

UA city engineer resigns from post

** Officials won't say what types of allegations are being investigated.*

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Upper Arlington City Engineer Doug Green has tendered his resignation as an investigation moves forward into his conduct in office.

Green signed a separation agreement last week essentially agreeing to the terms of his resignation, city officials said.

"It was agreed that it was in both parties' best interest," for Green to resign, said Assistant City Manager of Public Affairs Emma Speight.

Green had been with Upper Arlington since May 1990.

On Friday, May 30, City Manager Virginia Barney reportedly called City Council members to inform them that Green had tendered his resignation. His salary at the time of his departure was a little more than \$79,000 a year.

"In light of a challenging work environment arising from some management issues, Mr. Green and the city have mutually agreed it was in both parties' best interests to enter into a separation agreement," said Barney.

The resignation took effect last week. The investigation is in-house at the moment, involving the UA Division of Police and the city's human resources department.

"All I can tell you is that there is an investigation ongoing," UA Police Lt. Ernie Ankrom said. He would offer no additional details.

City Councilman Wade Steen said there was no closed council

"As a public entity we take very seriously our role as being stewards of the community's investments," said Speight.

"Anytime there is a hint or suggestion of impropriety, it is the city's duty to investigate thoroughly."

The role of a city engineer is described by Upper Arlington as follows:

- * Oversees construction of infrastructure capital improvement projects, evaluating contract bids, making recommendations, conducting preconstruction and progress meetings with contractors;
- * Conducts design and plan review, evaluating, selecting and recommending final design of projects;
- * Selects and manages engineering design consultants, which includes technical writing requests for proposals, advertising for bids,

session during which allegations being levied toward Green were discussed.

"We have had no meetings whatsoever go over something like that," said Steen.

"I would expect that if there is an issue or problem related to one of our senior employees," said Steen.

"I would expect the city manager to discuss that with us and if she didn't, I'd be concerned."

Councilman Frank Ciotola said he, too, learned of Green's resignation Friday, but that he hadn't heard anything else about the issue.

"If it turns out to be serious I want to know why we weren't informed," said Ciotola.

"If it is a serious issue then I have a serious problem not being informed until Friday."

Green could not be reached for comment Tuesday morning.

While Barney confirmed that Green is facing allegations, she said she was unable to disclose the exact nature of the issues because it's an ongoing investigation.

Barney did say, however, that it was possible that Green could face legal trouble should the allegations be found true.

evaluating and ranking engineering design proposals;

- * Performs inspection, inventory and evaluation of infrastructure components;
- * Administers Neighborhood Street Lighting Utility Board and storm water utility;
- * Reviews plans, issues permits and oversee construction of inspection of private utility and development projects;
- * Provides capital improvement planning and budgeting services; and
- * Carries out supervisory responsibilities of the engineering staff.

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