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The Scappoose, Oregon, City Council has designated four finalists for the position of City Manager: Joseph Lessard, Gary Marks, Alexandra Rains, and David Van Dermark.



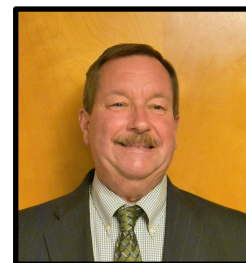
Joseph Lessard is currently working as an Independent Consultant with local governments focusing on strategic initiatives, government finance, organizational development, and capital development. Mr. Lessard has 22 years of local government experience including serving as the Assistant City Manager for Austin, TX, and Interim General Manager and Management Assistant for Dallas, TX. Mr. Lessard holds a Master of Public Affairs from Indiana University.

Gary Marks is the current Public Works Director for the City of Dallas, OR, where he has served since 2020. Mr. Marks has 30 years of local government experience including serving as the City Manager for Lebanon, OR, Whitefish, MT, and Heppner, OR. He has also served as City Administrator for North Bend, OR, and, Ketchum, ID. Mr. Marks holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Human Resources Management from George Fox College.



Alexandra Rains is the current Interim City Manager for the City of Scappoose, where she has served since 2020. Ms. Rains has six years of local government experience including Assistant City Manager and Program Analyst for Scappoose, OR. Ms. Rains holds a Master of Public Administration from Portland State University.

David Van Dermark is currently an in-transition City Manager. Mr. Van Dermark has 17 years of local government experience including City Manager for Crescent City, CA and Winston, OR. He has also served as the City Recorder and Urban Renewal Agency Director for Winston, OR. Mr. Van Dermark holds a Bachelor of Arts in Biology with a minor in Political Science.



The community will have an opportunity to meet the finalists through a virtual online reception the evening of Tuesday, August 24th, 2021. Details on how to sign-up to participate in the reception, will be provided in mid-August. Candidate interviews will be conducted on August 25th and 26th, 2021. The Scappoose City Council expects to make its final selection on Friday, August 27th, 2021.