

Katherine “Katie” Kinloch

Katherine “Katie” Kinloch was 19 years old when she first came to work for the City of Lake Wales in August of 1969 as a Wastewater Plant Operator and Lab Technician in the Utilities Department. After becoming state certified she was promoted to Chief Operator. In December of 1977, Katie left and went to work for Polk County Utilities and served as a Chief Water and Wastewater Operator. In August of 1982, she returned to work for the City in the Utilities Department as Chief Wastewater Plant Operator. Katie worked in the Utilities Department for 15 years serving as Wastewater Chief Operator, Water and Wastewater Supt. and Utilities Director. In June of 1997, Katie stepped down as Utilities Director as a result of a visual impairment that has left her legally blind. She worked in the Human Resources Department as an HR Specialist until August of 2009 and transferred to the City Manager’s Office as Administrative Assistant. Katie is retiring on September 30, 2014 after 32 years of service to the City of Lake Wales.