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College Park (MD) Announces New City Manager

August 13, 2015 – College Park Mayor Andrew M. Fellows announced Tuesday night that the City Council has selected Scott Somers as the next City Manager of College Park. Somers will replace Joseph L. Nagro who is retiring in September after 25 years with the City. Fellows said the City Council worked closely with residents and other stakeholders on developing the criteria for the type of person the City needs to replace Nagro, whom he described as “someone who is impossible to replace.”

In accepting the position, Somers said, “It’s a real honor and privilege to be selected as College Park’s next City Manager. I have big shoes to fill. I’m looking forward to continuing the good work of Mr. Nagro in terms of building relationships and collaborating with the University on sustainable redevelopment and economic development efforts.” Somers said one of his priorities will be working with the Mayor and Council to move forward on the 2015-2020 Strategic Plan, particularly the One College Park goal.

Somers is currently the County Manager of Clatsop County, Oregon. He previously served as City Manager of Reedsport, Oregon, as well as with municipalities in Minnesota. Originally from Tucson, Somers received his Bachelor of Social Work from Arizona State University and his Master of Public Administration from the University of Arizona.

In making the motion to approve Somers’ contract, Councilmember P. J. Brennan thanked the stakeholder groups that were involved in the interview process and said the City Council reviewed many highly qualified candidates. He expressed satisfaction with the selection of Mr. Somers, stating that “Mr. Somers is someone who the Council looks forward to working with and we see a bright future under his leadership.”

Councilmember Stephanie Stulich added that the participation of the stakeholder groups, including City staff, provided valuable input during the selection process, saying, “The outcome is that we have found an outstanding City Manager.”

Somers is expected to start at the end of September. Nagro’s last day in the office will be September 11, 2015.

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