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CITY OF TAYLOR INVITES CITIZENS TO PARTICPATE IN THE CITY MANAGER SELECTION PROCESS *Finalists to be Available for Meet and Greet at Community Meeting on April 1*

TAYLOR, Texas –The Taylor City Council has begun the selection process for a new City Manager and will be considering four finalists who are up for the position. Because the City Manager will play such a vital role in the future of the community, City Council is inviting the public to participate in the process and provide feedback as candidates are being considered. As part of the interview process, the Council has scheduled a Community Meeting to meet and greet the four finalists for the position on Monday, April 1 at the McCrory Timmerman Building at 6 p.m.

The nationwide search for a new City Manager was conducted by Affion Public, who helped Council narrow the field to four finalists: Bret Bauer, Chuck Ewings, David Harris, and Brian LaBorde (see attached biographies). City Council will interview the finalists the week of April 1. While the City Council interviews will not be open to the public, constituents are encouraged to provide feedback based on the Community Meeting to the Council. Contact information for Council members can be found on the city's website, www.taylortx.gov or by phone at City Hall, 512-352-3675.

Once the interview process for City Manager is complete, Council will consider appointment of the final candidate at a regularly called Council meeting. An announcement will be sent from the City's Communications Office in advance of the meeting, and it will be included on the public agenda. The City schedule calls for the new City Manager to be officially announced by the end of April.

The search for a new City Manager began at the end of 2018 after former City Manager Isaac Turner announced that he would retire on January 25, 2019. Assistant City Manager Jeffery Jenkins has been the Interim City Manager as the Council conducts its search.

The public is invited to attend the Community Meeting on April 1. If you have questions about that meeting, the City Manager selection process, or the City of Taylor hiring processes, please call the Human Resources office at 512-352-5993.

ATTACHMENTS: Candidate biographies, photographs

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The City of Taylor City Manager - Candidate Bios



Bret Bauer

Bret Bauer is currently serving as the City Manager for the City of Gun Barrel City, Texas (2016 – present). Prior to joining Gun Barrel City, Bret served as the City Manager for the City of Holton, Kansas (2010 – 2016), the Assistant City Administrator for the City of Smithville, Missouri (2008 – 2010), the Assistant to the Public Works Director for the City of Newton, Kansas (2006 – 2008), and as a Program Coordinator II for the Butler County Health Department in El Dorado, Kansas (2006 – 2006).

Bret holds a Master's in Public Administration and a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Wichita State University. He also holds an Associate of Arts degree from Allen County Community College. Bret is a Credentialed Manager through the International City & County Managers Association (ICMA), and a member of the Texas City Managers Association (TCMA).



Chuck Ewings

Charles "Chuck" Ewings currently serves as a Squadron Commander/Logistics Director – Lieutenant Colonel for the Texas Air National Guard in Carswell Field, Fort Worth, Texas (2015 – present). Prior to this role, Chuck served as the City Manager for the City of Ennis, Texas (2014 – 2015), and in multiple roles with the City of Longview, Texas (2002 – 2013) that include an Assistant City Manager, an Interim City Manager, and the Director of Development Services/Development Services Coordinator. In addition, Chuck has served as a Regional Services Coordinator for the East Texas Council of Governments (1999 – 2002), a Management Assistant with the City of Denton, Texas (1998 – 1999), and as the Assistant to Director of Public Works for the City of Southlake, Texas (1996 – 1998).

Chuck has served with the Air National Guard from 1990 – present, which included a deployment to Kabul, Afghanistan, in 2010. He has received several medals for his service, commendation, and achievement.

Chuck holds a Master of Public Administration from the University of Texas at Arlington and a Bachelor of Arts from Texas A&M University. He is a graduate of the Texas Public Executive Institute – LBJ School of Public Affairs. Chuck is a member of the International City & County Managers Association (ICMA), and a past Board Member of the Texas City Management Association (TCMA).



David Harris

David Harris currently serves as the City Administrator for the City of Balcones Heights, Texas (2014 – present). Prior to his time in Balcones Heights, David served as the Interim Director of Community Development Services for the City of Alamo Heights, Texas (2014), the Assistant City Manager/Executive Director for the City of Schertz, Texas (2006 – 2014), and the City Administrator for the City of Hill Country Village, Texas (2000 – 2006). In addition, he served in multiple roles with Bexar County, Texas (1996 – 2000) that include a Grants Manager, a Budget & Mgt. Analyst, and he started as an Intern (1996). David also served as a Management Intern for the City of Terrell Hills, Texas in 1996, and he worked for the Holland America Line/Gray Line of Alaska from 1990 – 1994.

David holds a Master of Science in Urban Administration from Trinity University, and a Bachelor of Arts in American Studies from Whitworth College. David is a Credentialed Manager through the International City & County Managers Association (ICMA), and he is the immediate past President of the Texas City Management Association (TCMA).

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Brian LaBorde

Brian LaBorde currently serves as the City Manager for the City of Keene, TX (2016 – present). Prior to his time in Keene, Brian served as the Assistant City Manager for the City of Buda, TX (2010 – 2016), the Director of Public Works and Community Development for the City of Shenandoah, TX (2006 – 2010), and in multiple roles with the City of Dayton, TX (2002 – 2006) that include an Assistant City Manager, an Interim City Manager, and the Director of Planning & Community Development. In addition, Brian also served as the Assistant to the City Manager for the City of Harker Heights, TX (2002), and as a Comprehensive Planner/Assistant to the City Manager with the City of Orange, TX (1999 – 2002).

Brian holds a Master of Public Administration and a Bachelor of Political Science from Texas Tech University. He is a Certified Planner with American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) and a Certified Public Manager from the Texas Certified Public Manager Program (CPM). Brian is a past President of the Texas City Manager Association (TCMA) Region 7.