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TAYLOR CITY COUNCIL SELECTS BRIAN LABORDE TO SERVE AS NEXT CITY MANAGER
New City Administrator will Bring 20 Years of Municipal Leadership Experience to the Role

TAYLOR, Texas –After a nationwide search, Mayor Brandt Rydell is pleased to announce that the Taylor City Council has come to an agreement with Brian LaBorde to serve as the next City Manager for the City of Taylor. Mr. LaBorde’s salary will be \$170,000. The contract was approved by City Council at the regular meeting on April 25, and signed by Mr. LaBorde on April 26. Mr. LaBorde, who currently serves as City Manager in Keene, Texas, will be responsible for executing the policies and objectives of City Council. He will report directly to the City Council, overseeing the daily operations of the City and coordinating all City Department activities and functions. Mr. LaBorde will begin his new duties on May 27.

Mr. LaBorde has served as a leader for Texas municipalities for 20 years. He holds a Master’s degree in Public Administration and a Bachelor’s degree in Political Science from Texas Tech University. He is a graduate of Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs Public Executive Institute and is currently completing his certification from the Oklahoma University Economic Development Institute. Prior to serving as the City Manager for the City of Keene, Mr. LaBorde served as the Assistant City Manager for the City of Buda and directed the Public Works and Community Development activities for the City of Shenandoah. He also held multiple leadership roles in the City of Dayton. He is a past President of the Texas City Manager Association (TCMA) Region 7 and has served on the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) Technical Advisory Committee.

Mayor Brandt Rydell said that Mr. LaBorde set himself apart from the rest of the candidates. He said, “The position of Taylor City Manager is a very attractive one, as evidenced by our search firm having received more than 130 applications. The council ultimately interviewed four highly qualified candidates for the job, but Mr. LaBorde set himself apart. The experience he gained as Assistant City Manager of Buda, dealing with the increasing growth pressures in the Austin area, will be particularly beneficial as we refine our plan for economic and community development in Taylor in the face of such growth. The Council is looking forward to Mr. LaBorde becoming part of the team as we maintain and build upon the positive momentum we’ve established in Taylor in recent years.”

With the retirement of Isaac Turner as City Manager in late January, the council turned to Assistant City Manager Jeffery Jenkins to lead as Interim City Manager. Mayor Rydell said that Mr. Jenkins was up to the task. “Mr. Jenkins performed ably and admirably in that capacity, keeping a steady hand at the tiller, and the council cannot thank him enough for his efforts.”



Upon Mr. LaBorde assuming the position of city manager for Taylor, Mr. Jenkins will return to his role as assistant city manager. For additional information about Mr. LaBorde or the City Manager hiring process, please contact the City's Public Information Office at 512-352-5448. Residents are urged to sign up for City of Taylor alerts at www.taylortx.gov.

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