



**City Council Announces Transition in Leadership**  
**Wednesday, November 27, 2024**

**Kings Mountain, NC** – The City Council of Kings Mountain takes its duties and responsibilities as elected representatives of the citizens very seriously. One of the primary roles of the Council is to appoint and oversee the individual responsible for managing the city. When necessary, it is also our duty to make decisions in the best interest of the community.

At last night’s City Council meeting, the Council voted not to renew the contract of City Manager Jim Palenick, which is set to expire on December 31, 2024. The Council extends its sincere appreciation to Mr. Palenick for his service to the City of Kings Mountain.

In addition, the City Council unanimously voted to appoint Todd Carpenter as the interim City Manager, effective January 1, 2025. Mr. Carpenter, a native of Cleveland County, most recently served as the Interim County Manager for Cleveland County. Prior to this, he spent 38 years in local government, including his tenure as Deputy City Manager for the City of Gastonia. In that role, he oversaw departments including Human Resources, Information Technology, Public Safety, and Budget Management. The Council is confident that Mr. Carpenter’s extensive experience will be an asset to the city as we prepare for the appointment of a permanent City Manager.

The City Council recognizes the challenges and stress of the past few months, and we apologize for any discomfort caused during this time. We value the continued dedication and commitment of all those who serve the City of Kings Mountain, and we remain optimistic about the future of our community. Working together, we will continue to achieve great things for the city.

We wish everyone a joyful and peaceful Thanksgiving, and encourage you to enjoy quality time with your family and friends.

Sincerely,

Mayor Wagman and City Council