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Mayor Places Employees on Admin. Leave Pending Investigation

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.— Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs placed Chief of Staff Bryan Hair and Senior Director of Parks and Recreation Paul White on administrative leave, effective Tuesday, Oct. 13, after he was made aware of potential wrongdoing.

Mayor Jacobs brought in external auditing firm Pugh CPA to further evaluate the claims. The investigation could take several weeks.

“In the interest of transparency, I believe a thorough and speedy investigation is vital. My priority continues to be the business of Knox County.”

Knox County Finance Director and Deputy Chief of Staff Chris Caldwell today asked for a meeting with the State Comptroller’s Office.

In order to ensure the integrity of the ongoing investigation, no additional comments will be made until it concludes.

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