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**BROOKHAVEN APPOINTS FIRST CITY MANAGER**

**BROOKHAVEN, GA**, February 26, 2013 – Veteran government leader Marie Lewis Garrett will become the City of Brookhaven’s first city manager.

The Brookhaven City Council voted unanimously Tuesday to appoint Garrett as permanent city manager for the city’s first year of operation. Garrett has served as interim city manager since December.

The city conducted a national search and received 79 applications from 23 states. The mayor and council interviewed 10 candidates and selected Garrett because of her vast experience and knowledge of Georgia municipalities.

“The job she has done and her expertise has been invaluable to the city, and we want that to continue,” Mayor J. Max Davis said. “For Brookhaven right now, there was no other choice. She gives us the best chance to succeed and excel. We are extremely excited she will continue to be our partner in building this city.”

The mayor credits Garrett with already saving the new city more than \$1.5 million through strategic contract negotiations for city services.

Garrett has spent the past 30 years working with governments in Georgia, including working as a top-level administrator or consultant in the cities of Alpharetta, Johns Creek, Canton and Milton. Since 1996 she has run a successful business providing consulting services in planning, development, public administration and budgeting for a wide range of governments and organizations. In addition, she has taught government courses at Georgia State University, and served on numerous boards and committees.

“This is an opportunity to build the framework and structure for the city and enable it to serve the community at large,” Garrett said. “You only get one chance to create a first impression. Brookhaven has the opportunity to come out of the gate and get it right, and I want to be part of this.”

Garrett, of Alpharetta, has a master’s in Public and Urban Affairs from Georgia State University and a bachelor’s degree from the University of Georgia.

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