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## City Hires Director of Planning - Robert "Bobby" Lewis

Copperas Cove, Texas - The City of Copperas Cove is pleased to announce Mr. Robert "Bobby" Lewis has accepted the position of Director of Planning and began his employment on May 14, 2018.

Bobby was born in Merced, CA and traveled the world as a military dependent. Although he moved twenty-three times before age seventeen, he spent summers working on his grandparent's watermelon farm from age eight until after college graduation. Bobby holds a Master's degree in Organizational Management from the University of Phoenix and a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Nevada Las Vegas. He and his wife Norma recently relocated to the Copperas Cove area and they are the proud parents of four adult children and have eleven grandchildren.

Bobby comes to the City of Copperas Cove with over thirty-eight years of seasoned experience, working for both public City and County government agencies, as well as private land development and telecommunication businesses. He is experienced in Community Development, Project Management, Utility Infrastructure, Urban Planning, Zoning, Land Use, GIS, Economic Development and Environmental Wireless Telecommunications, Compliance. Bobby's accomplishments include receiving 1st Place for Comprehensive Planning for Rural Communities by the California Chapter of the American Planning Association, where he served as Development Services Director for Merced County, CA. He last worked for Mobilitie, where he served as Permitting Manager for thirty-two City and County agencies for the deployment of small cell wireless utility infrastructure.

A welcome reception will be held on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 from 4pm to 430pm in the Council Chambers, 508 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, as an opportunity for citizens and members of the media to meet and welcome Bobby to the community. He can be located at City Hall, 914 S. Main Street, Suite G, and contacted at rlewis@copperascovetx.gov or (254)547-4221.

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(Reception Invitation and Photo Attached)