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Barrow Withdraws from Police Chief Consideration

Beaumont, Texas – Louis Barrow has withdrawn his name from the list of candidates vying for the post of Beaumont City Police Chief, narrowing the field of candidates to seven.

Barrow was one of 11 finalists from a field of 52 applicants who applied for the job. Vicki King, Phillip Jones and Robert Burby each withdrew from consideration earlier in the summer. Barrow informed the city today that he has accepted a full-time position with Behavioral Measures & Forensics Services Southwest Inc., a Dallas-based firm where he currently serves as a consultant.

Interviews of the remaining candidates will begin on Aug. 22. Candidates will be interviewed by a panel of 10 citizens selected by City Manager Kyle Hayes to ensure community input in the decision. According to state law, the City Council must confirm the final selection, which is expected to come sometime in September.

“We wish Mr. Barrow success in his new position,” said Hayes. “We have a number of highly qualified candidates seeking this important position, and I look forward to the interview process, the final selection, and ultimately working with our next chief of police.”

Beaumont Police Chief Frank Coffin announced in March that he will retire effective Sept. 30. Coffin, who has been a member of the city’s police force for nearly four decades, has been its chief since 2006. The new chief will lead a department with approximately 300 employees and an annual budget of \$30.6 million.

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