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Louisville City Council Announces City Manager

The Mayor and Council of the City of Louisville voted on December 6, 2017 their top choice for City Manager is Heather Balsler, Interim City Manager.

Balsler has over 20 years of experience in local government management, having served the City of Louisville in the City Manager's Office since 1997. She has served as Management Assistant, Assistant to the City Administrator, Assistant City Manager for Government Relations, Assistant City Manager, Deputy City Manager and Interim City Manager twice. Balsler has represented the City of Louisville on numerous regional organizations. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Economics from Bates College and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Colorado at Denver.

"It is my great pleasure to announce that the Mayor and Council unanimously have selected Heather Balsler as our first choice for City Manager. We will be negotiating an employment agreement with her which the City Council will take formal action in the next few weeks. Heather competed in this national recruitment in which we had over 180 applicants. Five candidates were interviewed this week and Heather rose to the top of this pool – she earned this position," said Mayor Bob Muckle.

Balsler rose to the top of an applicant pool of over 180 applicants. The Mayor and Council invited five candidates to participate in the City Manager recruitment process beginning with a tour of the city, interviews with department directors and a public reception on the first day. The second day, the Mayor and Council interviewed all five candidates in two-on-one interviews with the two Ward Councilmembers interviewing each candidate. The Mayor also interviewed each candidate. On the third day, the Mayor and Council announced three finalist, held public interviews and later heard public input.

"We had five excellent candidates and we appreciate their professional commitment to public service and their interest in the City of Louisville. We'd also like to thank all the City staff that participated in the interview process and the large turnout of residents who attended the reception for candidates on Monday evening and the interviews on Wednesday," said Mayor Muckle.

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