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### CITY TO BEGIN SEARCH FOR POLICE CHIEF

**Bainbridge Island, Wash.**, (July, 2019) – City Manager Morgan Smith announced today that the City will begin a search for a new Police Chief.

The position became vacant in February when Police Chief Matt Hamner resigned. Deputy Chief Jeff Horn was appointed Interim Police Chief and will continue to serve in that role until a replacement Police Chief is hired. At that time, Chief Horn will resume his role as Deputy Chief for the department.

“I am extremely appreciative of the additional effort and commitment Chief Horn has shown during this period of transition. His leadership within the department and his outreach to the broader community have both been significant during these past few months,” said City Manager Morgan Smith.

The City will work with Strategic Government Resources (SGR) to lead the nationwide search. SGR specializes in public sector executive recruitment. The City expects to post the position in early August and seeks to have the hiring process completed by the end of the year.

“Our Police Department has built a strong level of community engagement over the past five years, and during that time also met a key organizational goal in achieving State accreditation. We are seeking a candidate to help the department continue its emphasis on professionalism and community dialogue,” said Smith. “The City is making significant investments in the department through the completion of the new Police Station and Municipal Court Replacement project and increased department staffing. Our hiring process for the next Police Chief will be another important milestone.”

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