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Honorable Members of the
West Allis Common Council
7525 W. Greenfield Ave.
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Subject: Recommendation for Appointment of Mr. Thomas Harmatys as
Acting Director of the Public Works Department

Dear Common Council Members:

This letter is to request your approval of my recommendation for the appointment of Mr. Thomas Harmatys as Acting Director of the Public Works Department, effective October 7, 2009. As you know, the current Director of Public Works, Michael Pertmer, is retiring, with his last day working on Friday, October 2, and his last day on the payroll on Tuesday, October 6.

Mr. Harmatys has been employed by the City for 26 years, since September 19, 1983, the last 19 years (January 8, 1990) as Building & sign Maintenance Superintendent in the Public Works Department. Mr. Harmatys is very qualified to perform the duties as Acting Public Works Director and has broad knowledge and experience in many of the Public Works operational aspects. I fully expect him to do a good job during this interim period until the vacancy is permanently filled. I have assured Tom that he will have my complete support and the support of all City departments during this Acting appointment. Particularly the City Administrative Officer, City Engineer, HR Manager, Finance Manager, and the other Public Works Divisional Superintendents will play a vital support role for Tom. In accordance with existing City policy, Mr. Harmatys will receive Acting pay during the time of this temporary appointment.

As you also know, the Council is discussing at this time what the permanent organizational structure of the Public Works Department should be, particularly as it relates to the Engineering Department. That report is being introduced to the Common Council under separate cover by our City Administrative Officer. It is likely that the Administration & Finance Committee and the Board of Public Works will meet together on Monday, October 12, at 6:00 p.m. to take up this organizational structure matter.

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I trust that this letter satisfactorily explains the rationale that I have for recommending Mr. Harmatys. However, if there is any further information you need, or if you have any questions or need additional clarification, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Dan Devine,
Mayor

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