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City Announces Hiring of Finance Director Molly Talkington

The City of DeKalb is pleased to announce the selection of its next Finance Director, Molly Talkington. Ms. Talkington is an accomplished finance professional with more than 15 years of progressive fiscal management experience. Ms. Talkington has in-depth knowledge of municipal accounting and finance with expertise in budget development and management, as well as capital improvement program development and implementation.

Ms. Talkington comes to DeKalb from Champaign, another university town, where she served as the City of Champaign's Financial Services Manager and Budget Officer for the past six years. In that role, Ms. Talkington developed and managed a budget in excess of \$140 million. Prior to serving the City of Champaign, Ms. Talkington served in other financial management positions in the Village of Glenview and the City of Naperville.

Ms. Talkington received her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin at Whitewater and her Master of Public Administration degree with a concentration in Fiscal Management from Northern Illinois University. "As a graduate of Northern Illinois University, I am excited to return to DeKalb to serve the City and its residents," said Ms. Talkington. "I look forward to supporting the City's development efforts while retaining its history through my work in the Finance Department."

Ms. Talkington is a member of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). She currently serves as the Vice-President for GFOA's downstate chapter, which includes DeKalb.

"I know we have found the best candidate to oversee the management of the City's finances," said City Manager Anne Marie Gaura. "Molly brings a great deal of municipal finance experience to the City's management team. I am confident that, under her leadership, we will be able to continue to address the fiscal challenges facing the City and identify solutions for our capital infrastructure."

Ms. Talkington will be starting employment with the City of DeKalb next week and her first day at City Hall will be Wednesday, September 20, 2017.

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