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Mayor Pavia Announces Interim Directors

**Ernie Orgera, Interim Director of Operations,
Peter Privitera, Interim Director of Administration**

Stamford – December 2, 2009 – Mayor Mike Pavia announced today that Ernie Orgera, the City's supervisor of traffic, road maintenance, parking and special events will be the interim director of operations, and Peter Privitera, the City's current director of the Office of Policy and Management, is appointed interim director of administration. "I asked these two senior employees to step in and help assure a smooth transition within their vital functions," Mayor Pavia said. "Their comprehensive knowledge and wisdom within their respective departments will prove valuable in achieving a seamless transition into our permanent organization."

Orgera brings 19 years of varied city operations experience and 20 years of experience as a Stamford police officer to the new administration. He has continually progressed and acquired added responsibilities and experience in critical roles in the City's Operations Department. "We're focused on providing continuity in city services without a hitch – in a user-friendly environment," Orgera said. The director of operations' responsibilities encompass a broad range of functions including: solid waste collection and disposal; management of City vehicles and municipal buildings; management of the sewer system and sewage treatment; traffic; road maintenance; leaves and snow removal; parks and recreation; parking; planning; zoning and environmental protection. "The immediate priorities include the resolution of the contamination problem in the Scofield Town Rd. area, developing the 2010 budget and providing excellent customer service for all city services," Orgera said.

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As for the interim director of administration Privitera will be responsible for overseeing assessment and taxation; the community development office; and controllers office; finance; the grants office; policy and management; purchasing; risk management and technology management. Privitera's extensive experience in these areas includes seven years managing Stamford's Office of Policy and Management, and 22 years of similar experience with the city of Hartford. "Knowing the key players, processes and time tables should help us make the new administration's transition seamless and productive. The most immediate task at hand is to prepare the 2010 budget within Mayor Pavia's guidelines," Privitera said. In addition to 29 years of practical experience that Privitera offers, he also a Bachelor of Arts, and Master of Arts degree in Public Administration from Hartford University.

Stamford's director of legal affairs Michael Larobina says, "Both of these employees have a long history of service to the city and their extensive knowledge enable us to make an expanded search (for candidates) while assuring stability in our city government."

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