



# City of East Ridge

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### East Ridge Advances Four Candidates in Second Search for City Manager

**EAST RIDGE, TN** — The City of East Ridge has advanced four candidates in its second recruitment process for the position of City Manager following the retirement of longtime City Manager J. Scott Miller in February 2026.

The renewed nationwide search attracted a strong and competitive pool of applicants with extensive municipal leadership experience across multiple states. After a comprehensive review of qualifications, background, and executive-level experience, the City Council has identified four candidates to participate in public interviews.

**Brian Koral** of Kansas City, Missouri, currently serves as City Administrator for Riverside, Missouri. He previously served as Town Administrator for Atoka, Tennessee, and has held leadership roles in Sedalia, Missouri. Koral brings significant experience in capital project delivery, economic development initiatives, public safety investments, and long-range financial planning. His background includes overseeing major infrastructure projects, downtown redevelopment, parks expansion, and regional tourism investments. He holds a Master of Public Administration from Arkansas State University and is a member of the International City/County Management Association.

**Rick J. Rudometkin, CPM, ICMA-CM** currently serves as City Manager of Belle Isle, Florida, and has previously held executive leadership positions in Washington, Colorado, California, and New Mexico. His experience includes managing large-scale county and municipal budgets, infrastructure modernization, public safety facility construction, and economic development strategies. Rudometkin has overseen complex organizations serving populations ranging from small municipalities to counties exceeding 700,000 residents. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Management and maintains professional certifications in public management.

**James Tyson Ross** of Cohutta, Georgia, most recently served as City Manager for the City of Dalton, Georgia, and General Manager for Loudon Utilities. Ross also has experience as City Manager of Fernandina Beach, Florida, and as an attorney specializing in municipal and real estate law. His career reflects extensive work in finance, redevelopment, labor relations, and capital improvements. He holds a Juris Doctor from Georgia State University and an MBA from Kennesaw State University.

**Glen T. Adams** of Pell City, Alabama, brings more than 25 years of executive leadership experience across municipal and military-equivalent operations. He has served as Interim City Manager in multiple jurisdictions including Homewood, Alabama; Martinsville, Virginia; and Manassas, Virginia. Adams has overseen multimillion-dollar budgets, guided organizational restructuring, negotiated major transportation grants, and led infrastructure initiatives. His background includes strategic planning, crisis management, and capital project implementation. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree and has completed advanced municipal and military management training.

The City of East Ridge will host public interviews during a special called meeting of the East Ridge City Council on **Thursday, March 5, 2026, at East Ridge City Hall beginning at 3:00pm**. The meeting will be open to the public, and residents are encouraged to attend as the Council continues the selection process.

The next City Manager will serve as the City's chief administrative officer, overseeing municipal operations, strategic planning, budgeting, and implementation of policies adopted by the Mayor and City Council. As East Ridge continues to experience sustained growth, capital investment, and redevelopment, the City Council remains committed to selecting a leader who will build upon this momentum and guide the organization into its next chapter.

Additional updates will be shared through the City's official communication channels. For more information, please visit the City's website at [www.eastridgetn.gov](http://www.eastridgetn.gov).

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