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U. City hires Deputy City Manager *Janet Watson to assume expanded position Public invited to a reception on January 31*

UNIVERSITY CITY (January 4, 2007): City Manager Julie Feier announced today the appointment of Deputy City Manager Janet K. Watson who will report to her new position on January 31. Watson's position oversees several administrative departments.



Watson brings eleven years administrative experience in local government and seven years experience at the state level. For the last ten years, she was Assistant City Manager for Webster Groves. Prior to that, Watson held administrative finance positions with the St. Louis County Department of Human Services, the State Department of Social Services and the State Department of Revenue.

"This is an exciting time to be a part of University City's future," said Watson. "I like where it's headed. Last year's Centennial Celebration was a great way to appreciate U. City's history. Even more important, however, is the community involvement of the Second Century Commission, which decides its long term vision."

In her role as Deputy City Manager, Watson will also serve as the Director of Finance. More than 50 highly qualified applicants sought the new and expanded position which oversees the City's Finance, Information Technology, Public Relations and Municipal Courts functions.

"I am thrilled to have Janet joining our executive team; she brings a wealth of experience and talent to this critical position. Her insight and leadership will be a valuable asset for all City Departments," said City Manager Julie Feier.

Watson received her bachelor's degree in business administration (with an emphasis on accounting and finance) from Columbia College in Columbia, Missouri. She is currently working towards a master's degree in public policy administration at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Watson is a Certified Public Accountant and a credentialed manager candidate with the International City/County Management Association. She and her husband David have five children ages 13 to 23.

A public reception will be held for Janet Watson 4:30-6pm Wednesday, January 31 in the City Hall rotunda, 6801 Delmar.

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