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**CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCES FIVE FINALISTS FOR NEW CITY MANAGER**  
**Community Open House: Thursday, November 29th 5:00 – 6:30 PM**

Shelton, WA — The Shelton City Council is pleased to announce five finalists for consideration as Shelton’s first City Manager under the new council-manager form of government. The City retained Slavin Management Consultants out of Atlanta, Georgia to conduct the nationwide recruitment. Earlier this year, sitting councilmembers and various community members worked with the consulting firm to develop a position profile. The City received 24 applications from the Northwest and around the country. After extensive review and completion of background checks, the Council has invited the five finalists to Shelton for interviews on Thursday, November 29th and Friday, November 30th.

Names and information on the five finalists is being withheld until they are able to provide adequate notice to their current employers. Finalist names and information will be disclosed as soon as it is legally possible to do so.

A Community Open House will be held at the Shelton Civic Center on Thursday, November 29th from 5:00 - 6:30 PM. Community members are encouraged to attend, meet the finalists, and provide feedback to the City Council.

Following final interviews on Friday, November 30th, the City Council will meet and deliberate on the candidates. The Council is in hopes of announcing the new city manager at the City Council meeting on December 4th.

**ROLE OF THE CITY MANAGER**

Under the council-manager form of government, the City Manager is like the CEO of a company. The City Council acts as the Board of Directors, with the Mayor acting as the Chairman of the Board. The City Manager is hired by the City Council and, like a CEO, is responsible for all city administration, hiring

department heads and other staff, ensuring laws and ordinances are followed, submitting a proposed budget, and implementing policies and organizational goals set by the Council.

The Council has identified the following major goals for 2018 through 2020:

- Ensure financial sustainability and stability
- Provide great customer service
- Develop the long-range community vision
- Support community economic development
- Expand community information and involvement
- Ensure that the City's organization and staffing requirements will meet current and future needs
- Support community and intergovernmental collaborations

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