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PRESS RELEASE

Sumner Welcomes New City Attorney Brett Vinson

Sumner, WA—On Monday, May 21, the Sumner City Council approved the contract to hire Brett Vinson to be Sumner's new city attorney. Vinson, who has served as the deputy city attorney for the City of Puyallup since 2005, will start in Sumner on June 11.

Vinson, a graduate of Brigham Young University and Seattle University School of Law, has served the cities of Bremerton and Kent throughout his career. He has also served as a member of the Civil Topics Committee for the Washington State Association of Municipal Attorneys.

"In fulfilling a number of roles that range from serving as prosecutor in Municipal Court to representing the City of Sumner, our city attorney is at the heart of our City's mission to provide needed and valued services that promote our sense of community," said City Administrator John Doan. "Brett's experience and enthusiasm made him the leading candidate, not only to accomplish the duties of city attorney but also to really exemplify our organizational mission and values."

Said Vinson, "I am excited for the opportunity to serve the great City of Sumner. Sumner has been on the forefront of many important issues, and I look forward to continuing this tradition."

As Sumner's city attorney, Vinson will plan, direct, and coordinate comprehensive legal services for the City; provide counsel to the city administrator, mayor, council, staff, committees and commissions; provide legal advice to guide city policies, decisions and activities; represent the City and supervise and direct representation of the City at various court levels and tribunals in criminal (prosecutor of municipal court law) and civil litigation and in administrative hearings; draft and interpret City ordinances and resolutions; negotiate real property acquisitions; participate in the City's short and long range planning to assure proper consideration of legal issues. The city attorney leads and supervises a staff of two, consisting of one full-time administrative specialist, a part-time paralegal and a part-time domestic violence advocate. The role of city attorney was previously filled by Patricia Bosmans, who served Sumner for 10 years before recently taking on the role of city attorney for the City of Des Moines.

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