

City announces vacant city administrator finalists

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Manitou Springs mayor Marc Snyder City Council announced six final candidates for the city administrator vacancy.

These finalists were selected from a group of 65 applicants for the position. They will be invited to Manitou Springs for a community reception, to which all City staff and community members are invited. The community reception will be held at City Hall, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on March 11.

The candidates will be assessed through interview panels on March 12. The interview panels will include City Council and City staff members. The finalists are:

- Jack Benson - Benson has over 25 years of public administration experience, and recently has been the Town Manager for Dillon and now serves as the Manager for Summit County's combined municipal and county E-911 Emergency Communications Center. He has also served as the Public Works Director for Summit County, and the County Administrator and Human Services Director for Clear Creek County. He has earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Northern Illinois University, as well as a master of business administration (MBA) from the University of Phoenix.

- Ike Holland - Holland served for four years as the Town Administrator for the Town of Orchard City, Colo, and has recently served as the Assistant County Manager for Montrose County. He also served as the Assistant City Administrator for the City of Ulysses, Kansas, and was the Human Resource Manager for the City of Topeka, Kansas. Mr. Holland has earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Kansas and a master of public administration (MPA) degree from the Graduate School of Public Affairs at the University of Colorado at Denver.

- Chris LaMay - LaMay is currently the Town Administrator for the Town of Elizabeth, where he has served for the past seven years. He also served as a budget analyst for Adams County, Colorado, an intern in the City Manager's office for the City of Tucson, Arizona, and a Special Projects Coordinator for the Town of Mt. Crested Butte. LaMay has earned a Bachelor of Science degree in recreation resource management from Colorado State University and a master's degree in public administration and policy from the University of Arizona.

- William Powell - Powell is the Business Services Manager for the Public Works and Natural Resources Department for the City of Longmont, where he is responsible for revenue forecasting, budgeting, and the tracking of capital improvement projects. He has also served as the Director of Public Works for the City of Draper, Utah, the Director of Finance and Administration for the City of Aspen, and the Assistant to the City Manager for the City of Wheat Ridge. He has earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Human Performance and Psychology from Metropolitan State College and a master of public administration (MPA) degree from the Graduate School of Public Affairs at the University of Colorado at Denver.

- Ronald Stock - Stock is the City Manager for the City of Lamar, Colorado, and was formerly the County Manager for Wabasha County, Minn. He has also served as the City Attorney and City Manager for the City of Craig, and the City Attorney for Steamboat Springs. Mr. Stock has earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Southwest Minnesota State University, a master of laws in Taxation degree from the University of Denver, and a Juris Doctor (JD) degree from the University of Denver.

- Maryann Ustick - Ustick is the Acting City Manager for the City of North Las Vegas, Nev., where she has also served as the Assistant City Manager. She has also served as the Assistant City Manager for the City of Las Cruces, N.M., as well as the Assistant City Manager for the City of Pensacola/Florida1. She has earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from St. Mary's College of Maryland, a Master of Arts degree in History from Old Dominion University and a master of public administration (MPA) from Old Dominion University.

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