



CORE VALUES

EMPATHY

OPTIMISM

INTEGRITY

INNOVATION

ADAPTABILITY

INITIATIVE

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How long have you worked for the city:

Five years.

What do you do:

I have the honor of leading a dedicated team of professionals in Planning and Zoning, Building Safety, and Code Compliance. We work very closely with other departments and with appointed and elected officials in order to help create and build a city that leads to prosperity, pride, and quality.

Where did you work before this position:

I am from Alabama and worked most recently for a super-regional engineering firm as the Director of Planning. I worked all throughout the southeast helping cities with plans, grants, and infrastructure projects. It was a great experience having the ability to work in 10 different states.

Favorite thing about working for the city:

The opportunities are endless. There is so much to do and so many good things in the city's future. We are so fortunate to get to play a part in making it a reality as a team by solving problems together.

Favorite core value:

Integrity. It shapes you as a person, a parent, and a spouse. Doing the right thing instills character and leads to long term success and fulfillment.

What's your advice for someone looking to enter your field of work:

Be adaptable. Staff plays an essential part in building the city, yet the final decisions rest with appointed and elected officials. We are there to provide support, assistance, and fulfill the goals set. Every single person you interact with is a customer and you have an opportunity to make a positive difference with every single interaction, so don't squander it.



Fast Facts

Favorite restaurant:

Galatoire's in New Orleans – best turtle soup you will ever have. I used to go there every other month.

Nothing better. Nothing. Although Antoine's is a close second – get the escargot a la bordelaise, followed by the Pompano. Of course, then walk on down to the Café Du Monde for some beignets and café au lait. You will have a very memorable night.

Dream vacation:

Spending a couple of weeks at Lake Como, Italy with my family.

Favorite sports team:

Auburn Tigers Football. WAR EAGLE!