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BEAVERTON HIRES JEN HARUYAMA AS CITY MANAGER

BEAVERTON, Ore. – The Beaverton City Council has appointed Jen Haruyama as the city’s new City Manager. Jen Haruyama will report to the City Council and provide administrative leadership to departments as part of Beaverton’s transition to a council-manager form of government.

Jen Haruyama most recently served as the City Manager of Tracy, California, since 2019. Her local government leadership career began in 2000 as the Assistant Finance Director of the Town of Los Gatos, California. She then transitioned to the City of Tracy, California, as the Administrative Services Director and the Interim Assistant City Manager.

Subsequently, she served as the Assistant City Manager of Livermore, California, and then the City Manager of Scotts Valley, California. Jen received her Master of Public Administration degree from California State University Hayward and her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree from San Jose State University.

“Every mayor needs a good teammate, and I’m excited to be welcoming Jen,” said Mayor Lacey Beaty. “We’ve all been through a lot in the past year and a half, and I look forward to this next chapter as together we do the work of the city.”

“As a newly elected official spearheading the hiring of our city manager, it was critical for me to center community wants and needs in our decision-making process,” said Councilor Nadia Hasan. “I’m excited that we hired someone with the skills, experience and expertise to run the City of Beaverton and move us into the future.”

“When we developed the new city charter that was approved by our voters, the City Council intended to hire an experienced City Manager who could step in and quickly get started on important city business,” said Councilor Marc San Soucie. “We are confident that Jen will be effective right away, and we know that she is excited to be working for our wonderful city.”

Hiring of a City Manager comes with implementation of Beaverton’s new city charter that was approved by voters and became operational in January. Beaverton’s new charter changes the city’s structure to a council-manager form of government. The new charter also expands the existing City Council by giving the mayor a vote and adding another part-time city councilor, establishes term limits, and updates gender language references. For more information about the new charter, visit www.BeavertonOregon.gov/Charter.

The City Manager appointment follows a rigorous recruitment process that included community input and was facilitated with support from an external search firm.

“It truly is an honor and privilege to have been selected to serve as Beaverton’s first City Manager,” said Jen Haruyama. “Beaverton is such a remarkable and welcoming community - I continue to be impressed by its commitment to diversity and inclusion, transformational work in downtown, outstanding park and trail system, and epic food choices to name a few. I’m looking forward to getting to know the community and working with the mayor and council to accomplish great things, and ensure Beaverton remains an extraordinary place to live, work, and play.”

Jen Haruyama is expected to begin work in Beaverton on August 23, 2021.



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