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CITY MANAGER CANDIDATES NAMED

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The names of the four candidates who will be interviewing for the city's next city manager were released today. The candidates will be participating in a day-long interview process on Friday, September 11.

The candidates will begin their day being interviewed by a community panel, a staff panel, and meeting with the interim city manager. In the afternoon, City Council members will interview the candidates. City Council will meet next week to discuss the results of the interview process.

A televised question and answer period will be conducted with the candidates at 4:30pm on Friday. It can be viewed on the city's government access channel (cable channel 19) or streamed on the city's website (stjoemo.org) and on Facebook (City of St. Joseph, MO Government @stjoemo).

The names of the candidates and a short bio follows:

Gary Edwards

- History
25 years of city management experience
- Education
Bachelor's in Communications, College of the Ozarks Point Lookout, MO
Master of Public Administration, Mo State University
- Current Location
Aransas Pass, TX as City Manager working through Hurricane Harvey
- Midwest Connection
City Administrator – Sedalia, MO
City Manager – Moberly, MO
City Administrator – Festus, MO
City Administrator – Ste. Genevieve, MO
City Administrator – Branson West, MO

Doug Gerber

- History
20 years of city manager experience
- Education
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS
Master of Public Administration, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS
- Current Location
Topeka, KS as Deputy City Manager. Available due to budget cuts by the state of Kansas
- Midwest Connection
City Manager – Goodland, KS
City Administrator – Beloit, KS
Assistant City Manager – Salina, KS
Administrative Intern – Manhattan, KS

Thomas Hutka

- History
Has worked in all areas of local government administration
- Education
BSE Civil Engineering, Princeton University
Master of Public Administration, Harvard University
- Current Location
Broward County, FL as Director of Public Works
- Midwest Connection
City Manager – Port Huron, MI
Commissioner of Engineering and Construction – Cleveland, OH
Director of Municipal Program Management with HNTB Corp. IN.
Consultant to local governments that include:
South Bend, IN
Town of Speed Way, IN
City of Dallas

Jeff Pederson

- History
Began his career in city finance, with over 15 years City Manager experience
- Education
Bachelor of Science, University of South Dakota
Master of Public Administration, University of South Dakota
- Current Location
Flandreau, SD as City Administrator
- Midwest Connection
City Manager – Paducah, KY
City Administrator – Grand Island, NE
City Manager – Dodge City, KS
City Administrator – Onawa, IA
City Administrator – Eagle Grove, IA

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