



City manager names new finance director

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City Manager Shelley Dickstein has named Robbi D. Stivers as director of the Department of Finance for the City of Dayton, effective Oct. 4, 2021.

The director of finance serves as the chief financial officer of the City of Dayton, oversees the collection, disbursement, accounting, and reporting of all revenue and expenditures, and manages debt and investment portfolios.

Mr. Stivers is an experienced public and private sector finance professional who comes to Dayton from Knoxville, Tennessee. His executive-level leadership of strategic financial initiatives, management of multi-billion-dollar budgets, and leadership of organizational change will benefit the City and its financial operations. He has demonstrated expertise in financial research and analysis, budgeting, contracting, project management, and operations management.



Stivers has over 20 years of finance administration experience in higher education and 13 years in the private financial services industry. As chief financial officer of Palm Beach State College (Florida) and California State University, Stivers demonstrated expertise in financial research and analysis, budgeting, contracting, project management, and operations management. As the executive director of the University of Tennessee state-wide system, he held responsibilities for capital projects, facilities planning, and implementing a \$2.4 billion budget.

“After an extensive interviewing and vetting process, I am confident that Robbi Stivers possesses the cumulative career experiences and defined contemporary knowledge, skills, and abilities in public finance and administration to successfully lead and serve as Dayton’s director of finance now and into the future. He is a collaborative and reliable leader, and we are very pleased that he will join the City’s executive team,” Dickstein said.

Stivers earned an M.A. in Organizational Management from Tusculum University in Greeneville, Tennessee, and a B.S. in Applied Science from Tennessee Wesleyan University in Athens, Tennessee. He is scheduled to receive the Certified Government Financial Manager certificate by the end of 2021 from the Association of Government Accountants.

Stivers fills the finance director position vacated by C. LaShea Lofton, who was promoted to

Deputy City Manager in July of 2020 and continued to serve as acting finance director.

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