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## **City Manager Brian Funderburk Credentialed by International Local Government Management Organization**



**ROWLETT, TEXAS--** Brian Funderburk, City Manager of the City of Rowlett, Texas, recently received the Credentialed Manager designation from ICMA, the International City/County Management Association. Mr. Funderburk is one of over 1,400 local government management professionals currently credentialed through the ICMA Voluntary Credentialing Program.

ICMA's mission is to create excellence in local governance by promoting professional management worldwide and increasing the proficiency of appointed chief administrative officers, assistant administrators, and other employees who serve local governments and regional entities around the world. The organization's nearly

10,000 members in 27 countries also include educators, students, and other local government employees.

To receive the prestigious ICMA credential, a member must have significant experience as a senior management executive in local government; have earned a degree, preferably in public administration or a related field; and demonstrated a commitment to high standards of integrity and to lifelong learning and professional development.

"I have had the honor of serving alongside Brian since 2007, and I can unequivocally say that he ranks among the best city managers in the state," says Rowlett Mayor Todd Gottel. "His commitment to the City of Rowlett organization, as well as to its citizens, is second-to-none. This council appreciates and admires Brian's ongoing commitment to further his education by achieving ICMA's Credentialed Manager designation."

Brian Funderburk is qualified by 31 years of professional local government experience, 12 of which have been at the chief executive level. Brian has proudly served the City of Rowlett for nearly 14 years. Prior to his appointment in 2013 as City Manager of Rowlett, he served as Assistant City Manager for three years and as Chief Financial Officer for seven. Previously, Brian served at the executive level for communities in Colorado and Louisiana.

Highlights of Brian's career include:

- Received the 2015 Big "R" Pacesetter Award by the Rowlett Chamber of Commerce given in appreciation for outstanding contributions and dedication to the businesses and citizens of Rowlett;
- Received the 2016 Garland NAACP Bridge Builder Award, which recognizes individuals who continuously strive to make a positive difference in diverse communities;
- Led team effort to acquire the Bayside Land Development project, a 260-acre site that will generate nearly one billion dollars in private investment. Bayside will bring tourism, jobs and tax value to the Rowlett community, as well as raise the City's profile to the national level;
- Led City-wide, multi-agency team effort involving the December 26, 2015 EF-4 Tornado, including emergency response, short and long term citizen recovery aid, storm debris removal, and community engagement.

Brian received his Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting in 1984 from Louisiana College and his Master in Public Administration in 1997 from the University of Colorado at Denver, Graduate School of Public Affairs where he graduated with honors (Pi Alpha Alpha, National Honor Society for Public Affairs and Public Administration). Brian has also been a certified public accountant since 1987.

#### **About ICMA**

ICMA, the International City/County Management Association, advances professional local government worldwide. The organization's mission is to create excellence in local governance by developing and fostering professional management to build sustainable communities that improve people's lives. ICMA provides member support; publications; data and information; peer and results-oriented assistance; and training and professional development to 10,000 city, town, and county experts and other individuals and organizations throughout the world. The management decisions made by ICMA's members affect millions of people in thousands of communities, from small villages and towns to large metropolitan areas.

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