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Mayor Oberlie Announces Attorney Appointments

Michigan City, IN – Mayor Chuck Oberlie announced the following appointments with regard to personnel in the City Attorney's Office:

“Effective on Monday, September 12, 2005, Attorney John Espar will begin serving the City of Michigan City in the official capacity of Corporate Counsel. In addition, Attorney Jennifer Evans will begin serving the city as City Attorney.

I have worked with both Attorney Espar and Attorney Evans for several years and I hold both in the highest regard with respect to their legal knowledge and their work ethic. I fully expect that Michigan City will be well served by the talents that both John and Jennifer will bring to their newly appointed positions.

Attorney Espar, in particular, has extensive experience as the City Attorney for Michigan City; a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney in the LaPorte County Prosecutor's Office responsible for prosecuting major felony offenses; a Special Assistant State's Attorney in the Office of the Illinois State's Attorney; and as a principal in the local law firm of Beckman & Espar.”

In response to his appointment John Espar said, “Knowing that Mayor Oberlie holds his staff to the highest standards of service and knowing the Mayor's vision for the continued development of our city, I expect that my new duties of Corporate Counsel will be at once both challenging and exciting. These really are great times to be involved in the work of the city.”

Attorney Espar earned his law degree from the University of Southern California and he completed his undergraduate collegiate studies at Indiana University. Attorney Evans successfully completed an undergraduate degree at Western Michigan University and is a graduate of the Valparaiso University School of Law.