

MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members
FROM: Mayor Strickland
DATE: September 4, 2008
SUBJECT: Selection of Interim City Manager

PURPOSE

To appoint someone to serve as Interim City Manager

BACKGROUND

At a special meeting held on September 3, 2008, Council voted to execute a Separation Agreement with City Manager John McCue. Mr. McCue's last day with the City will be September 30th.

During budget discussions held during the September 3rd meeting, it was agreed not to fill the City Manager's position for an 18 to 24 month period. Instead, one of the City's current department heads will assume that role in addition to their current duties and responsibilities. It was the consensus that this was the best solution to ensure continuity of leadership. This will allow the City to lower the FY 08/09 millage rate below the tentative rate set on July 22, 2008 and creates a tax reduction.

During discussions held in conjunction with Mr. McCue's proposed Separation Agreement, there were suggestions that Chester Murray, Development Services Director, could be appointed to the position. I have had a discussion with Mr. Murray during which he indicated that he would be willing to serve in that capacity.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that a decision be reached as to who to appoint as Interim City Manager at the September 9, 2008 regular City Council meeting. A contract can then be negotiated and presented for your approval on September 23rd.