CITY MANAGER THE CITY OF COLLEGE PARK, MARYLAND

The City Council is seeking an experienced city manager to continue to position College Park as a premier local government for the future.

The successful candidate for the position of City Manager of the City of the City of College Park should meet the following criteria: Possess a Bachelor's degree in Public Administration or a related field. Possession of a related Master's degree is preferred; Display evidence of continued professional development such as designation as an ICMA Credentialed Manager: Have a minimum of seven years of significant experience as a city manager, deputy or assistant city or town manager, preferably in a community characterized by the presence of a major university or equivalent government facility: Be a visionary leader with excellent communications and interpersonal skills and a high degree of diplomacy: Be a fiscal manager who thoroughly understands and has experience utilizing new business practices, technology and innovation to achieve cost savings, efficiency and effectiveness: Possess a strong background in economic development and redevelopment, and preferably Main Street development, preferably in a university community. See brochure at www.mercergroupinc.com for more criteria and information.

The City Manager of the City of College Park is the Chief Administrative Officer of the City and is responsible to the Mayor and City Council for the administration of all City affairs placed in the City Manager's charge by or under the City Charter.

The eighth largest city in Maryland, College Park's population is 31,274 (2013). The City is the site of The University of Maryland, a Big Ten school and the City's major employer and property owner. The campus covers a large portion of the City. The University of Maryland College Park is a nationally recognized leader in academic education in a large number of fields, and in athletics and as a major research university.

College Park residents have easy access to light rail service into Washington, D. C., with two Metrorail stations in the City. In addition, there is easy access to regular rail service to/from Baltimore.

The governing body is composed of a Mayor, elected at-large, and eight Council members, with two Council members elected from each of four districts. The City government is organized into the departments of Administration; Finance; Public Services; Planning, Community and Economic Development; Youth, Family and Senior Services; and Public Works.

The City's annual operating budget is \$15.1M, which includes an inter-fund transfer to the Capital Projects Fund. The five-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) totals \$23M and includes 31 active projects.

There are approximately 100 employees on the City staff and the City department heads

are senior individuals with considerable experience in their positions. Some of the City's employees in Public Works (approximately 33) are covered under a collective bargaining agreement with AFSME Local 1209.

Seven City Managers have served the City since 1961. The incumbent has held the position of City Manager for 11 years and was Assistant City Manager for two years prior to being appointed City Manager. He is scheduled to retire in June, 2015. Accordingly, the City Council desires to provide for an orderly succession to this appointed position.

The starting annual salary for the City Manager position will be market competitive DOQ/E. An excellent fringe benefit plan will be provided as well. Reasonable relocation expense reimbursement will be negotiated. Residency in the City of College Park required.

This position is open until filled. First review of candidates will occur on May 30, 2015.

Confidential resumes by COB on May 29, 2015 to James Mercer, The Mercer Group, Inc., 5579B Chamblee Dunwoody Road, #511, Atlanta, GA 30338. VOICE: 770-551-0403; FAX: 770-399-9749. E-Mail: jmercer@mercergroupinc.com; Website: www.mercergroupinc.com *EOE*.

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