

## WHERE WE STARTED. WHERE WE TRAVELED. WHERE WE ARE GOING.

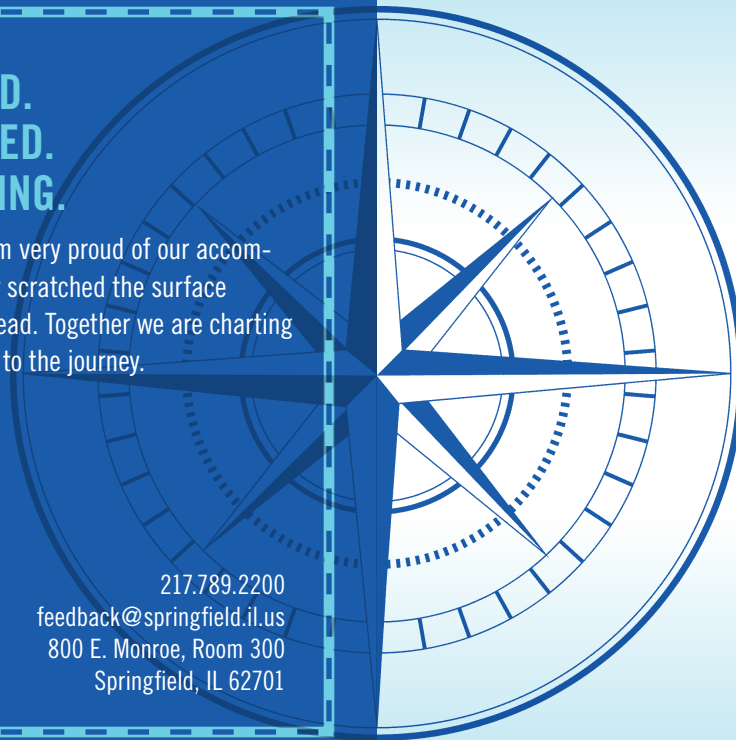
Nearly one year in office, and I am very proud of our accomplishments. I understand we only scratched the surface and there is still a lot of work ahead. Together we are charting a new course, and I look forward to the journey.



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### WHERE WE STARTED

Looking back, some of the challenges facing the City included:

- Stabilizing CWLP
- Infrastructure
- Railroad relocation
- Pensions
- Long-term planning
- New Administration and City Council
- Technology
- Responsive government
- Accountability
- Race relations
- Economic Development
- Rebuilding the Inner Core

### WHERE WE TRAVELED

As Mayor, I worked with our City Council and community partners in advancing Springfield and doing what is Best for our City including:

- Improved City Water, Light & Power's Financial Outlook
  - > Rate restructuring
  - > Bond refinancing
  - > Improved bond rating
  - > Coal contract renegotiated
- Railroad Relocation to Tenth Street
  - > Written financial commitment by the State, City and County
  - > Community Resource Office opened
- Diversity Outreach
  - > Expanded City-wide diversity training
  - > Second review process for hiring
  - > Employment Open Houses
- Re-affirmation of Hunter Lake
- Eliminated IMRF Pension Spike
- Community Involvement
  - > Community Police Chief Forums
  - > Strategic Ward Forums
  - > Pension Summit
  - > Expanded use of Channel 18 and social media to promote the community
- Economic Development
  - > Micro-loan program for small businesses
  - > Economic Development Commission established
  - > Updating 2003 Comprehensive Plan
- Public Works
  - > Enhanced snow removal plan
  - > Issued \$32 million infrastructure bond

### WHERE WE ARE GOING

Over the next 12 months, we must work together towards making Springfield the model City educationally, economically, and recreationally including:

- Economic Development
  - > North Mansion Block redevelopment
  - > Downtown TIF extended
  - > Downtown Wi-Fi
  - > Adaptive Reuse Ordinance
  - > Consistent and fair inspection and permitting process
  - > Coordinate target employment sector strategy with Economic Development and Convention and Visitors Bureau
- Police Body Cameras
- Annexing in City owned lake properties and holes in the donut
- Residency requirement for City employees
- Simplifying the FOIA process
- Communication
  - > Mobile Optimized Website
  - > City Text Alerts
  - > Online Streaming of Channel 18
- Stronger partnership with the educational community

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shall not perish from the Earth.”

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