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**NEWS RELEASE**  
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**West University Place Appoints Michael Leech to Lead the Public Works Department**

WEST UNIVERSITY PLACE, TX – At its June 23 regular meeting, the West University Place City Council approved the City Manager’s appointment of Michael Leech to the position of Public Works Director. Leech officially assumes the role on July 21.

After completing a nationwide search, Leech was selected as the top candidate for the position. He comes with over 20 years of experience in municipal public works operations, with a history of leading and managing teams in development services, streets and drainage, wastewater treatment, traffic operations, fleet management, and capital projects.

During his appointment, Leech expressed enthusiasm about the opportunity and stated, “I look forward to working with the council, citizens, and staff.”

Most recently, as the Assistant Director of Public Works for the City of Baytown Capital Improvement Program, Leech led the development of Baytown’s \$500M capital improvement plan, working closely with engineers, county partners, project development stakeholders, the city council, and various boards and commissions.

As the West University Place Director of Public Works, Leech will provide leadership and management to all facets of departmental operations, including major capital projects.

“We’re excited to welcome Michael to our team,” said City Manager Dave Beach. “His range of leadership experience in various aspects of Public Works operations makes him an ideal candidate to lead the department. I look forward to working with him to continue enhancing West U’s infrastructure and services.”

Michael Leech succeeds Danny Cameron, who retired on January 17, 2025.

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