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Assistant City Administrator Mallory Merritt appointed Interim City Administrator

National search for City of Davenport's City Administrator position to launch 1Q 2024

DAVENPORT, IOWA (November 17, 2023) – Mayor Mike Matson announced today the appointment of Mallory Merritt as the Interim City Administrator effective today, November 17, 2023. Merritt has served as the City's Assistant City Administrator & Chief Financial Officer since June 2020. Merritt brings continuity and a deep understanding of City operations and the day-to-day management of the City's broad service areas.

"Her knowledge of the City of Davenport's operations and the community as a whole offer the continuity we need, and I'm confident she'll serve as Interim effectively and continue the City's great work with our partners," said Mayor Matson. "Our national search to fill the permanent position will commence in early 2024, with the goal of filling the position during the next calendar year."

Merritt brings over ten years of public administration experience, previously serving as the organization's Human Resources Director, Assistant to the City Administrator, and Budget Management Analyst I and II.

During her tenure with the City, Merritt has managed and led the City's \$240M+ budget, including progressively responsible involvement in 10 different budget cycles all receiving GFOA's distinguished budget award. She has managed numerous city-wide strategic initiatives including the implementation of the American Rescue Plan Act \$40.9M allocation. Merritt was hired through ICMA's prestigious Local Government Management Fellowship Program in 2013. Additionally, Merritt holds the Senior Certified Professional



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credential through the Society for Human Resources Management and serves as trustee for the Municipal Fire and Police Retirement System of Iowa.

As the Interim Davenport City Administrator, Merritt will be responsible for managing and directing City operations and services to meet Council goals and objectives.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to lead our community and our team through the interim period," said Merritt. "I look forward to working collaboratively with staff to collectively continue the momentum on the City's workplan and with the Mayor and City Council on filling the permanent City Administrator position."

Merritt holds a Master's of Public Administration from Auburn University and a Bachelor's of Science (Government) from Berry College.

In early 2024, the City will select an executive recruitment firm to conduct a national search for the permanent position, a process that is expected to take approximately six months.

About the City of Davenport

Davenport, Iowa, with a population of more than 100,000, is the regional epicenter of the metropolitan Quad Cities, population 400,000, and the third largest city in the State of Iowa. It is a place proud of its unique heritage at the crossroads of America. Davenport is a vibrant and progressive community that has been declared "The Most Livable Small City in America." Covering the entirety of the city from fields to the riverfront, the City of Davenport has a Mayor/Council form of government with a professional City Administrator that implements policies of the elected City Council and oversees day-to-day operations of the City. The City's five frontline departments and library system are accredited. For more information, visit davenportiowa.com.