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City Council Narrows City Manager Candidate List Sets Date for Interviews

At its regular meeting of April 12, 2022, the Portage City Council identified five applicants to invite to interview for the position of City Manager. The Council also set a special meeting on Saturday, April 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to conduct interviews. Shown below are the individuals who have accepted an invitation to interview and interview times:

- 9:00 AM Andrew Dymczyk, Township Manager, DeWitt Charter Township, Michigan
- 10:00 AM Jade Smith, Municipal Services Director, Canton Township, Michigan
- 11:00 AM Patrick McGinnis, City Manager, City of Grand Haven, Michigan
- 1:00 PM Peter Dame, City Manager, City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan
- 2:00 PM Nate Geinzer, City Manager, City of Brighton, Michigan

*All times are approximate, and the course of the meeting may alter start times.

The Council intends to narrow the candidate field after the initial interviews, with the potential for a second interview with the candidates selected to move forward. The Council hopes to have a new City Manager identified in May.

The City Council began its search for a new City Manager upon the resignation of Joseph S. LaMargo who left Portage in August 2021. Mr. LaMargo, who had been the City Manager in Portage since November 2019, returned to Illinois to be closer to family.

Frank Walsh of Walsh Municipal Services was hired by the Council on February 8, 2022, to conduct the search on behalf of the city.

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