

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Mayor and Council Appoint New Parks and Recreation Director**

(Douglasville, GA) – At a City Council meeting on Monday, October 3, 2016, Mayor Rochelle Robinson nominated Mr. Travis Landrum to fill the position of Parks and Recreation Director for the City of Douglasville. It was a unanimous vote in favor of Mayor Robinson’s nomination.

The Parks and Recreation Director’s position had been vacant since the summer of 2016. Mayor Robinson requested the City Manager perform an exhaustive search for candidates to fill the vacant position. The City Manager instructed the Human Resources Department to perform a nationwide search for candidates and after only five days of recruiting, the City received over 600 applications.

“We targeted the recreational professional associations such as the Georgia Recreation and Park Association to seek qualified candidates within the parks and recreation industry and were overwhelmed by the response,” said Marcia Hampton, City Manager for the City of Douglasville. The Mayor’s initiative was to find a candidate with experience in recreation leadership and obtaining certifications for government recreation programs and entities, along with the ability to demonstrate teamwork and commitment to the City of Douglasville.

Mr. Landrum comes to the City of Douglasville having served previously as the Parks and Recreation Director for the City of Smyrna, GA., as well as having held leadership positions with Columbus Consolidated Government and Mecklenburg County Government in Charlotte, NC. He is a resident of Paulding County and is a graduate of the University of South Carolina with a degree in Sports Management and Administration. He is also a certified Park and Recreation Professional and has attended the National Recreation and Parks Association and Director’s school.

“I am excited and humbled for the opportunity and I look forward to building an outstanding recreation program for the city and establishing a career here with the City of Douglasville,” said Mr. Landrum. His employment with the City began October 4, 2016.

“We are honored to have Mr. Landrum join our leadership team,” Mayor Robinson said. “He possesses all of the qualifications we were looking for in a Parks and Recreation director and we unanimously agreed that he was the best person for the position.

“I look forward to working with him.”

