

City of South St. Paul down to Five Finalists for City Administrator Position

South St. Paul, MN. The search for the next City Administrator for South St. Paul is down to five. Thirty-three candidates applied for the City Administrator position and five finalists have been selected for interviews to be held in mid-April.

Jim Miller of the The Mercer Group, Inc. is coordinating the effort to replace long-time City Administrator Stephen King, who will be retiring mid-year. Mr. Miller thoroughly reviewed the applicant pool and prepared a report for City Council review and discussion. City Council decided to invite five finalists for interviews.

The interview process will include a tour of the community and a public open house. The public open house is scheduled for Friday, April 13 and will be held at South St. Paul City Hall, 125 3rd Avenue North, from 3:30 to 5:00 PM. The public is invited to attend.

Here are the five finalists:

- Joel Hansen - currently serves as the City Administrator for the City of Little Canada since 1989. He has his masters of public administration from Hamline University.
- Shawn Kessel – currently serves as the City Administrator for the City of Dickinson, ND and previously served as city administrator of Wahpeton, ND. He holds a MBA degree from the University of Mary.
- Jennifer Levitt – currently serves as the Community Development Director/City Engineer for Cottage Grove. She holds a BS degree in civil engineering.
- Brad Martens – currently serves as the City Administrator for Corcoran and previously served as City Administrator of Winsted. He holds a masters of public administration from Hamline University.
- Ron Moore – currently serves as City Administrator of Afton and previously served as City Administrator of Arden Hills and Orono. He holds his masters of public administration from the University of Wisconsin.