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## **HEATHER JOHNSTON TO BE PROMOTED TO BURNSVILLE CITY MANAGER**

The Burnsville City Council has announced that Heather Johnston, the City's current Director of Administrative Services/Chief Financial Officer (CFO) will be hired as the City's seventh City Manager, succeeding Craig Ebeling, who retired after 10 years as Burnsville's top administrator on March 29.

Johnston was offered the position by the Council on April 2. She will officially assume her duties as City Manager on April 16 when the contract is approved by the City Council.

"We had a great and competitive pool of candidates for this position," said Burnsville Mayor Elizabeth Kautz. "But when it came time to make the decision, the council and I unanimously chose Heather as our new City Manager. Her breadth of experience, knowledge of local government, leadership skills, energy, passion and personality fit the culture we have fostered here in Burnsville, and will help set the stage for our future. We are all extremely excited to welcome Heather to her new position leading our organization."

Johnston has been the City's Director of Administrative Services/CFO since October 2011. Her duties saw her overseeing a number of City departments, including Finance, Information Technology, Communications, Community Services and the office of the City Clerk. Johnston was also instrumental in budget development for the City.

Prior to coming to Burnsville, Johnston was the Director of the Management and Budget Division for the City of Minneapolis from March 2004 to October 2011. During that time, she also served as their Interim Chief Financial Officer from February to May 2011.

Johnston's previous work experience also includes six years at the State of Minnesota in their Management & Budget Services Division and four years with the U.S. Office of Management and Budget in Washington, D.C.

Johnston holds a Master of Public Administration from The George Washington University in Washington D.C., and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Communication from Augsburg College in Minneapolis, Minn. Johnston resides in Eagan with her husband and two children.

"I am honored to be selected by the City Council as Burnsville's next City Manager," said Johnston. "I look forward to working with the Council in this new role, and I am excited by the opportunity to lead this City's excellent staff as we continue to provide high-quality services to City residents and businesses."

The City Council interviewed three candidates for the position, including Johnston, Shakopee City Administrator Mark McNeill and North St. Paul City Manager Walter Wysopal.

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