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**CITY OF BURNSVILLE ACCEPTS RESIGNATION OF
CITY MANAGER MELANIE MESKO LEE**

Council Names Gregg Lindberg Interim City Manager

The Burnsville City Council has announced that it plans to accept the resignation of City Manager Melanie Mesko Lee. Lee's resignation will be effective Friday, Jan. 14, and the City Council will formalize the acceptance at a meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 18. In her resignation letter, Lee expressed her appreciation for the staff who serve the community and bring collaboration, innovation and excellence to their work. Lee also thanked the volunteers and community members who generously contribute their talents to making Burnsville a great place.

Lee began as Burnsville's City Manager in January 2019. She brought more than 20 years of local government experience to the role. Under Lee's leadership, the City successfully navigated challenges brought by COVID-19 and successfully lobbied for special TIF legislation for the Burnsville Center redevelopment. In addition, the organization stayed true to its commitment to become an employer of choice and began work on Inclusion and Belonging, reinvested in employee professional growth initiatives, and adopted flexible workplace policies all with the objective of providing excellent service to the community and organization. During her tenure in Burnsville, Lee also served as President of Metro Cities, was a board member of the Metropolitan Area Management Association and the Burnsville YMCA, and a member of the Burnsville Breakfast Rotary. Lee represented Burnsville in various capacities on committees or working groups at the county, metro, and state level.

"We're thankful that Melanie brought her leadership talents to Burnsville and we're grateful for her service to our community," said Mayor Elizabeth Kautz.

The City Council has appointed Deputy City Manager Gregg Lindberg to an interim City Manager role. Lindberg has been Burnsville's Deputy City Manager since July 2019 and has more than 20 years of experience in local government and leadership development.

"Gregg is the right person to lead our organization alongside our leadership team," said Kautz. "He has extensive knowledge of local government and staff development. His passion for the Burnsville community is inspiring, and I'm confident he will help us go from a great service organization to an excellent one."

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Lindberg served as a City Council member in St. Louis Park from 2014-2018. He has taught public administration and organizational development classes at St. Paul College and Metro State University, and currently teaches at Hamline University and Bethel University. Prior to working at Burnsville, Lindberg was the Human Resources Manager at the Three Rivers Park District for 13 years.

At Burnsville, Lindberg supports the City Manager's functions and leads the Organizational Services Division – including Communications & Community Engagement, City Clerk, Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology. He is instrumental in the City's new community engagement initiatives and organizational development programs to help City staff be their best at work in order to serve the community effectively.

"Organizational change can be scary, but it also represents an opportunity," acknowledged Kautz.

"Burnsville is made up of hundreds of talented staff members who come to work every day with a singular goal of furthering our vision of being a vibrant city, boldly leading, welcoming to all. I'm confident that our staff will continue to serve Burnsville's community with professionalism and excellence."

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