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**City of Burlington to Seek Public Input  
in Search for New City Manager**

**BURLINGTON, NC** – In July, City Manager Harold Owen announced his retirement effective September 1, 2015. As a result, the City of Burlington will be conducting a search for a new city manager. In August, the City Councilmembers voted to hire Developmental Associates to direct the search for Owen's successor.

As part of the process, the City Council is seeking public input on what qualities the next manager should have.

Over the next few weeks the consulting firm will offer area residents several opportunities to voice their opinions.

On Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. – 7:00pm Developmental Associates will host a public forum in the City's Council Chamber. The Council Chamber is located on the first floor of the City of Burlington's Municipal building, 425 S. Lexington Avenue. During the session, residents will be invited to share their feedback on a variety of topics, including the following:

- What are the most critical challenges facing the City now and over the next two to five years?
- What are the most important responsibilities of the manager?
- What are the most critical competencies the City should be seeking in its next manager?

After taking into account information gathered from the board and the community, Developmental Associates is expected to begin the recruitment process later this month.

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