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Deputy City Manager Fred Marty announces retirement from public service after 50 years



Following 50 years of public service, [General Fred F. Marty](#) has decided to resign from the City of Springfield, effective immediately, due to health reasons.

In his capacity as deputy city manager, Marty has been a key and integral part of the City's leadership team since 2010, participating in the development of the City's ground-breaking Integrated Plan proposal for meeting environmental standards; helping lead the organization through an Oracle system upgrade – City Re-Link; and providing direction to the building development services, public works, human resources, planning and development, environmental services, and information services departments.

City Manager Greg Burris and Assistant City Manager Collin Quigley will divide General Marty's duties during an interim period. Recruitment for his replacement will begin soon.

"I can think of no other person who has had a more profound impact on the City's operations than Fred Marty," said City Manager Greg Burris. "When he was hired, I asked him to improve the City's development processes and serve 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 is the City's ombudsman - in the truest sense of the word. He listens to the concerns of all parties, he objectively seeks solutions, and he makes 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. We thank him for all that he has contributed to this community and our nation over so many years in public service. We wish nothing but the best for Fred and Marty."

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 has 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 has been 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 is a recipient of 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.

Following his retirement from the University in March 2006, General Marty was employed as executive director for the Generations Sports Complex, an 80-acre sports and family recreation enclave being developed near Williamsport, Pennsylvania. In January 2007, he was chosen by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Lycoming to become the director of administration and chief clerk for the county government.

Over the past 15 years, General Marty has served almost continuously on public boards, including the Springfield Board of Public Utilities, the Missouri Department of Transportation Long-Range Planning Task Force, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, the United States Soldiers' and Airmen's Home, the chambers of commerce for Lawton-Fort Sill (OK) and for Springfield (MO), the Springfield Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Committee, the Springfield Urban Districts Alliance and the Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Foundation. In August 2012, he was invited to serve as a member of the Mercy Health Foundation Board of Directors in Springfield.

General Marty and his wife, Marty, have two sons who each graduated from the University of Notre Dame and were commissioned as Army field artillery officers. Presently, Patrick is a private real estate developer in Williamsport, PA; Michael is the chief of staff for a national service provider firm in Boston. The Martys have five grandchildren: Devin, Morgan, Teagan, Kyla and Ryan.

"On behalf of all City of Springfield employees, I want to thank Fred for his work and remind him that the work he has done here will leave an indelible mark on our community for decades to come," Burris said. "He will be greatly missed by all of us who have come to know him as colleague, mentor and friend."

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