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Milwaukie hires Interim Finance Director

City Council addressed a pressing need at its February 16, 2010 meeting when it authorized the Interim City Manager to sign a six-month contract with Andrew Parks to act as the City's Interim Finance Director.

Parks has more than 25 years of experience in local government and professional services and has a wealth of public sector experience. He has served as a city administrator, an assistant city manager, a chief financial officer and as a finance director. Parks has served the City of West Linn, the City of Bremerton, Washington, the City of Madras, Oregon, and the City of Bend, Oregon.

Parks comes highly recommended by the other city finance directors in the region that were contacted as part of the search and by others who have worked with him, including two current Milwaukie directors who have worked with him in the past. Two other candidates were identified through the search process and were interviewed for the position.

"Mr. Parks brings great experience and strong technical skills that are going to be tremendous assets to the City's Finance Department and the organization as a whole," Interim City Manager Pat DuVal said.

Parks will hit the ground running – he'll begin work finalizing the 2007/2008 and 2008/2009 financial reports and audits, support the implementation of the temporary wastewater surcharge, and help prepare the 2010/2011 budget for adoption.

"As Milwaukie City Council and the Budget Review Board gets to work on next year's budget, I think we can be comforted by the fact we have someone with Mr. Parks abilities and skills to lead us through the process," Mayor Jeremy Ferguson said.

The City's previous Finance Director resigned in December of 2010. The six-month contract is for \$11,000 a month, which is in line with the total compensation costs of the previous Finance Director. At the conclusion of the six months the contract can be extended month to month as needed. With the hiring of Parks, efforts will turn toward finding a City Manager. Once that position is filled, the search for a long-term Finance Director will begin.

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