

# Gulfport city manager named

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GULFPORT — Ellis Shapiro of Deerfield Beach was hired Tuesday as Gulfport's new city manager.

Shapiro, 31, will start Dec. 5, receiving about \$18,000 per year. He has been systems city manager at Deerfield Beach.

The City Council vote was unanimous. Shapiro actually was notified of the council's decision last week after a special work session.

Married and the father of two, Shapiro will replace Acting Manager L. T. McCarthy. McCarthy had held the post since for-

mer City Manger Harry Perkins left for a position in Glynn County, Ga.

Asked why he chose Gulfport, Shapiro said, "Gulfport is a nice community. I've been all over the state of Florida and seen most of the communities . . . Gulfport was a good town as far as I was concerned."

Shapiro has a bachelor of arts in political science from Florida Atlantic College in Boca Raton, where he is three courses away from a masters in the same field.

He is also a member of the International City Management Association of Florida and the City and County Managers Association.