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Derby Hires Deputy City Manager

Derby, Kansas – Beginning Nov. 19, Mr. Kiel Mangus will begin work at the City of Derby as its first Deputy City Manager. On August 14, the City Council approved the addition of this position due to the City's growth and need for additional management capacity.

Mr. Mangus has been Assistant City Manager of Manhattan, KS since 2014. As such, he reports to the Deputy City Manager and is liaison to Riley County Police Department and Kansas State University, responsible for risk management/safety, leads community engagement efforts, has worked with FEMA on emergency management/flooding issues, and was involved in facility construction projects.

Prior to 2014, he served as Director of Public Works for Frederick, Colorado, Assistant to the City Administrator in Goddard, and Economic Development Intern in Derby. He earned a Master of Public Administration at Wichita State University and a BS in Construction Science and Management at Kansas State University.

"Having grown up in the Derby area, I couldn't be happier about returning home for this opportunity to serve the community and advance my career in public management," said Mangus. He is a graduate of Mulvane High School.

In August and September, the City received 55 applications for the position. The pool was narrowed to the best 12 qualified candidates. Of those, five were interviewed by a team of City Manager Kathy Sexton, City Attorney Jacque Butler and Police Chief Robert Lee. Four of those five had connections to the Derby community (grew up here, live here now, or have family here now).

"The quality of the applicant pool was exceptional," said Sexton. "Selecting from the best of the best was a challenge, and I'm confident Mr. Mangus will be a great fit with our team of dedicated professionals serving Derby."

Pronunciation Guide: "Kiel" is pronounced with a long "i" just like Kyle. Keil is pronounced the same as Council President Tom Keil's last name but spelled with the vowels swapped.

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