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Andres "Andy" A. Alvarez Retires After Nearly Three Decades

After nearly 30 years of dedicated public service, Sanitation Director Andres "Andy" A. Alvarez has retired, marking the end of a remarkable career with the City of Truth or Consequences. Andy began his city service in 1997, as a General Laborer in the Solid Waste Department before transferring to Fleet Services in 1998. In 2004, he joined the Police Department as a Police Officer, further demonstrating his commitment to serving the community. After a brief period away, Andy returned to the City in 2006 and resumed his work in sanitation, where he eventually rose to lead the department. Throughout his career, Andy's versatility, leadership, and dedication helped keep essential city services running smoothly. The City extends its sincere gratitude for his many years of service and wishes him a well-earned and enjoyable retirement.

City Tests New Tool for Stronger, Longer-Lasting Streets



On October 13, the City's Public Works Department conducted a field test of an Asphalt Zipper full-depth reclamation machine on 2nd Street between Gold and Silver. Representatives from Fort Worth, Texas joined the demonstration, which showed how the equipment pulverizes existing asphalt and blends it into the underlying base, addressing the root causes of potholes, cracking, and rutting rather than simply treating the surface. Full-depth reclamation produces a stable, reconstructed base using the road's own recycled material, reducing hauling, lowering fuel use, and creating repairs that last much longer than traditional patching or overlays.

Public Works Director Bo Easley noted that adopting this process would allow the City to perform all street-prep work in-house, contracting out only the final paving. This shift would reduce project costs and allow the City to stretch its budget across more streets each year. The successful test is part of the City's ongoing effort to evaluate practical, cost-effective tools that support long-term street maintenance and improve roadway conditions.