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## **Texas City Candidate Withdraws from Police Chief Consideration**

**Beaumont, Texas** – Texas City Police Chief Robert Burby withdrew his name from the list of candidates vying for the post of Beaumont City Police Chief Friday.

Burby was one of 11 finalists from a field of 52 applicants who applied for the job. Interviews are expected to be held in August. 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 Chief Burby the best in his current position, and we look forward to interviewing the remaining candidates,” said Hayes. “I am extremely pleased with the caliber of applicants we have to choose from.”

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.

Chief Burby notified Human Resources Director Lillie Babino of his decision to withdraw by e-mail late Friday evening. Attached is a copy of the release his office sent out.

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