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THREE FINALISTS NAMED IN BURNSVILLE CITY MANAGER SEARCH

City Council Will Interview Candidates April 2

The search for Burnsville's next City Manager has been narrowed to three finalists.

Executive search firm Springsted Incorporated (hired by the City Council for its City Manager recruitment) assisted in narrowing down a pool of 32 candidates to five finalists. The Council then appointed a panel of five City staff members and two community members to interview the remaining candidates, and narrow the selection from five to three. The Burnsville City Council will interview the three remaining finalists on Tuesday, April 2.

The committee narrowed the candidates to the following three individuals:

Heather Johnston

Current Position: Director of Administrative Services and Chief Financial Officer, City of Burnsville
Oct. 2011 – Present

Mark McNeill

Current Position: City Administrator, City of Shakopee
July 1996 – Present

Walter Wysopal

Current Position: City Manager, City of North St. Paul
1998 – Present

Information on Candidates' previous work experience and education is available in the attached media profiles.

Current City Manager Craig Ebeling's last day is Friday, March 29. Public Works Director Steve Albrecht has been named interim City Manager until Ebeling's replacement is hired.

For more information contact Dave Unmacht, Springsted Incorporated at 651-223-3047.

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Heather Johnston

Experience

Director of Administrative Services and Chief Financial Officer,
City of Burnsville, Minnesota
October 2011 – Present

Finance Department, City of Minneapolis, Minnesota

Director, Management and Budget Division
March 2004 – October 2011

Interim Chief Financial Officer
February 2011 – May 2011

Minnesota Management & Budget, Budget Services Division,
St. Paul, Minnesota

Senior Executive Budget Officer
October 2002 – February 2004

Executive Budget Officer
February 1999 – September 2002

U.S. Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC

Program Examiner, Transportation, Commerce, Justice
and Services Division
July 1996– January 1999

Budget Preparation Specialist, Co-op Program, Budget Review and
Concepts Division
January 1996– June 1996

Editor in Chief and Article Editor, Policy Perspectives: The George
Washington University Journal of Public Administration,
George Washington University, Washington, DC
May 1994 – May 1996

Legislative Affairs Intern, National Performance Review (NPR),
The White House, Washington, DC
January 1995 – May 1995

Legislative Assistant, Engrossing Office, Minnesota State Senate,
St. Paul, Minnesota
February 1994 – August 1994

Education

Master of Public Administration
George Washington University, Washington, DC

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science and Communication
Augsburg College, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Mark McNeill

Experience

City Administrator, City of Shakopee, Minnesota
July 1996 – Present

City Administrator, City of Mason City, Iowa
March 1994 – July 1996

City Administrator, City of Savage, Minnesota
November 1983 – March 1994

City of Sioux City, Iowa

Parking and Traffic Services Manager

Parking Superintendent

Urban Renewal Department Administrative Assistant

August 1976 – November 1983

Education

Master of Arts, Public Affairs
University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science
University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa

Walter Wysopal

Experience

City Manager, City of North St. Paul, Minnesota
1998 – Present

City of St. Louis Park, Minnesota

Assistant City Manager
1993 – 1998

Assistant to City Manager, Personnel Officer
1988 – 1993

Public Works Administrative Assistant
1986 – 1988

Assistant to Village Manager, Village of Northfield, Illinois
1983 – 1986

Intern, Village of Mt. Prospect, Illinois
1982

Education

Enrolled in Doctorate of Public Administration, (32 of 32 credits earned)
Hamline University, St. Paul, Minnesota

Master of Public Administration
Northern Illinois University

Bachelor of Arts,
St. Mary's University of Minnesota