City of Birmingham
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MEMORANDUM

City Manager's Office

DATE: **January 5, 2015**

TO: **City Commission**

FROM: **Joseph A. Valentine, City Manager**

SUBJECT: **Appointment of Finance Director/Treasurer**

As you know, current Finance Director/Treasurer Sharon Ostin announced in October her intention to retire effective January 16, 2015 following more than 25 years of service

The City Charter provides that the City Manager may appoint a Finance Director/Treasurer with the advice and consent of the City Commission.

An internal posting of the position resulted in current Assistant Finance Director Mark Gerber becoming a candidate for the position of Finance Director/Treasurer. Having served as Assistant Finance Director for the past 15 years, Mr. Gerber is well known to the Commission and the community.

By way of qualifications, Mr. Gerber holds a CPA certification and meets all education and experience requirements for the position of Finance Director/Treasurer.

An extensive and wide ranging interview of Mr. Gerber by the City Manager and Mr. Joe Heffernan of Plante Moran took place on December 17th.

It is the City Manager's recommendation to appoint Mark Gerber as Finance Director/Treasurer effective January 17, 2015.

SUGGESTED RESOLUTION:
To concur in the City Manager's appointment of Mark Gerber as Finance Director/Treasurer, effective January 17, 2015.