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CANDIDATES FOR CITY MANAGER POSITION NARROWED DOWN TO 3

Eden Prairie, Minn. — At a public meeting on Saturday, Jan. 8, 2011, the Eden Prairie City Council unanimously named **Rick Getschow**, **Steven Mielke** and **Ryan Schroeder** finalists for the position of city manager. The role was previously held by **Scott Neal** who became the city manager for Edina, Minn. in November 2010.

Prior to the 1 p.m. public meeting where the Council discussion and vote took place, each Council member interviewed the six semi-finalists. The semi-finalists had been selected from a group of 10 candidates presented by **M&A Executive Search**, the recruiting firm hired by the City Council, at a special meeting in December which included both current and incoming Council members.

The three finalists will continue through the selection process as follows:

Wednesday, Jan. 19

Department Director and Administration Manager Interview Panels
City Center

Wednesday, Jan. 19, 6–9 p.m.

Civic Leaders Interview Panel
Heritage Rooms

Thursday, Jan. 20, 3:30–6 p.m.

Open House with Candidates
Community Center Cambria Room

Thursday, Feb. 3, *time TBD*

City Council Interview Panel
Council Chambers

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Eden Prairie City Manager Finalists

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Getschow has been the city manager for Hopkins, Minn. since 2005. Between 1996 and 2005, he served as city administrator for the Minnesota cities of Lauderdale and Hector. Getschow earned his bachelor's degree in political science from Miami University (Ohio) and master's degree in public administration from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Mielke has been the city administrator for Lakeville, Minn. since 2004. Previously he served the City of Hopkins, Minn. for 18 years, first as community development director and then as city manager. Mielke also held positions in the Minnesota cities of Janesville, North Mankato, Oakdale and Eagan from 1980 through 1986. He earned bachelor's degrees in both geography and urban studies from Mankato State University.

Schroeder has been city administrator for Cottage Grove, Minn. since 1997. Previously he was the city administrator for Ramsey, Minn., and he also served the Minnesota cities of Robbinsdale and Rockford from 1983 to 1991. Schroeder earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in urban and regional studies from Minnesota State University.

For more information on the search and interview process, contact **M&A Executive Search, 952-545-6980.**

The City of Eden Prairie is a vibrant community of more than 60,000 residents located just southwest of Minneapolis. Eden Prairie has been nationally recognized as a great place to live, work and raise a family. Since 2006, Eden Prairie has been listed among MONEY Magazine's 100 "Best Places to Live" in America, and in 2010 topped MONEY's list as the Best Place to Live in America.

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