



## APPOINTMENT OF AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION

RS-24-145

August 20, 2024

# Background

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- Executive Director of Parks and Recreation vacancy
  - ▣ May 10, 2024
- Recruitment
  - ▣ Job posting
    - April 29, 2024
  - ▣ Number of qualified candidates
    - 50
  - ▣ Interviews
    - June 21 and July 8

# Candidate Information

- The City Manager selected Mr. Antonio Murphy as the Executive Director of Parks and Recreation.
  
- Mr. Murphy comes to Killeen with over twenty (20) years of Parks and Recreation experience serving in:
  - ▣ The City of Chester, South Carolina
  - ▣ Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation Department, North Carolina
  - ▣ The City of Gastonia Parks and Recreation Department, North Carolina
  - ▣ The City of Baltimore Recreations and Parks Department, Maryland
  - ▣ And most recently, Chatham County, Georgia Parks and Park Recreation as the Assistant/Deputy Director.

# Candidate Information (cont.)

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- Mr. Murphy has demonstrated strong leadership and management abilities in various supervisory roles since 2003.
- He has experience in hands-on recruitment and leading outreach initiatives, as well as building strong community partnerships and participating in city-wide agency collaborations.
- Mr. Murphy brings a proven ability to provide operational direction, strategic planning, policy compliance, and has a solid understanding of financial operations and fiscal responsibility.
- Mr. Murphy received his Bachelor of Science in Sport Management from Winthrop University, Rock Hill, South Carolina.

# Staff Recommendation

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Staff recommends that the City Council approve the City Manager's appointment of Mr. Antonio Murphy as the City of Killeen's Executive Director of Parks and Recreation.

