



**CITY OF HOWELL
MEMORANDUM**

TO: MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL
FROM: ERVIN J SUIDA, CITY MANAGER
DATE: APRIL 16, 2024
RE: POLICE CHIEF RETIREMENT / APPOINTMENT

With both sorrow and excitement, I present a letter of retirement from Police Chief Scott Mannor. Chief Mannor has worked for the City of Howell since 1999; he was promoted to Sergeant in 2005, Deputy Chief in 2014, and Chief of Police in 2020. Chief Mannor, over his 25 years, has been an incredible asset to this community with his unique style and methods that have helped shape the next generation of leaders in the police department. He leaves behind him a legacy and a department from which the City of Howell will benefit for many years. Part of that legacy is the creation of a department of highly professional and dedicated officers prepared to continue the pursuit of excellence.

We are fortunate to have a department ready to move forward upon his departure, and I am prepared to appoint Deputy Chief Mike Dunn to the position of Police Chief with an effective date of May 1, 2024. Deputy Chief Dunn was hired as a full-time officer for the City of Howell in 2007, was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2016, and became the Deputy Chief in 2020. Deputy Chief Dunn, with his vast and unique experiences as a US Marine, a veteran Howell Police Officer, an FBI National Academy graduate, and a Certified Tourism Ambassador, makes him the perfect candidate. His continued involvement in the community, solid ethical morals, professional accolades, and ability to lead are testaments to his dedication. Additionally, through succession planning, our Accreditation Manager, former Howell Police Sergeant Matthew Kelleher, will be taking over the role of Deputy Chief on May 1, 2024, and upon confirmation of the appointment of Deputy Chief Dunn to Police Chief. The accreditation manager position will not be filled.

I firmly believe that we should recognize and reward our Police Officers who consistently demonstrate excellence in their service. I am thrilled to have a fully staffed department with a Chief who is equally enthusiastic and ready to lead us to new heights. Given Deputy Chief Dunn's qualifications, experience, and dedication to our community, I see no need to search for outside applicants. Therefore, I strongly recommend that the Mayor and Council confirm my appointment of Deputy Chief Mike Dunn as the Howell Police Chief, effective May 1, 2024.