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The Eau Claire City Council met on December 1, 2020 with Baker Tilly, its search consultant, to consider options for continuing the City Manager search process and a potential timeline for that process in light of the current COVID-19 surge and the upcoming holiday season. Prior to the meeting, Baker Tilly provided Council members with background information on eight (8) candidates it recommended be given further consideration for the City Manager position. Candidates who were not interviewed previously were asked to complete the same candidate questionnaires and video interview exercise as previous candidates. After discussing the qualifications of the eight (8) candidates, the Council will be moving forward with scheduling interviews with all eight (8) of the semi-finalists. Tentatively, the goal is to conduct these virtual interviews during the week of December 14. After the virtual interviews with the semi-finalists, the City Council will identify those finalists that it would like to consider further for the City Manager position. At that time, the names of the finalists will be made public.

The City Council remains committed to working alongside City staff, the residents of Eau Claire and our community partners in the search and selection of Eau Claire's next City Manager. Council's intention is to attract qualified, experienced, and diverse applicants that share the values and goals of our community. The City Council recognizes and welcomes public interest in the City Manager search and hiring process and will continue in as public and transparent a manner as is also consistent with this hiring decision.

Further information with respect to the City Manager search process can be obtained by contacting Council President Terry Weld at (715) 456-8080.