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Brookhaven announces finalist for city manager

Brookhaven, GA, May 6, 2016 – After a competitive nationwide search, the city of Brookhaven is proud to announce Christian M. Sigman as the sole finalist to be its second city manager. Under the city’s charter, the city manager is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the city and the management and direction of its 150 employees. “In addition to Mr. Sigman’s distinguished career, his compassionate leadership style, his budgetary prowess and his visionary approach to ‘right-sizing’ development for the community make him the ideal candidate to lead Brookhaven as the city’s second chief operating officer,” said Brookhaven Mayor John Ernst.



Mr. Sigman has held leadership roles in local government administration for more than 20 years. Most recently, he served as county administrator for Hamilton County, Ohio (whose county seat is Cincinnati). While county administrator, and before as assistant county administrator, he led a government with more than 4,000 employees and an annual budget of \$1 billion. He also helped lead the development of the “Banks Project,” creating a residential, work and entertainment district surrounding the stadiums for the two Cincinnati professional sports franchises (the Reds of Major League Baseball and the Bengals of the National Football League) along the banks of the Ohio River. This multiyear partnership between the county, the city of Cincinnati and private developers revitalized the downtown area, leading to substantial economic benefit for the region.

Mr. Sigman previously served as budget director for the city of Cincinnati where he was instrumental in advancing the reporting and accountability of the city’s finances. Before moving to Ohio, he served in various capacities with local governments in the metropolitan Washington D.C. area.

Mr. Sigman earned his Bachelor of Science degree and his Masters of Public Administration from Indiana University. He is a credentialed member of the International City/County Management Association.

Mr. Sigman and his wife, Carol, have a son attending Boston University and a son who will be attending Drake University. They will relocate to the city of Brookhaven as part of Mr. Sigman’s new job duties with the city.

In a prepared statement, Mr. Sigman said, “I am very excited to serve as the next city manager for Brookhaven. Brookhaven enjoys a high quality of life and I look forward to embracing the vision for Brookhaven as a premier community in the Atlanta metro region. I am particularly interested in executing the city’s high-quality planning efforts related to expanding and protecting park space as well as managed development activities to mitigate traffic congestion. I look forward to being an active participant in the community.”

The city anticipates that Mr. Sigman will attend the next city council meeting on May 10 and that the city council will vote on the mayor’s selection at its May 24 meeting.

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