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Earlier this month, Mayor Carla Nichols announced that she will be retiring as mayor. Her last day in office will be on January 4. In a letter to the community, she stated, “I have been thinking about my retirement for several years now, but I have wanted to leave when our community had solid leadership to move forward. Today, that is the situation, so it is time for the baton to be passed.”

Mayor Nichols started her Woodway career as a council member in 1996. She was elected mayor in 2001. In her 25 years of service to the Town, she has led the Town through significant changes, including a 45% increase in the Town’s population, the building of a new Town Hall, and significant additions to the Town’s park lands – largely as a result of her ability to secure grants. She also has been a regional leader, through participation on several county and regional boards. “There have been so many challenges that we’ve overcome and opportunities that we would not have been able to take advantage of without her creativity, commitment and hard work,” said Woodway Mayor Pro Tem Mike Quinn.

As she transitions into a new status as citizen Nichols, she intends to focus on family. “These years of service have been rewarding, always challenging and never dull. Now my five grandchildren and my husband, Dean, will be the primary focus for my life,” she said. But always passionate about the quiet ambiance of the Town, she added, “The greatest asset that Woodway has is beautiful land. That is our primary resource, so let’s always preserve it.”

Because of COVID, we will not be able to truly celebrate and show our appreciation for Mayor Nichols until later in 2021. In the meantime, those who want to say a few words are invited to join us at our virtual Council meeting at 6 pm on January 4. You can join the meeting through a link in the events calendar on the Town’s website – www.townofwoodway.com/calendar.php.