commanded field artillery units at every echelon from battery through corps artillery, and directed operations of the United States Field Artillery School. In addition, he was assigned in key operations, logistics, and resource management staff leadership positions from battalion through corps level, culminating as Chief of Staff, U.S. Army Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

General Marty has commanded major military organizations and installations both in the United States and overseas. Immediately prior to his retirement from active duty following 30 years of distinguished service, he was assigned as the Commanding General of Fort Sill, Oklahoma, which under his leadership was named "The Best-Managed Installation in the Army." General Marty received the Army's highest peacetime award, the Distinguished Service Medal.

In July 1993, General Marty commenced a second career in public service as vice president for administrative services at Missouri State University. Five years later, the University's Board of Governors selected him as Chancellor of the West Plains Campus.

General Marty relocated to Springfield in 2001 to serve as executive director and oversee the opening of the new American National Fish and Wildlife Museum. Two years later, he returned to Missouri State University as associate vice president for administrative services. In 1989, General Marty was selected by Missouri State as an Outstanding Alumnus and later earned the University's prestigious Staff Excellence in Service Award, and in October 2013 was inducted into Missouri State University's Wall of Fame.

"It is with great sadness that I learned of Fred Marty's passing. I know he touched many, many lives in our community and in the world. He leaves a legacy of public service with huge successes in each field—military, higher education, and most recently, local government. We send our love and sympathy to Fred's family and to his extended families in the U.S. Army, at Missouri State University and at the City of Springfield. Fred was a leader and one we cannot forget," said Mayor Bob Stephens.

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