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On Tuesday, February 9, 2021 the Eau Claire City Council met in closed session to discuss next steps in the City Manager search process. After considerable discussion, a consensus was reached by the Council to pause the search process and convene again in the fall of 2021 to discuss an appropriate time to re-start the search process. When the time is right, and the current pandemic has hopefully subsided, the City would re-advertise the position and attempt to attract a wider slate of qualified candidates. Eau Claire is a great City and the Council's intention is to attract qualified, experienced, and diverse applicants that share the values and goals of our community.

The City Council recognizes that periods of transition can be challenging, even more-so as we all work our way through a pandemic, and the Council wishes to express its deep gratitude to Engineering Director Dave Solberg who will continue to serve in the role of Interim City Manager during this extended period of time. The Council also wishes to express its appreciation for the highly capable City staff who have adjusted their work responsibilities during this time of transition to ensure that City of Eau Claire residents continue to receive the vital daily services they count on, while also planning and working toward our city's bright future.

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. 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.

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