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WEBSTER GROVES CITY COUNCIL APPOINTS NEW CITY MANAGER

Mayor Gerry Welch announced this week that the Webster Groves City Council appointed Marie Peoples, PhD as the city's new City Manager. The City Council unanimously approved Ms. Peoples' appointment. Ms. Peoples follows long-time City Manager Steve Wylie who retired in July of this year after serving 19 years as City Manager. Ms. Peoples will join a list of Webster Groves' City Managers who have served the city.

Ms. Peoples selection comes at the conclusion of a nationwide search conducted for the city by GovHR USA, a Northbrook, Illinois based executive recruitment firm. Ms. Peoples was chosen from a field of more than 85 applicants. "We are delighted to welcome Marie to our city and our municipal organization," said Mayor Gerry Welch. "Marie will bring strong experience and credentials to the position. She values service to the community's residents and businesses and brings the big-picture thinking our residents expect," said Welch.

Ms. Peoples is currently the Deputy County Manager for Coconino County, Arizona, where she has worked since 2013. There she manages several departments and about half of a \$198 million county budget. She previously held positions based in Jefferson City and Springfield, Missouri.

Ms. Peoples is a Missouri native, having graduated from Columbia College with a B.A. in criminal justice. Ms. Peoples also holds an M.A. from Lincoln University along with a Masters in Public Health and a PhD from Walden University. "I very much look forward to my work with an engaged City Council and knowledgeable City staff," said Peoples of her appointment. "In addition, it will be exciting to live in and become part of such a vibrant community."

Ms. Peoples will begin her duties in January 2021.

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