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Tedesco

City Manager To Join Peace Corps In Ghana

City Manager Peter Tedesco has accepted an appointment as deputy director of Peace Corps operations in Ghana, he announced Saturday.

Tedesco said he will leave his post here as soon as possible.

"They want me in Washington for orientation by July 15. Then I will go to New York and overseas."

He said he has discussed the move with Mayor Bert Snyder and has suggested that ways and means for finding a replacement be considered after the regular council meeting Tuesday night.

Tedesco noted that the council — at its request — has had an undated resignation from him for several months. It is effective "not later than June 30," he said.

"As far as I'm concerned, it'll stand at that."

"We have the budget put together — this was my primary concern. We have a new planning director on the job. We are setting up a series of conferences with the county and university on an overall planning program."

"The way things are, that's about all I can do," Tedesco said.

He said he would not make "lame duck" personnel officers and director of public works appointments.

Confirmation of the Peace Corps appointment was received Friday afternoon.

Tedesco two weeks ago announced he was considering a "very attractive" job offer and would take it if he passed security and health checks.

Subsequently, he revealed he had been asked by a council majority (reported at 5-2) to resign in March.

This request by a committee of "friends," was reaffirmed by the full council at subsequent closed personnel meeting, when the letter was requested.

The council majority reportedly wanted an older, more experienced man. Indications are several have reconsidered.

Tedesco, 33, has been with the city since August 1955 and has been manager since June 1958. He started as personnel director.

He was flown to Washington twice last month to interview for the Peace Corps post.

Because of the political climate here, he held off announcement of the specific appointment until final clearance.

The new African nation presently has about 50 of the Peace Corps volunteers, mainly high school teachers.

Another group presently is training at the Berkeley campus of the University of California.

"I'm going up next week to meet the people in charge and observe," Tedesco said.

His wife, Sylvia, and their two sons, Greg and John, will accompany him.