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CHINO HILLS CITY COUNCIL APPOINTS BEN MONTGOMERY TO CITY MANAGER POST

Chino Hills, CA – The Chino Hills City Council has appointed Assistant City Manager Ben Montgomery to serve as the City’s fifth City Manager. He assumes the new role on April 1, 2019.

“Mr. Montgomery is ready to hit the ground running as our next City Manager,” said Mayor Cynthia Moran. “He has a broad base of knowledge about our community, the City’s operations, and a strong background in finance and problem-solving.”

Mr. Montgomery’s municipal career has spanned over 28 years, including 13 years in a management role at the City of Chino Hills. He came to the City in January of 2006 as the Neighborhood Services Manager. He transitioned to the City Manager’s Office as Deputy City Manager in 2014, and was promoted to Assistant City Manager in 2017. As a member of the City’s executive team, he served as the Department Director of the City Manager’s Office overseeing Code Enforcement, Human Resources, Community Relations, IT, and Emergency Preparedness. Working directly with the City Manager for the past two years, he has been engaged in every aspect of the City’s annual budget development process. He was selected by City staff as Employee of the Year in 2015 for his work ethic, commitment to the organization, and mentoring of staff.

“Mr. Montgomery has worked with the community on some difficult issues,” said Mayor Moran. “He is skilled at gaining consensus using a collaborative approach. Ben has gained the respect of the community and staff, and we appreciate his interpersonal skills.”

According to Mayor Moran, Mr. Montgomery has taken every opportunity to build his skill set in municipal governance starting with his impressive education. He has earned Bachelor of Arts degrees in both Psychology and Economics, a Master of Public Administration degree, and a Master of Business Administration degree with a dual concentration in Finance, and Management and Leadership.

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“I look forward to leading our organization with a continued focus on excellent customer service, and to working collaboratively with our executive team to efficiently manage City resources,” said Mr. Montgomery.

Mr. Montgomery began his municipal career as a Library Assistant. He gained experience at the Cities of Whittier, Torrance, and Brea. He is active in the municipal management profession having served in leadership roles with the International City/County Management Association, League of California Cities, and the Municipal Management Association of Southern California. Mr. Montgomery has contributed to the Chino Valley Community for two years as a member of the Chino Valley YMCA Board of Managers, and for 10 years on the West End Family Counseling Services Board of Directors. Mr. Montgomery is married and has three children.

The contract provides for a three-year term at an annual salary of \$223,000 and an \$800 per month car allowance. The contract includes Cost of Living adjustments consistent with those adopted for City employees. Benefits provided in the contract are consistent with benefits received by Department Directors. City Manager Rad Bartlam announced in January that he planned to retire on March 31, 2019 after five years of service.

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