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Elmer appointed as next City Manager

■ **HIRING:** Berkeley woman to focus on Measure 47, city growth and government accountability when she takes office Feb. 1.

By Eric Collins
Community Reporter

After 45 days of contract negotiations, the quest for the Eugene City Manager has finally come to an end.

A unanimous vote by the Eugene City Council confirmed a contract agreement and formally appointed Vicki Elmer as Eugene City Manager in a Monday night City Council Meeting.

Elmer, the current Public Works director of Berkeley, Calif., will begin her career as City Manager Feb. 1.

Inherent to the City Council contract is that the council may fire the City Manager with or

without reason after an interim six-month period.

After this initial period, the council will review the performance and salary of Elmer annually. The City Manager is the only position the mayor and City Council has employment control over.

Tim Laue, outgoing Council President, said the hiring process for the City Manager position had been longer than he had anticipated.

"I hope she can negotiate as well for the city of Eugene as she has with the city of Eugene," Councilor Laue said.

Councilor Laue, a member of the interview team sent to Berkeley, Calif. to interview staff officials regarding Elmer, only had positive things to say about the Californian.

"I think she is a good fit for Eugene," Councilor Laue said. "She

has experience in a city of comparable size and with similar characteristics."

Laue also pointed to Elmer's energy, enthusiasm and commitment to her work, although he concluded that Elmer "has her work cut out for her."

Elmer emphasized the shared spirit between her and the City Council as well as the cities of Berkeley and Eugene when asked why she chose to become the Eugene City Manager.

"I really appreciate the diversity of both cities," Elmer said. "I am also looking forward to getting to know the University and the students."

Elmer said state Ballot Measure 47, city growth and the accountability of city government are her priorities as she begins her term.

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After Elmer's appointment, Councilors voted for Council President and Council Vice-President. Laurie Swanson-Gribskov, Ward 4 City Councilor, was unanimously voted Council President, while Pat Farr, Ward 6 City Councilor, was unanimously voted Council Vice-President.

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Inauguration committee to pay tribute to King

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Clinton's inauguration committee will pay tribute to Martin Luther King by staging a production of the musical "King!" on the National Mall.

The musical, starring opera singer Simon Estes as King, will be performed Sunday in one of two 6,000-seat pavilions being constructed on the Mall for weekend concerts to be held before the Jan. 20 inauguration, organizers said Monday.

Poet Maya Angelou wrote

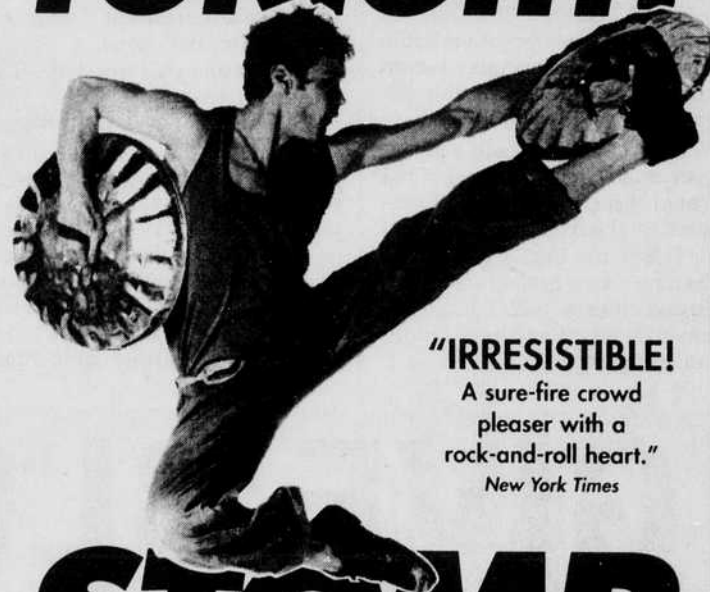
lyrics for the musical, which features gospel songs, jazz and blues.

"We are honored to pay tribute to Dr. King's life and his contribution to our national heritage," said Ann Dibble Jordan, co-chair of the Presidential Inauguration Committee. "During the inauguration weekend we hope to reflect the principles of inclusion, equality and opportunity that were his life's work."

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