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Healy appoints Service Director Warren Price as Chief of Staff

CANTON, Ohio – Mayor William Healy announced Monday that Service Director Warren Price has been appointed as Chief of Staff in the Canton mayor’s administration effective immediately. Price, 37, joined the Healy administration in January 2009 as Service Director after practicing law in the private and government sectors. In a letter informing Price of his appointment, Healy expressed confidence in Price’s ability to perform well in the position.

“Over the past 12 months you have consistently demonstrated excellent judgment and superior ability in the position of Director of Public Service,” Healy wrote. “Your attention to detail and exceptional knowledge regarding a wide variety of city issues gives me confidence that you will perform well in this new position, and I look forward to working even more closely with you in the future as we continue serving the best interests of the people of Canton.”

Due to city budget constraints, Price will not receive additional compensation for the extra responsibility incumbent upon his new position. However, Healy pledged to work to “remedy the situation as soon as our budget permits” in his letter informing Price of his appointment.

“Warren is worth far more than we can currently pay him right now,” Healy said. “That said, we cannot justify handing out a pay raise during these tough economic times when so many of our employees are making sacrifices. As soon as our economy improves and the city’s financial situation gets better, I fully intend to match his compensation level to his many new responsibilities.”

Price will assume chief of staff duties in addition to his responsibilities as Service Director, a position he will continue to occupy in accordance with Ohio law. Statutory cities (cities not controlled by a local charter) must employ a Service Director and Safety Director as members of the administration’s Board of Control.

“I am honored by the Mayor’s decision to appoint me to this important position,” Price said. “We have much work to do, and I appreciate the Mayor’s faith in my ability to get the job done. I hope to live up to the Mayor’s high expectations in my new role as chief of staff.”

Price earns \$70,000 as Service Director and will not receive a pay raise in his new position. As a fiduciary employee of the mayor, Price is also continuing to take a 5% unpaid furlough each pay period until the city’s financial situation improves.

In addition to supervising all departments under the Office of Public Service, Price will now oversee all other departments under the mayor’s administration in an executive role as chief of staff.

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Mr. Warren Price
Director of Public Service
City of Canton, Ohio
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RE: Chief of Staff position

Dear Mr. Price:

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that – effective immediately – I am promoting you to the position of Chief of Staff in my administration. Congratulations!

Over the past 12 months you have consistently demonstrated excellent judgment and superior ability in the position of Director of Public Service. Your attention to detail and exceptional knowledge regarding a wide variety of city issues gives me confidence that you will perform well in this new position, and I look forward to working even more closely with you in the future as we continue serving the best interests of the people of Canton.

Unfortunately, given the City's current financial situation, I am unable to offer you additional compensation at this time for the additional responsibilities you will inherit as Chief of Staff. Please accept this as my solemn oath that I will work tirelessly to remedy the situation as soon as our budget permits.

While we have discussed your new responsibilities in great detail prior to this appointment's becoming official, I ask that you do not hesitate to discuss them further with me at any time should you have questions. Again, congratulations!

Warmest regards,

WILLIAM J. HEALY II
Mayor

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