

CITY MANAGER

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are equal among equals."

He pushed for a unanimous decision to give the chosen candidate a stronger vote of confidence, but said he needed to complete a background examination on one of the candidates. "I would hope you would find it in your hearts to condescend around a candidate with your colleagues," Gerstenecker said. "The manager coming in really hopes to have all of you around him."

Council members JoAnne McShane, Mary Bush and Mike Harrison chose number 47; Mayor Jim Mitchell and Councilman Arnold Campbell wanted number 21.

Gerstenecker also submitted his professional conclusion, recommending both number 21 and number 47.

The council will meet in closed session at 4:30 p.m. Friday to develop questions for

a second round of shorter interviews in open session at 6 p.m. on Dec. 18. Both meetings will be held at Farmington City Hall.

Council members discussed their primary considerations in their first choices.

McShane cited strengths in planning, economic development and redevelopment, union relationships, diversity recruitment in hiring, technical experience, and training for people who serve on boards and commissions.

"It comes down to what kind of style you want," McShane said.

Arnold liked the presentation style of his candidate and vast knowledge and experience on a number of subjects, including financial expertise which would serve well in continuation of city services.

"The person we choose will have to deal with people on an ongoing basis and will have to deal with us," he said. "Plus there's a lot of presentations

which will have to be done."

Mitchell thought his pick was best because the candidate had the best answers to all the questions. "This person is an excellent listener and has an excellent presence," Mitchell said. "This person has a similar personality to our present city manager."

Bush said her top pick also gave the best, most concise answers and was well-prepared. The candidate was well-collected and paused before giving answers which weren't too long.

Harrison said his choice was familiar with tough issues and wasn't afraid to speak their mind. He liked the candidate's experience and background and felt this person would be open to diversity.

Gerstenecker liked competency in the field for his choice, who didn't micro-manage or interfere, was self-assured and trust building.

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Employees Debby Rasbury and Kristine Cavalliere display Christmas ornaments at Farmington Bakery.

Bakery sells ornaments to raise funds for Living Center

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Supporting Community Living Centers just seemed like a natural fit for the Farmington Bakery.

Bakery employee Kristine Cavalliere came to co-owner Becky Burns earlier this year with the idea of doing a fund-raiser over the Christmas holiday. Burns had wanted to do the same thing for some time and just needed that extra little push to get it done.

They chose CLC because employee Debby Rasbury is a client there. Another bakery employee, Emily Saling, volunteers at one of CLC's group homes.

"We like the people who work there, and we like what they do," said Burns.

They came up with the idea of creating personalized paper ornaments, which sell for just a dollar. All proceeds go to CLC, and ornaments may be purchased right up through Christmas Eve, Burns said.

The bakery already donates leftover baked goods to a soup kitchen, which gets a large supply of food after the holidays, when the bakery closes up for a few days, Burns said.

Adding the CLC fund-raiser was a way to raise cash for a good cause.

"We've already sold half a dozen," Burns said. "We have trees taped to the front of the counter. I think closer to the holidays, we'll sell a few more."

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