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MEMORANDUM

Office of City Manager

DATE: **July 22, 2015**

TO: **City Commission**

FROM: **Joseph A. Valentine, City Manager**

SUBJECT: **Appointment of John Connaughton as Fire Chief**

Following Fire Chief Mike Metz's retirement on July 17, 2015, Assistant Chief John Connaughton was officially designated as Interim Fire Chief.

During this time a selection process for the position of Fire Chief, for which only John Connaughton met the requirements and applied, has taken place.

You may recall that the City Charter calls for the Fire Chief to be appointed by the City Manager with the advice and consent of the City Commission.

John Connaughton has served the Birmingham Fire Department for over 34 years. For the past 6 ½ years he has held the position of Assistant Fire Chief – Operations. Prior to that, he held EMS Coordinator and Fire Lieutenant positions. Connaughton's most notable educational achievements include:

- State of MI Instructor Coordinator Licensure,
- Completion of the EMU Fire Staff and Command School, and
- Bachelor of Science Degree in Public Safety from Siena Heights University.

I am pleased to appoint John Connaughton to the position of Fire Chief.

Suggested Action: To confirm the Manager's appointment of Assistant Fire Chief John Connaughton as Fire Chief, and direct the Clerk to administer the oath of office to Chief Connaughton.