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I am writing as I am concerned about the current City Manager search. I reached out to the Mayor about three weeks to see if he could address the issue, but it does not seem to have been solved. I am interested in the position, but after the City Council decided to go with Colin Baenziger, I reached out to them on their website as the position was not listed. It is still not listed. Finally, I was contacted by one of their executives, and they said that the City of Lake City had never contacted them. This was over two weeks later. He did not even realize that the city was interested until a mutual friend said that he should look at one of the stories on the Columbia County/ Lake City Observer. I spoke with the Mayor on the phone concerning the issue, and he was supposed to help resolve it, but clearly the issue has not been resolved. I would like this brought before the City Council as there seems to be some delay on the city's end in moving forward with the City Manager Search. I understand that it was noted that no one had reached out concerning the position, but I can personally attest that this is not true having spoken with both the Mayor and the Executive of Colin Baenziger. It seems that it is impossible to apply to the position if it has not been listed, and the city is not willing to finalize contracts and paperwork on their end. I believe that this is slowing down a process that is already delayed by over a year. I would like this brought to the attention of the council before the next meeting as there seems to be a real delay on the end of the city in addressed this issue. I thank you for your time and assistance. If there are any questions, I am willing to answer them via email or phone call. My number is 931-251-1795.

Thank You,  
Dr. Christopher M. Esing