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INVER GROVE HEIGHTS NAMES NEW PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

[INVER GROVE HEIGHTS, Minn., February 23, 2022] – The City of Inver Grove Heights (IGH), which recently hired a new city administrator and a new parks and recreation director, has added a new public works director to its staff. Brian Connolly, who comes to the city from consulting firm Alliant Engineering, Inc. in Minneapolis, was officially introduced to the IGH City Council on January 24, his first day on the job.

Connolly joins IGH as it embarks on an ambitious effort to improve infrastructure management citywide through the creation of a citizen task force on pavement management and other targeted initiatives. “The City Council and city staff are excited to have Brian on board,” said City Administrator Kris Wilson. “Inver Grove Heights is growing and developing, and I am confident that Brian has the knowledge and experience necessary to provide city leadership with sound guidance as we respond to evolving infrastructure management needs.”

Connolly has 18 years of experience in transportation and infrastructure construction management in both the public and private sectors. He has worked with area municipalities, including as the assistant city engineer with the City of Burnsville, on engineering design and asset management system development. His additional experience includes project engineer and project manager roles at engineering consulting firms WSB and Bolton & Menk, Inc., respectively. Connolly was recently appointed to the board of directors at Gopher State One Call, the nonprofit corporation responsible for implementing utility-locating, one-call notification center services in Minnesota, where he provides oversight and perspective from the engineering and public utility industry.

“During my years as a consultant, I worked with a number of Dakota County representatives and engineering and public works leaders in communities bordering Inver Grove Heights,” added Connolly. “I am looking forward to connecting with these peers and working to understand and find solutions to the infrastructure challenges that we and our neighboring communities face.”

When Connolly is not overseeing municipal improvement projects, he turns his attention to home improvement projects at his home in Rosemount, Minnesota, where he lives with his wife and their two young children. He is an avid golfer, who enjoys attending his children's extracurricular events and spending time at his family's lake home in northern Wisconsin.

About IGH: Located southeast of the Twin Cities in Dakota County, Minn., a ten-minute drive from downtown St. Paul, the City of Inver Grove Heights was founded in 1965 and is now home to more than 35,000 residents. The city features an extensive parks and trails system, a busy community center, and miles of Mississippi riverbank. A mix of housing and commercial development has driven steady growth in recent years. An important regional industrial hub, Inver Grove Heights is expected to grow to a population of 50,000 by 2040. Find out more at www.ighmn.gov.

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