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Minneapolis City Council  
350 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Room 370  
Minneapolis, MN 55415

SUBJECT: Timothy Sexton to the appointed position of Department of Public Works Director

Dear Council President Payne, Council Vice President Osman, and Council Members,

With this letter, I am nominating Timothy Sexton for the four-year appointed term of Department of Public Works Director.

Mr. Sexton has admirably served as the City of Minneapolis Director of Public Works since May 2024. He brings a strong background of diverse professional experience in transportation, climate, sustainability and public health to the Public Works Department. Among other accomplishments, under Mr. Sexton's leadership, the Public Works Department has:

- Been awarded more than \$160M in federal funds, including \$30M to re-construct the Nicollet Ave. Bridge over Minnehaha Creek, adding multi-modal features to improve conditions for all road users.
- Designed a reconstruction plan for 38<sup>th</sup> and Chicago that removes lead water pipes, restores transit, modernizes the intersection, replaces crumbling infrastructure, and memorializes the life of George Floyd.
- Completed the Hennepin Avenue and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue South reconstruction projects, reopening those corridors with calmer, safer, and greener infrastructure to better connect residents.
- Oversaw efforts to make our city vehicles greener, growing the EV fleet to 153 vehicles in 2025.
- Successfully secured municipal consent for Blue Line Light Rail Transit Extension, including an additional stop at Washington Ave. and Broadway Ave.
- Successfully implemented the traffic safety camera pilot program, resulting in a 30% reduction in high-risk speeds on city streets.
- Elected to the Board of Directors of the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) and brought their annual conference to Minneapolis.

During his tenure, our Public Works Department has been nationally recognized for excellence; from drinking water quality, to major stormwater projects, to our ability to secure significant federal grants that improve the safety and condition of our public infrastructure. Mr. Sexton's experience makes us well-positioned to continue our outstanding operations.

I request that the City Council forward his name as the person we are considering for appointment to the role of Director of the Department of Public Works and refer it to the proper Council Committee for a public hearing.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Mayor Jacob Frey  
CC: Casey Carl, City Clerk