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## CITY COUNCIL HIRES M&A EXECUTIVE SEARCH TO LEAD PROCESS FOR RECRUITING NEXT CITY MANAGER

**Eden Prairie, Minn.** — At a special meeting the evening of Thursday, Sept. 30, the City Council voted unanimously to select Minneapolis-based M&A Executive Search to recruit Eden Prairie’s next city manager. The City will pay the amount presented in M&A’s bid for the search, a \$25,000 flat fee, plus expenses not to exceed \$750.

City Manager Scott Neal accepted the City of Edina’s offer to become its next city manager and his last day in Eden Prairie is Thursday, Oct. 28.

The decision was made after interviewing the four firms that submitted bids for the contract – Brimeyer Fursman, M&A Executive Search, Personnel Decisions International (PDI) and Springsted.

According to the M&A bid, the process for identifying a list of candidates will begin with an assessment of the city manager position and “culture of the City, Council, management team; and the sub-culture in which the successful candidate will be working.” This assessment will begin at the next City Council workshop at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 5.

Once information from the assessment process is analyzed, a position profile for the city manager position will be developed and recruiting will begin. M&A estimates the entire hiring process will take approximately 12 weeks.

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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