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City of Gulf Breeze Announces Jeff Huggins, P.E. as New Public Works Director

The City of Gulf Breeze is pleased to announce the promotion of Jeff Huggins, P.E., to Director of Public Works, effective immediately. In this role, Huggins will oversee the City's Public Works operations and play a central role in advancing the strategic initiatives set forth by the Mayor and City Council.

City Manager Samantha Abell praised the appointment, noting both Huggins' leadership and alignment with the City's long-term vision:

"Jeff joins a strong leadership team alongside Assistant Public Works Director Clifton Wells. Jeff is a lifelong Gulf Breeze resident who shares a deep commitment to raising future generations in a sustainable, resilient community. Jeff is a natural fit for this role and a valuable addition to our executive management team."

Huggins joined the City of Gulf Breeze in July 2025 as Development Services Manager. With more than 15 years of professional engineering experience at Baskerville-Donovan, Inc., Jeff was already a trusted and familiar face to city staff and residents. In his new role, he will lead both ongoing and future infrastructure projects that support the Mayor and Council's priorities, including sustainable growth, infrastructure resiliency, operational efficiency, and long-range capital planning. He is responsible for implementing an annual spending plan averaging \$100 million, providing an array of utility services across the region.

Huggins brings extensive technical expertise, strategic insight, and a collaborative leadership style. His background uniquely positions him to strengthen coordination across departments and ensure Public Works initiatives are aligned with the City's broader goals.

"I'm honored by the opportunity to serve the City of Gulf Breeze in this new capacity," said Huggins. *"I look forward to working with our talented Public Works team and City leadership to deliver high-quality services and infrastructure that support the community's vision for the future."*

The City looks forward to Jeff Huggins' leadership as he continues to help move Gulf Breeze forward in support of the Mayor and Council's strategic direction.