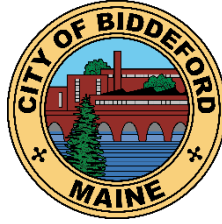

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PRESS RELEASE

City of Biddeford Seeks Feedback on Police Chief Recruitment

BIDDEFORD (October 18, 2022) — Police Chief Roger Beaupre has submitted notification of retirement to the City of Biddeford after more than 40 years of dedicated service. As a result of this notification, the City Manager will be conducting an inclusive Police Chief Recruitment Process to find a successor.

A major piece of the recruitment process is centered around gathering public input on the professional and personal qualities the community wants to see in its next Police Chief. Biddeford residents will have several different opportunities to participate in the process as outlined below.

City Manager Jim Bennett and Mayor Alan Casavant are currently seeking **two** residents to serve on a 9 member interview panel as part of the hiring process. Members of the interview panel will have the opportunity to review resumes and determine the candidates to be interviewed. The panel will be expected to advance at least three candidates to the City Manager for final consideration. If you wish to serve on the Interview panel please submit your name and contact information to the Executive Assistant, Shelly MacNeill at Shelly.MacNeill@Biddefordmaine.org by October 31, 2022.

The public will also have the opportunity to address the City Council during a public input session at 6PM at the **November 1, 2022 City Council meeting**. Public participation in this meeting can be in person in Council Chambers at City Hall or by Zoom.

Resident will also have the opportunity to speak directly to the City Manager to express their thoughts or concerns on a new Chief of Police during a Zoom meeting being held **November 2, 2022** from **12:30PM - 1:30PM**. Pre-registration is not required.

There is also an option for Biddeford residents to submit comments, thoughts or concerns about the qualities desired in a new Police Chief through an online portal.

The form for online comments, as well as information to access all online feedback meetings, may be found at www.biddefordmaine.org/policechiefrecruitment.

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