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## **GARY WHATCOTT SELECTED AS SOUTH JORDAN CITY MANAGER**

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“I am proud to announce that the City Council has chosen a leader who has served our City honorably for over two decades” Mayor Dave Alvord said. “During the past six months Gary Whatcott has served as our Interim City Manager and has proven his ability to lead our wonderful City We’ve already accomplished so much together, and I looking forward to serving with Gary for the years to come” Alvord said.

Gary L. Whatcott has been selected as the finalist for the City Manager position with the City of South Jordan. The City is currently negotiating a contract and if finalized, an official appointment is expected to

occur at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, June 17, 2014. Whatcott, who has been serving as the Interim City Manager since January of this year, was selected unanimously by a search panel consisting of the Mayor and City Council after an extensive nationwide search. Whatcott is a long time resident of South Jordan City who started working at City of South Jordan in 1991 as a Fire Captain, becoming the first full-time firefighter and paramedic in the City's history. Prior to working for the City of South Jordan, Whatcott served as a police officer and later a fire fighter with the City of West Jordan.

Whatcott holds a B.S. in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix and a Master's Degree in Public Administration (M.P.A.) from Brigham Young University. In addition to serving as the first full time fire department employee for the City of South Jordan, Whatcott also served as the first Fire Chief beginning in 1993 overseeing the addition of two fire houses. Whatcott became the Director of Administrative Services in 2003. He was appointed as the Assistant City Manager in February of 2004.

"I love the City of South Jordan because we have always strived to set the City apart with its look and feel, and worked to create a vibrant and sustainable community that feels like home " Whatcott said. "I am looking forward to continuing to be engaged with the community and working with the Mayor and City Council on accomplishing their strategic priorities" Whatcott added.

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***The City of South Jordan, the third fastest growing City in the United States, is located 20 miles southwest of Salt Lake City, and home to 58,000 residents. In 2010 and 2012, South Jordan was named the #18 "Best Place to Live in America" by Money Magazine.***