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KILLEEN POLICE CHIEF FINALISTS NAMED

(KILLEEN, TEXAS): Six finalists have been selected in the search for a new Killeen Police Chief. City Manager Ron Olson has invited Gregory Burns, Jr., Steven Henry, John Houston, Charles Kimble, Marlin Price and Patrick South to Killeen for interviews July 20 through 22.

The City engaged Hartung Consulting April 23 to conduct the nationwide search. Candidates were vetted through a comprehensive questionnaire, preliminary background checks and video interviews to narrow the field to the six most qualified finalists.

Gregory Burns, Jr. has more than 28 years of law enforcement experience. He has served the Louisville, Kentucky Metro Police Department for 24 years in positions from patrol to administration. He has been Assistant Chief of Police/Support Bureau since 2014. Burns holds both a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Bethel University and An Associate Degree of Applied Science in Criminal Justice from Jefferson Community and Technical College.

Steven Henry has over 24 years of law enforcement experience. He served the Chandler, Arizona Police Department in progressive roles for 15 years before serving 8 years as chief deputy with the Pinal County, Arizona Sheriff's Office. Henry holds a Master of Education in Educational Leadership from Northern Arizona University and a Bachelor of Arts in History from Arizona State University.

John Houston has more than 37 years of experience in law enforcement with the Corpus Christi Police Department. He is currently the administration division commander and has served roles throughout the organization. Houston holds a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice from Saint Leo University.

Charles Kimble has more than 25 years of experience in law enforcement. He is currently Police Chief of Spring Lake, North Carolina Police Department. His career also includes 20 years with the Fayetteville, North Carolina Police Department and two years with the Fayetteville State University Police Department. Kimble holds a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Liberty University and an Associate of Arts in Criminal Justice from Central Texas College.

Marlin Price has worked in the field of law enforcement for 44 years. He is currently a law enforcement consultant with the Texas Police Chiefs Association. He served as chief of police for Southlake Department of Public Safety for five years following 28 years with the Dallas Police Department, 15 of which were in deputy and assistant chief capacities. Price holds a Masters of Public Administration from the University of North Texas and a Bachelor of Science in Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice from Sam Houston State University.

Patrick South has 24 years of progressive law enforcement experience with Austin Police Department. He has been a police commander for the department for more than five years and has served in leadership roles throughout the organization during his tenure. South holds a Bachelors of Business Administration in Finance from Texas A & M University.

Finalists will have an opportunity to tour the city and meet with executive staff before interviewing with city management, city employees and a community panel. The city manager will make his selection when the best qualified candidate is identified.

The community will have the opportunity to meet the finalists at a reception July 20 from 4 to 6 p.m. at Killeen Community Center.

Police Chief Dennis Baldwin was promoted to assistant city manager following service as interim city manager from October 2016 to February 2017. Assistant Police Chief Margaret Young has been serving interim chief since October 2016 but did not seek the permanent position.

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