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City of Rhome Welcomes New City Administrator

Rhome, TX – A little over a month after former City Administrator Joe Ashton resigned, the city has welcomed their new City Administrator, Cynthia Northrop.

Ms. Northrop began her new assignment on Monday, February 3, 2020, attending the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting held Monday night, immediately followed by the Capital Improvement Advisory Committee meeting.

Mayor Michelle Pittman Di Credico gave a brief introduction, “Ms. Northrop brings a wealth of knowledge and experience that will serve the citizens and the City of Rhome well as they prepare for the expected opportunities and challenges growth and development bring.”

Ms. Northrop’s broad experience includes service as a local elected official in the City of Lewisville as well as two four-year terms as Denton County Commissioner where she also served as Road & Bridge Commissioner overseeing 400+ miles of county road, an \$8 million-dollar R&B budget and 35 R&B employees in addition to her active involvement in the growth and development issues throughout her precinct during a time of explosive growth. Accomplishments during her tenure included the development of several regional transportation projects, most notably Lewisville Lake Toll Bridge project which spanned 14 miles from I-35E in the Lake Cities through Little Elm and Frisco, connecting with the Dallas North Toll Road and includes the NTTA’s Toll Bridge across Lake Lewisville. While at Denton County she served as the Commissioners Court representative on the Regional Transportation Council, the region’s MPO, including service as Chair of the RTC. Upon conclusion of her second term of office she accepted a position heading up TxDOT Dallas District’s Public Information office implementing several best practices and serving as spokesperson. She also has extensive experience as a small business woman starting up a successful electrical contracting company as well as a strategic communications consulting firm specializing in local government, publishing a book on local government. Most recently she served in local government management positions in the City of Alvin as well as the City of Dayton.

“The City of Rhome truly is at the crossroads of the Metroplex and in the path of the growth. The City’s strong leadership now and in the past has proactively positioned themselves to meet that demand. I am excited to follow in the footsteps of Rhome’s first City Administrator and continue to proactively meet the challenges through innovative and collaborative partnerships with citizens, the business community and agencies.”

In addition to her Masters in Public Administration and BA in Communication Studies, both from UNT, she is completing her last track to obtain her Certified Public Manager certificate from the University of Houston’s Hobby School of Public Affairs.

“We look forward to the opportunities that continued growth brings and are especially impressed with Ms. Northrop’s experience and commitment to strategic and long-range planning and communication as we create a cohesive and innovative community that honors our unique small-town history and welcomes fresh perspectives,” said Mayor Pro-Tem Elaine Priest.

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