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The Warrenton City Commission voted unanimously today to offer the City Manager position to Benjamin Burgener pending contract negotiations. The interview process occurred over the last four days which included virtual staff and community receptions and panel interviews by community leaders, peer public administrators, City department heads, and the City Commission. The feedback received from the panels favorably evaluated Mr. Burgener's qualifications and unanimously supported the potential hiring of Benjamin as the next City Manager.

Mayor Balensifer said he is very excited to have Mr. Burgener as Warrenton's next City Manager. "We were impressed that all the hiring panels recommended him and during the interview process it was clear that he had great energy and will bring new ideas to the City. The City Commission is looking forward to working with him to take Warrenton to the next level," he said.

Benjamin also expressed his excitement for the opportunity and said, "It has been a pleasure meeting and getting to know the staff and community of Warrenton, and I look forward to serving as the next City Manager."

The City will begin negotiating a contract for employment with Mr. Burgener and a timeline for his arrival will be announced at a later date.



As previously shared, Benjamin Burgener is the current City Manager for the City of Stanfield, Oregon. Mr. Burgener's other experience spans both public and private sector positions including: serving as City Administrator for the City of Ada, MN; Finance Manager/Administrative Services Manager for the State of Utah-Department of Transportation; Director of Inside Sales for CirclePix, LLC; National Business & Government Account Manager for Emergency Essentials; and as a Market Area Manager for Wells Fargo Bank. Mr. Burgener is a member of the International County City Managers Association (ICMA), Oregon County City Managers Association (OCCMA), National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), and the Nonprofit

Leadership Alliance.

He holds a Master of Public Administration and a Bachelor of Science in Recreation Management (emphasis in commercial and community recreation) with a Minor in Not-for-Profit Management from Brigham Young University.