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## CITY MANAGER SELECTS POLICE CHIEF

(KILLEEN, TEXAS): Killeen City Manager Ron Olson has announced his intent to appoint Charles Kimble as police chief. Kimble has accepted a conditional offer of employment to start work September 1.

Kimble's appointment will be discussed at the City Council Workshop scheduled August 1 and considered for approval by City Council August 8.

"This was a difficult decision because we had six extremely qualified candidates," said Olson. "Based on his experience, interviews and the feedback I received from others, I am confident that Charles Kimble is the right selection for Killeen Police Chief."

Kimble has more than 25 years of law enforcement experience. He served the Fayetteville, North Carolina Police Department for 20 years, the final five as assistant police chief. He is currently the police chief for the town of Spring Lake, North Carolina. Other experience includes Milwaukee, Wisconsin Police Department and Fayetteville State University Police Department. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Liberty University and an Associate of Arts in Criminal Justice from Central Texas College.

"Mr. Kimble is uniquely qualified to serve the Killeen community because of his experience in Fayetteville, another military city," said Olson. "I look forward to his joining our leadership team and the positive impact he will make with Killeen Police Department."

The City of Killeen engaged Hartung Consulting to conduct the nationwide police chief search and received 42 applications. Candidates were vetted through a comprehensive questionnaire, preliminary background checks and video interviews to narrow the field to the six most qualified candidates. Kimble and five other finalists came to Killeen July 20 through 22 for interviews with the City Manager, a staff panel and a community panel. They also met community members at a public reception. Feedback from all of these groups was considered in Olson's selection.

Police Chief Dennis Baldwin became interim city manager in October 2016. He was appointed assistant city manager in February 2017. Assistant Police Chief Margaret Young assumed the role of interim chief in October 2016 but did not seek the permanent position. She will continue in the interim capacity until the new chief begins employment. ###

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