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CITY MANAGER MARTHA MEEKER RESIGNS

McMinnville City Manager Martha Meeker announced her resignation today, effective immediately.

“After considerable thought and reflection, I have determined it is in the best interest of the City for me to step away and allow the city to move forward under new leadership. I will always be grateful for the opportunity to be part of this community and to serve its best interests.”

Meeker will receive a 6-month severance package worth \$76,356 and both she and the City Council view her exit as amicable.

Meeker was appointed City Manager of McMinnville after a national search. During her tenure, the City of McMinnville saw several significant accomplishments including the formation of the City’s first task force to address homelessness and affordable housing. In addition, she oversaw changes in how the City spent its hotel tax dollars, transitioning from a grant process to standing up a dedicated organization designed to market the city as whole as a tourist destination. Meeker also saw the implementation of the \$24 million dollar transportation bond initiative and the first multimillion dollar project for the city’s relatively new urban renewal initiative. Financially, she leaves the city in a strong position with general fund reserves over 30%, two separate refinancing efforts saving over \$1 million, a recent federal grant of \$6.95 million for the airport and recognition by the Government Finance Officers Association for financial excellence.

Meeker’s last words were for the City’s employees were: “I am especially thankful for getting a chance to work alongside some of the most professional and dedicated public servants I’ve ever met. No matter who follows me next, the commitment and dedication you give to the Citizens of McMinnville every day will ensure success.”