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Brenda Bauer Named Interim City Manager

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, May 26, 2010 – The City Council voted unanimously this evening to appoint Brenda Bauer as Interim City Manager for the City of Bainbridge Island. Ms. Bauer, who has 30 years of experience in local government, will take over leadership from Lee Walton effective June 1, 2010.

"We are lucky to find such an experienced public administrator to help us as we face the challenges of the current economy and set the course of action for the City," said City Councilmember Kirsten Hytopoulos.

"I'm excited about this opportunity to assist the City Council as they refine their approach under the new form of government, and to help the organization succeed as it moves forward into its second budgetary biennium," Bauer said.

Ms. Bauer holds an undergraduate degree in social work from the University of Missouri – Columbia and a law degree from Seattle University. She served most recently in the Seattle Mayor's Cabinet as Director of the Fleets & Facilities Department. In that role, she oversaw more than 300 employees and managed an operating budget of approximately \$124 million and a capitol budget of over \$40 million. She previously served as Director of Purchasing and Contracting for the City of Seattle, and was accountable for bidding and contract management for all public works contracts.

Ms. Bauer will serve until a permanent appointment is made by the Council.

Interim City Manager Lee Walton is retiring. "We all thank Lee for generously sharing his time and extensive experience with us. Together with Interim Deputy City Manager Stan McNutt, he has launched us down a solid path for this new approach to governing. We wish him the very best," stated City Councilmember Barry Peters.

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