



## Mayor's Monthly Newsletter

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### December 2016 – An Important Hire This December

Hello Neighbors, Residents and Friends,

I want to wish everyone in our city a Merry Christmas and a joyful holiday season. This has been an eventful year for our community. There were some extremely trying times during the April floods as well as some uplifting moments as we all celebrated our City's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. As always, this is a time of reflection and thanksgiving for the numerous blessings we have been afforded in our community.

This December, City Council will conduct several meetings to identify and hire a new City Manager. For those who are unfamiliar with our municipal structure, Jersey Village is a City Council-Manager form of government. The City Charter outlines our Council-Manager form of government in which "all powers of the city shall be vested in and exercised by an elective city council ("council") which shall enact ordinances, adopt budgets, determine policies, appoint the city manager, and execute other powers and duties as prescribed". The City Manager reports to City Council as serves as the "chief administrative and executive officer of the city". Under Sec. 5.02. of the City Charter, the powers and duties of the City Manager are:

- Hire and terminate all employees of the city
- Prepare and submit annually to council a proposed budget and administer the budget after its adoption;
- Advise the council of the financial condition and future financial needs of the city;
- Recommend to the council the salaries to be paid to each appointed officer and employee of the city;
- Recommend to the council in writing actions or policies the city manager considers desirable;
- Attend all meetings of the council, with the right to take part in discussion but with no vote;
- Administer the enforcement of all city ordinances; and
- Perform all other duties directed by the council and not inconsistent with the Charter.

The selection of a new City Manager is an important element in maintaining the growth and stability of Jersey Village. City Council identified several important attributes for a new City Manager. Among the considerations a new City Manager must embrace fiscally sound policies, prioritize public safety (police and fire) and promote the continued growth and ascendancy of the community.

The Jersey Village City Manager is an attractive position. Our finances and bond rating are strong, the community is vibrant and active and the relationship between staff and Council is harmonious and productive. We have received dozens of applications and City Council will be reviewing and interviewing prospective candidates over the next several weeks. I look forward to introducing our New City Manager to the community in a subsequent Mayor's newsletter

All the Best,

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