

Press Release

City Manager Jessie Baker to Step Down May 15, 2021

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Mayor Kristine Lott and the Winooski City Council announce today that Jessie Baker will step down from her position as City Manager on May 15, 2021. Ms. Baker has accepted the position of City Manager for the City of South Burlington starting in June 2021.

Ms. Baker has served in this role since March 2017 and previously served as the Assistant City Manager in Montpelier, VT.

"We are very thankful for Jessie's service over the last four years," said Mayor Lott today. "Under the leadership of Ms. Baker, we have taken big steps towards achieving our community's vision of an affordable, vibrant, safe and connected community. We have moved forward critical infrastructure projects and complex development initiatives. We have expanded community engagement efforts and made significant progress on creating more equity in our city. It has been a pleasure to work with Jessie. We appreciate the work she has done for Winooski, and know that she will continue to make positive change in our region in her next role, while remaining a valuable member of our community."

"I'm proud of the work the City staff, Councilors, and our community have done in the past four years to move forward the City's Strategic Vision," said Ms. Baker. "Winooski is a special place – committed to serving all, growing strategically, and ensuring that our infrastructure and public safety services meet the needs of all of our residents. I'm proud to have worked alongside our City team and know there are wonderful days ahead for this community. And I look forward to staying engaged as a resident!"

At a publicly warned meeting on March 8, 2021 the Winooski City Council will discuss this transition and the process for hiring Winooski's next City Manager. This meeting will take place after Town Meeting Day so newly elected City Councilors can take part in these discussions, and the public forum will allow community members to participate in the process of selecting our next City Manager.

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