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CITY OF CORTEZ

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CITY OF CORTEZ ANNOUNCES NEW CITY ATTORNEY

Cortez, CO- The City of Cortez announced today that Patrick Coleman has been hired as the new City Attorney for the City of Cortez. Coleman is an attorney with over thirty years of experience, including sixteen years representing local governments in Colorado, primarily on the West Slope. Patrick served as the Routt County Attorney, the Montrose County Attorney, and from 2014 to 2021, the Mesa County Attorney in Grand Junction, Colorado.

“We are excited to have Patrick join our leadership team and help the City of Cortez move forward. His experience will be valuable in tackling the challenges the city faces. We are lucky to have found someone with his background.” Cortez City Manager Drew Sanders said.

Coleman’s experience includes acting as an assistant city attorney in charge of land use and real estate for the City of Loveland, Colorado. Patrick has eighteen years of private sector legal experience focusing on real estate development, entitlement and transactional matters, government regulatory matters, agricultural law, water law, corporate law, and contract law. Patrick grew up on his family ranch near the foothills west of Denver, and he continues to have a lifelong interest all things cattle and ranching related. In his spare time, he enjoys hiking, camping, and supporting Colorado State University’s athletic programs.

“Patrick comes from an area much like ours, is a native Coloradan and has the expertise to work alongside our departments such as the new Community and Economic Development Department. We are thrilled he has accepted this position.” The City Attorney position has historically been filled as a contract position, this will be the first full time city employee to occupy the role.

Coleman’s first day is June 20, in the meantime, Mike Green will continue to act as the Interim City Attorney.

Please contact City Manager Drew Sanders with questions at dsanders@cortezco.gov.