

## City to interview interim manager candidates

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Two residents among three to be queried on Monday.

FERNDALE -- Two city residents are among three candidates for the job of interim city manager that the City Council will interview on Monday.

City Manager Tom Barwin's last scheduled day is July 28; he's leaving to take the city manager's job in Oak Park, Ill.

All three candidates have advanced degrees and governmental work experience. Ferndale officials want to get someone named as an interim manager before Barwin leaves, said Councilman T. Scott Galloway.

"Time is of the essence," Galloway said. "We wanted to get somebody familiar with what's been going on in Ferndale."

Galloway expects that the City Council will make a selection following the three one-hour interviews it has set up starting at 4 p.m. at City Hall.

Candidate Christine Roeder of Ferndale has worked for the Michigan Economic Development Corporation since 2001 as an economic and community development specialist. She formerly worked for the cities of Farmington Hills and Eastpointe.

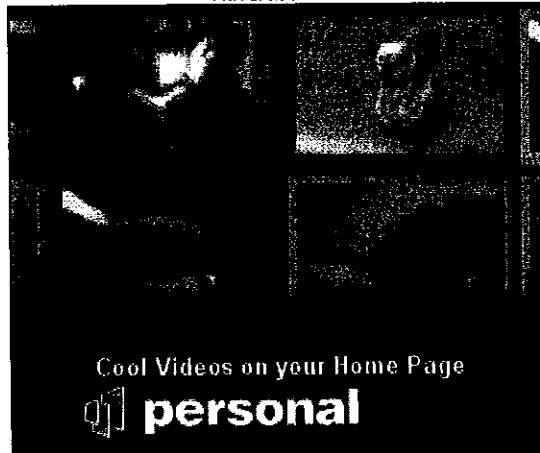
Warren Renando was city manager of Mount Clemens in Macomb County from 1984-96. A Jackson resident, he was also the city manager there eight years ending in 2004.

Barwin said Renando was suggested as an interim manager by the Michigan Municipal League, a service and membership organization for communities throughout the state. The MML also suggested candidate Darwin Parks as a good interim city manager, Barwin said.

Parks was appointed to act as the city administrator for Highland Park by the fiscal manager who took over city operations of the city after it went bankrupt. He left that job last year.

Parks previously was a city manager for six years in Richmond, and also worked in Standish and Oxford.

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The City Council this weekend is looking over four proposals from job-search firms before choosing one to head Ferndale's search for a full-time replacement for Barwin.

The council is expected to pick a search firm at its next regularly scheduled meeting at 7:30 p.m. July 24, Galloway said.

City officials have said they want to hire a new city manager with the ability to foster continuing economic development in Ferndale, as well as keep a sharp eye on the budget and various city departments.

Once Ferndale selects a search firm it will likely take several months before city officials name a new city manager, Barwin said.

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