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**AARON COLLETT APPOINTED CITY ENGINEER  
FOR THE CITY OF NEWPORT**

City Manager, Spencer Nebel, announced the appointment of Aaron Collett as City Engineer for the City of Newport, Oregon. Aaron brings more than two decades of diverse experiences, in both public and private settings as an engineer, to the City of Newport. The hiring follows a national search for recruiting and evaluating candidates for this position. Aaron currently works for Oregon State University as the Infrastructure Project Manager, and has previously worked for Civil West Engineering, the City of Bend, the City of Springfield Public Works, and CH2M Hill. Aaron received his bachelor's degree in Environmental Engineering from Oregon State University, and a master's degree in Civil Engineering from Oregon State University. He is a licensed civil engineer.

Previously, the positions of City Engineer and Public Works Director were combined. As part of the City's new organizational structure, the City Engineer will report directly to the City Manager. By separating these positions, it provides for greater focus on engineering and project implementation, and on public works operations, which falls under the direction of the Public Works Director.

Collett stated, "I am looking forward to having the opportunity to serve as City Engineer for the community that I have resided in for the past six years. I am excited to be able to be in a job that can truly shape the future of Newport."

During this past year, Chris Janigo has been Acting City Engineer. Nebel reported that he "greatly appreciates the role and effort Chris made in moving projects forward during this time. Chris will continue to be a valuable member of the Engineering Department as part of the engineering team with Aaron."

Nebel, indicated “Aaron will bring a new perspective to the Engineering Department. He has a strong history of working collaboratively through various issues to achieve desirable results for all parties. He has had the added experience of being appointed to fill a vacancy on the City Council over the past 15 months. This experience will be very beneficial in synthesizing Council policies with the design moving forward in various infrastructure projects to benefit the community.”

Aaron will begin his duties as City Engineer on October 11, 2021.



Photo provided by Aaron Collett

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