

## **CITY OF PORT ORANGE**

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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#### **Port Orange City Council Selects New City Manager during Special Meeting**

**Port Orange, FL** – After an extensive recruitment process, Port Orange City Council has chosen Mr. Wayne Clark as the next City Manager at a Special Meeting on Friday, March 19. Mr. Clark comes to Port Orange from the City of DeBary where he has been serving as the Economic Development Director since October 2020. Prior to the City of DeBary, he served as Planning Director for New Hanover County in Wilmington NC for three years and from 2007-2017, Clark was the Community Development Director for the City of Port Orange.

Mr. Clark has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology, and a Minor in Communications and holds a Master of City and Regional Planning from Clemson University in Clemson, South Carolina.

Colin Baenziger & Associates was hired to conduct a comprehensive search for the new City Manager. The city received 90 applications and a screening process selected 11 candidates. At a Special Meeting on March 9, Council Members selected its top five candidates for the position. On March 18, one-on-one interviews with the candidates included a panel made up of City Council Members. Additionally, community members, city staff and residents had an opportunity to meet the applicants at a public reception.

A Port Orange Special Meeting will be set up on Tuesday, March 30 to award the contract to the new City Manager.

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