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Mount Vernon Mayor Jill Boudreau announced today that Mr. Bob Hyde has accepted the position of Community Development Director, filling the position following the retirement of Ms. Jana Hanson.

The position was advertised on a national basis and received a total of 25 applications from interested candidates. As part of the selection process, an Interview Committee was formed that included Mayor Boudreau, staff, Councilmember Joe Lindquist (City Council Economic Development Committee Chairperson), and commercial real estate broker John Mitzel. The Interview Committee met with the top three candidates and recommended that Mr. Hyde be further considered for the position.

Mayor Boudreau said, "I agreed with the Interview Committee's recommendation, completed additional interviews and background checks, and am pleased that Bob has accepted my offer to be our next Community Development Director. It is clear that Bob has the experience and vision to significantly contribute to the Mission of our City and its bright future."

Councilmember Lindquist said, "Bob brings the City technical expertise as a professional engineer, as well as a proven track record in economic development as a former port director."

John Mitzel said, "I was pleased that Bob emphasized the importance of actively interacting with the development community including architects, engineers and real estate brokers."

Mr. Hyde begins his new role on Monday, February 9, 2015, and remarked, "I am ecstatic to join the team at the City of Mount Vernon and look forward to working with the Mayor, City Council, staff and community to create a great community that is the preferred place to work, live and play. I have been impressed at the positive atmosphere and culture at the City, as well as its vision for the future, and look forward to rolling up my sleeves and getting to work."

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