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Rockford Public Works Director Hanson Resigns to Take on New Local Opportunity

ROCKFORD, IL – Mayor Larry Morrissey announced today that Timothy Hanson, director of public works for the City of Rockford, will leave city government later this month to take on a new opportunity.

“It has been a great privilege to work for the city and the citizens of Rockford,” stated Hanson. “The public works crew is among the most dedicated and incredible employees I have had the pleasure of working with and I am thankful for the opportunity to work with them in serving the needs of the community.”

A well-respected and friendly face to the public, Hanson has been with the city for more than 10 years, starting as an operations manager before assuming the role of interim, then permanent director of public works. Hanson has led significant process and service improvements during his tenure, streamlining public works from eight operational divisions to three, and reducing staffing by 25 percent which saved more than \$4 million of legacy costs per year. At the same time, Director Hanson improved operational results and public works service response times, and brought a more business-centric, responsive, and customer service focus to the department.

"I can't say enough about how great an honor it has been to work with Tim Hanson and to watch the growth and development of the public works department under Tim's leadership. Tim has overseen an incredible transformation of our public works department during one of the most explosive and impactful times for public infrastructure investment in the city's history. Tim's leadership has directly shaped the structure, systems and customer service for the department that will ensure that our citizens continue to receive great service and great value. Our citizens will also be very happy to know that while Tim is leaving city government, he is not going far, and he will continue to be a great contributor to our community as he takes advantage of the incredible opportunity he has been given to direct the Rock River Water Reclamation District," said Mayor Morrissey.

Some of the major projects completed during Hanson's tenure include:

- \$75 Million Upgrade to the City Water System
- Rockford Riverwalk
- North Main and Auburn Roundabout
- Phase I of West State Street Reconstruction
- Harmon Park Neighborhood Drainage Improvements
- South Main Street Reconstruction
- Morgan Street Bridge
- City Market Pavilion
- Airport Drive & Falcon Road Reconstruction
- Midtown Streetscape and Lighting Project

“Tim has done a terrific job during his tenure with the City of Rockford and has moved the department forward in many ways,” City Administrator Jim Ryan noted. “He has been one of our best leaders over the past 10 years and has embodied the city’s organizational values of accountability, customer service, teamwork, innovation, openness, and never giving up on a tough issue or problem. Our regional partners and friends at the Reclamation District will be well served by his infectious energy and tenacious commitment to customer service, and we are fortunate to retain him in the community.”

Hanson’s last day with the city will be January 29, 2016. Interim leadership and search plans will be announced over the next few weeks.

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