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## City of Waco Plans Additional Time for Police Chief Search

WACO, TEXAS (June 30, 2020)

The City of Waco announced today that it will take additional time in its search for a new Chief of Police. Department veteran Frank Gentsch, who has been in the position of Acting Chief, will be sworn in as the city's Interim Chief of Police. The opening for a new chief took place when Chief Ryan Holt was promoted to Assistant City Manager.

Deputy City Manager Bradley Ford points out “The current COVID-19 pandemic coupled with the ongoing dialogue in the country surrounding the role of police has changed the environment for completing a hiring process for Chief of Police. While we are pleased with the finalists who were being considered, we believe more time and consideration is essential to select the person to lead the department,” Ford said.

“We will continue to seek community input as the process goes forward. Having an experienced Interim Chief will enable us to continue to provide the highest level of service during this search process. We have decided to cancel a virtual town hall with two of the current candidates and extend the search based on the many changes and challenges facing public safety agencies across the country,” Ford said.

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