

Michael Ortega began serving as Tucson City Manager at the start of the new fiscal year, July 1. He replaces Martha Durkin, who had been serving in the interim since last July. After an extensive national search, Mayor and Council hired Ortega in March.

The comprehensive interview process included candidate participation in a community forum and interviews with Mayor and Council, a citizens advisory committee, City staff, and labor union representatives.

Ortega is a former Cochise County Administrator and Douglas City Manager. He's also held numerous other positions in state and local government.