



Meet Your City Council: City Council Member David Fashant

Please share a brief description of your professional background (in public or private service):

I retired in 2019 after a 40-year career with Fairview Health Services as a Regional Director of Facilities responsible for Fairview Southdale Hospital in Edina and Fairview Ridges Hospital in Burnsville. This role encompassed all aspects of facility operations including regulatory compliance, safety, security, biomedical engineering, emergency management, new construction and budgeting. I have also served in Dayton on the Public Safety Commission, and until recently as the chair of the Parks Commission.

What drew you to serve on City Council?

My career has been dedicated to community service, working in hospitals for over 40 years through constant change. From somber emergencies to astounding medical advancements, a healthcare team is successful because of steadfast planning and dedication of a team of people who commit their time and talent to serving the community. I feel it was a calling to work in healthcare, and I view public service in a similar way. I believe that I have the right blend of experience and skills to serve the City of Dayton reliably and selflessly. I am an effective team player, dedicated to understanding diverse interests and viewpoints to achieve the best outcomes for Dayton.

Which City matters are your most passionate about?

Growth: Residential development has really gotten ahead of what was planned. The comprehensive plan anticipates 120 homes to be built per year but this year it will likely be over 400. This has strained the City's infrastructure for basic needs such as water. Growth in Dayton is inevitable but I think we need to do a lot more to manage the rate. Commercial development is starting to take off with the opening of the interchange and ultimately this is what will help us drive property taxes down.

Parks: I am passionate about parks and trails and feel we need to continue to invest in these assets while land is still open and relatively cheap to provide these amenities to our current and future residents.

Taxes: We need to look for efficiency in how we spend our (your) money and continue to encourage business development in the areas zoned for it to increase the tax base to help us lower taxes.

Please share one fun fact about yourself:

I enjoy the outdoors and am an avid bicyclist. I do most of my training on the trails in the Elm Creek Park Reserve and have ridden a week long 500-mile ride in Iowa known as RAGBRAI 16 times including this summer. Yep, it was hot.