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Recruitment for City Manager pushed until 2011

Surprise AZ (June 24,2010) The City of Surprise will postpone recruiting a new City Manager until January, 2011, after a City Council discussion Thursday indicated the Council would prefer to wait.

The recruitment process had been scheduled to begin July 1, 2010. However, during a scheduled staff update on the status of the process in a Thursday workshop, Council members said a 6-month postponement would give the Council more time to adopt a strategic plan and make progress on important issues such as transportation.

Interim City Manager Mark Coronado agreed to continue until the recruitment is complete and the Council selects a new City Manager. Coronado, the City's Community and Recreation Services Director, has told the Council he will not apply for the position.

Coronado was named Interim City Manager in April after the City Council dismissed City Manager Randy Oliver in late March.