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## White Plains mayor-elect announces transition team

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WHITE PLAINS — Mayor-elect Adam Bradley's transition team met for the first time last month, charged with the central goal of trying to find ways to save the city money.

Bradley, 48, said the nine-member team plans to convene once a week to assess the city's adopted budget, compare municipal salaries around Westchester County and come up with ideas to make local government more efficient.

"I expect every commissioner in my administration to prioritize their fiscal obligation to the taxpayers of this city," Bradley said prior to the meeting.

To avoid conflicts of interest, Bradley added that the team's seven primary members would not be hired into his administration when he takes office on New Year's Day.

The team's chairman, Tom Schwarz, is the president of Purchase College, SUNY, and a former mayor of Ocean Beach on Long Island.

"It is my honor and privilege to serve at the mayor-elect's request and I look forward to lending my time and experience to facilitate this transition effort," Schwarz said in a prepared statement.

He will be working with William Mooney, president of the Westchester County Association; Larry Delgado, a former Republican city councilman; Terence McGuire, a former city school board member; Lori Hall Armstrong, a former regional representative for the governor's office; Denise D'Ambrosio, a lawyer; and Jim Glatthaar, a lawyer and former city attorney.

"I am thrilled to have such a talented, bipartisan, dedicated and capable group of professionals volunteering their time and effort to help our city," Bradley said in a prepared statement.

Two more in the group will not be restricted from joining Bradley's administration, he said. Judy Chriss, who runs a professional staffing business, will be assisting the team as its executive director, and John Callahan, a former city attorney, will be Bradley's liaison to the team.

Callahan, Glatthaar, Mooney and Schwarz have all been regular contributors to Bradley's campaigns, according to campaign finance filings. McGuire contributed twice to Bradley's campaigns.

Bradley, a Democratic state assemblyman, brought together the team about a week after winning the Nov. 3 election to replace Republican Mayor Joseph Delfino.

Bradley said the group would look into novel practices used by other municipalities, as well as possible areas to consolidate services with the county or among different White Plains departments.

"We're just getting the ball rolling," he said.

Bradley, who was born and raised in White Plains, earned a law degree from Pace University and ran his own law firm. He was the city Democratic chairman and has served as an assemblyman since 2003.