



New City Manager Announcement - July 15, 2019 - Remarks From Mayor Brian Treece

Good morning and welcome.

Last week many of us met in these very chambers and we introduced two finalists for the position of city manager. We asked for and received feedback from attendees after they heard the finalists answer questions from our hiring consultants and they had the opportunity to personally visit with both candidates.

We combined that with the feedback from two public meetings, 75 one-on-one meetings with various stakeholders, such as non-profits, community advocacy groups and community leaders, and over 500 online comments, not to mention emails, personal conversations with residents and phone calls.

We heard our community members say they want someone who is open and honest. A manager who values working together to form relationships and someone who understands working with university leaders. An individual with experience. Someone who will work on equity and diversity within our community. And most of all, a person of integrity who values and lives transparency.

We know the community is searching for stable leadership. Someone who recognizes where changes need to occur and will make those changes to the best of their ability.

We heard that the residents want a manager who is committed to public service and who is committed to our community.

Today, I am pleased to announce that the City Council has found the person who, out of all of the candidates we reviewed, we believe, embodies all of those qualities.

He has served almost all of his life in public service and he is one of our own. On behalf of the City Council, I introduce to you John Glascock as Columbia's new city manager.