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Mayor McNamara Names City Director of Human Resources *Appointment Finalizes Current Leadership Team*

ROCKFORD, Ill. – Rockford Mayor Thomas McNamara has named Shurice Hunter as Director of Human Resources for the City of Rockford. She is scheduled to begin her work with the City on July 31.

Hunter has more than 12 years of progressive human resources experience in the public and non-profit sector. That background includes employment law, employee and labor relations, wellness management, contract negotiation, compensation and benefits administration and training and development.

She currently serves as Director of Human Resource Operations with Rock Valley College, where she supervises the daily operations of the HR department and serves as the EEOC, Title IX, ADA and HIPPA Compliance Officer. She previously served as Director of Compensation, Benefits and Employee Relations at Rock Valley College. While at Rock Valley, she has implemented a college-wide wellness program; helped restructure health plans to reduce overall health care costs; and streamlined the college's performance evaluation tool.

Hunter previously served a Director of Human Resources at the Rockford Rescue Mission, where she created the organization's first formal HR structure. She directed recruiting, orientation, payroll, compensation and benefits administration for more than 150 employees. She holds a master's degree in Human Resource Management from the Keller Graduate School of Management and a bachelor's degree in management and leadership from Judson University. She is a member of the Society for Human Resource Management and the College & University Professional Association for HR. She also serves on the board of the Rockford Rescue Mission and the Rockford Association for Minority Management. She lives in Rockford with her husband Mark and their two sons.

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“Shurice has a variety of human resources experience that will be exceptionally valuable to move our organization forward,” says Mayor McNamara. “We have a talented group of HR staff members and I’m confident Shurice will make an immediate and positive impact on our City team.”

The appointment is subject to City Council approval and is on the agenda for the July 10 Council meeting, at which time Mayor McNamara’s additional department head appointments also will be up for approval. The City is currently recruiting a Director of Community and Economic Development, the position previously held by City Administrator Todd Cagnoni.

Following final Council approval, Mayor McNamara’s leadership team will include:

- **Derek Bergsten**—Fire Chief
- **Todd Cagnoni**—City Administrator
- **George Davis**—Director of Human Services
- **Carrie Eklund**—Director of Finance
- **Shurice Hunter**—Director of Human Resources
- **Nicholas Meyer**—Director of Legal Services
- **Daniel O’Shea**—Police Chief
- **Mark Stockman**—Director of Public Works
- **Glenn Trommels**—Director of Information Technology
- **Wester Wuori**—Chief of Staff

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