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Rowlett City Council names new City Manager



ROWLETT, TX – On Tuesday, November 19, 2013, Interim City Manager Brian Funderburk was appointed City Manager of the City of Rowlett, Texas by the Rowlett City Council. Mr. Funderburk has been with the City since July 14, 2003, serving for the last three years as the Assistant City Manager. Prior to that, he served as the City’s Director of Finance and Administration for seven years. He has been the Interim City Manager since the departure of former City

Manager, Lynda Humble in July of this year.

“This is an exciting time to be a part of this great community,” said Mr. Funderburk. “With the completion of the President George Bush Turnpike, the opening of the Dart Light Rail Blue Line Extension and the adoption of *Realize Rowlett 2020*, I believe that Rowlett is strategically poised to reach the potential that our citizens have desired for so many years.”

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Under his financial leadership, Mr. Funderburk instituted strong fiscal oversight and best practices leading to recognition by government financial institutions including:

- Government Finance Officers Association *Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting* for nine straight years.
- Government Finance Officers Association *Distinguished Budget Presentation* for the past ten years.
- The Texas Comptroller's Leadership Circle Gold Member award for financial transparency for the second year.

In his role as Chief Financial Officer, his fiscal oversight and stewardship of citizen's taxpayer dollars have led to two increases in the City's bond rating, from A+, to AA- and then to the current AA rating.

"Brian is an experienced and dedicated professional that will serve our community very well," Mayor Todd Gottel stated. "His business acumen and financial expertise will help lead our City through some of the tough economic challenges still remaining in the next couple of years and prepare us for the economic development growth we see on the horizon."

A Rowlett resident, Mr. Funderburk has over 27 years of experience in municipal government, in Louisiana, Colorado and Texas, 20 in the position of chief financial officer and five and a half years as city manager. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting in 1984 from Louisiana College and his Master's in Public Administration in 1997 from the University of Colorado at Denver, Graduate School of Public Affairs.

Mayor Gottel also noted that Rowlett citizens will appreciate Mr. Funderburk's focus on public accountability and transparency. "He listens to the Council and shares our passion to deliver quality City services efficiently, and to report on the results. It is important to us as an elected body that our citizens feel that they receive value for their tax dollars and can hold us accountable for the way that their tax dollars are spent."

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“I appreciate the City Council’s desire to ensure that the City is run well and I look forward to working closely with not only Council, but the entire City staff as we begin to reap the benefits of our strategic initiatives and economic development opportunities,” said Mr. Funderburk. “I am also extremely proud of the City of Rowlett employees and the exemplary work this organization performs on a daily basis. We are a citizen-centered organization that strongly believes we are here to serve our citizens and we will continue to strive on a daily basis to ensure our customers see and feel our commitment to making a difference in the quality of life in our community.”

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