

For those here tonight and those watching this city council meeting at home, I would like to make an announcement, I have spent the last 26 years actively involved and have held every volunteer committee position as chairman of Parks, Planning, the last 4 Comprehensive plan rewrites. I was elected to be a city council member for 2 years, then, when elected as your Mayor in my first 4 year term I was appointed to work as the city of Oak Grove's Interim City administrator, a special thanks to Council member Mike Wylie, for making that motion that showed me you had faith in my abilities to manage the city staff at the very beginning of my first Mayor term. I have worked as your Mayor now for the last 8 years with a loud outspoken voice, bringing positive changes and conservatism, with promises of smaller government operations, lower taxes and a never ending mission to take our city back from an out of touch, over bearing Met Council. As Mayor I shared my knowledge of what I've learned throughout these years bringing problem solving, management and business expertise from the private sector. We lead the city with those focused business values, allowing the city operations to function always, focused on "Best operational and cost values for the needed services"

I viewed my position of Mayor to be a job that would focus on correcting government operations, standing up and making the tough decisions to right size the staff, the benefits, the budgets and make Oak Grove Great again. That brings me to this.....

I have made the very difficult decision not to run for a third term as your Mayor. My last official day as your Mayor will be December 31st, 2018. There have been many previous Mayors and council members and will be many more after me, however, the changes that we ALL have made in our city operations over the last 10 years have been monumental and unmatched. I want to thank a past city administrator Rick Juba, the current city administrator Loren Wickham, ALL of the current city staff, The Sherriff's department staff, our Liaison officers, and yes even Lieutenant Erickson.... Except Sherriff James Stuart....

Just kidding Sherriff..... I'd also like to thank all of our devoted firefighters that serve this city with their selfless dedication.

I need to reach out and personally thank Council member Scott LAURENCE and Council member DAN DENNO for their significant personal support, due diligence, guidance and conservative direction, working together seamlessly from the beginning of my election persistently towards the success of our financial stability, the levy reductions, land use guidance and positive operational policy changes.

And above all else, thanks so much to ALL the Oak Grove residents, for those that I've come to know, for those that supported me and for the opportunity to lead our community, creating a solid foundation for future council members to build on.....

Please let the following words guide your leadership going forward..

Keep my taxes low, never allow government to take away our personal freedoms and remember, government works for us, not the other way around. May God bless Oak Grove to continue to be a great place to live!

Thank you,

Mayor Mark Korin August 27th, 2018