



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Council

From: Spencer Cronk, City Manager *sc*

Date: February 12, 2021

Subject: Austin Police Chief Brian Manley retires after 30 years of City service

Please join me in congratulating Chief Brian Manley on his retirement after 30 years of service with the City of Austin. Chief Manley's retirement takes effect on March 28, 2021.

Chief Manley is a native Austinite who graduated from Johnston High School, now known as Eastside Memorial. He attended the University of Texas and received his undergraduate degree in finance and a Master of Science in Organizational Leadership and Ethics from St. Edward's University.

Chief Manley served his entire 30-year law enforcement career with the Austin Police Department and rose through the ranks, starting as a Patrol Officer in 1991. He served as a detective and sergeant in the Child Abuse Unit and then was promoted to Lieutenant in 2001 in the Traffic Enforcement Division. In 2005, Brian was promoted to Commander. As Commander, he oversaw multiple units including Internal Affairs, Special Operations, and Recruiting and Training. In 2012, he was promoted to Assistant Chief and served as the executive liaison to the City Manager's Office and City Council, and then served as APD's Chief of Staff starting in January 2015. In 2016, Brian became the Interim Police Chief and then I appointed him to be Austin's Police Chief in 2018.

During his tenure as Austin's Police Chief, Brian has maintained Austin's ranking as the 11th safest large city in the United States while overseeing nearly 2,700 sworn and civilian personnel and a \$422 million budget. He led the 2018 investigation of the Austin Serial Bombings overseeing the joint operations of APD, FBI, ATF and other state and local partners. Chief Manley implemented the Department's Body Worn Camera program and oversaw the restructuring of the APD DNA lab. He implemented the department's first Community Policing policy, and in 2019, he was recognized by *Fortune* magazine as one of the 50 World's Greatest Leaders.

I want to thank Chief Manley for his leadership and service to the City of Austin. He has been a dedicated public servant to this community for three decades and has proudly led the men and

women of our police department during incredibly challenging times. I know you will all join me in wishing him well on his retirement and future endeavors.

I will immediately start to conduct a national search for our next Chief and look forward to an extensive engagement with our Austin community in that process. In the meantime, I will appoint an Interim Police Chief for Council confirmation early next month.

cc: CMO Executive Team
Brian Manley, Chief, Austin Police Department
COA Department Directors/Officers
COA Assistant Directors/Officers