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City Planner Named

Harrisonburg, Va. – The city’s Department of Planning and Community Development announces the recent hire of the city planner.

Thanh Dang will begin her new role with the city on Monday, June 6 but is no stranger to Harrisonburg.

She has worked with the Public Works Department for the past 10 years, her latest role as the transportation and environmental planning manager. Prior to joining Public Works, Dang graduated from James Madison University and volunteered with AmeriCorps. She was also the recipient of James Madison University’s 2012 Public Servant of the Year Award and of the 2014 Governor’s Safety Award for the bicycle and pedestrian safety category.

“We are excited to have Thanh as the newest member of our department’s team,” said Adam Fletcher, director of Planning and Community Development. “Her previous roles have prepared her for this job and her knowledge of the operations of the city will prove to be beneficial in working to plan the city’s future.”

Dang will be responsible for updating and maintaining the city’s comprehensive plan; drafting regulations; providing recommendations regarding development concepts; coordinating staff reviews of rezoning, subdivisions, special use permits, and other development matters; and overseeing the Planning and Zoning Division.

A total of 64 applications were received for this position, which was left vacant by Adam Fletcher, who was named director of the department in December 2015.

The Department of Planning and Community Development is home to 25 employees and divided into three divisions: building inspections, engineering, and planning and zoning. In addition to managing the day to day operations, the department serves as a liaison between Harrisonburg’s Planning Commission and staff and city council.

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