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DICK BOWERS APPOINTED GLENDALE ACTING CITY MANAGER

Glendale, Ariz. — On Feb. 17, the Glendale City Council gave direction to appoint Dick Bowers as acting city manager during the recruitment process for a permanent city manager. Bowers, whose assignment begins today, previously served as Glendale’s acting city manager for four months in 2013. His experience includes 30 years in public service with 10 years as the city manager of Scottsdale.

Bowers has worked with Glendale on various projects over the years including establishing council guidelines for meetings, procedures and executive management performance evaluations as well as the development and implementation of the city’s Centerline downtown redevelopment project.

In Scottsdale the results of Bowers leadership included the city yielding a coveted AAA bond rating. The International City Manager’s Association awarded Bowers with the “Outstanding Management Innovator” award for creating an environment which fostered teamwork, excellence and innovation. Bowers has also received the Arizona Republic’s “Vision Weaver Award,” the Institute for Community Cultural Diversity’s “Diversity Leadership Award” and the highest honor for an Arizona city manager, the “Jack DeBolske” award from the Arizona/City County Management Association.

Bowers has been the president of his own consulting firm since 2001, has served on various boards including Free Arts of Arizona, the Arizona Citizens for the Arts, the Downtown Phoenix Partnership and is also the president and CEO of the Herberger Theatre Center in downtown Phoenix. He has a bachelor’s degree in English, master’s degree in Public Service and is adjunct faculty at Arizona State University’s School of Public Affairs.