



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

November 26, 2018

Honorable Glendowlyn L.H.Thames, Council President, and
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

RE: Department of Public Works Director Nomination

Dear Council President Thames:

Attached for your consideration is a resolution confirming my nomination of Walter Veselka as Director of the Department of Public Works of the City of Hartford, effective November 19, 2018.

Since 2003, Mr. Veselka has served as Public Works Director for the City of Bristol, where he managed all facets of public works service delivery and oversaw a staff of more than 120. Between 1995 and 2003, he served as Public Works Director for the Town of Coventry. Between 1975 and 1995, he served as a commissioned officer and civil engineer in the United States Coast Guard. He attended the United States Coast Guard Academy in New London, graduating in 1975 and earned masters' degrees from the University of Illinois and the University of Hartford.

Mr. Veselka has been a public works director in Connecticut for more than two decades, and in 2016 he was recognized as one of the ten best public works leaders in the country by the American Public Works Association. His extensive knowledge and experience in DPW management will be invaluable to our city and to our Department. His resume is attached for your review.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Bronin", is written over a horizontal line.

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INTRODUCED BY:
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, November 26, 2018

WHEREAS, The Mayor has nominated Walter Veselka as Director of the Department of Public Works for the City of Hartford, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Veselka holds masters' degrees from the University of Illinois and the University of Hartford and has more than twenty years of experience as a municipal Public Works Director in Connecticut, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council hereby confirms the Mayor's nomination of Walter Veselka as Director of the Department of Public Works for the City of Hartford effective November 19, 2018.

Walter Veselka

Objective

Public Works Director, City of Hartford, CT

Professional experience

2003-2018 City of Bristol (pop 62,000) Bristol, CT

Public Works Director

- Manage all facets of public works service delivery.
- Responsible to plan and manage the work activities of professional and skilled unionized staff in road maintenance & construction, grounds & facility maintenance, solid waste & recycling, vehicle & equipment maintenance, wastewater collection & treatment, municipal engineering, land use planning & development, capital asset management and administrative activities.
- Directly supervise Water Pollution Control Manager, City Engineer, City Planner & Development Coordinator, Public Works Analyst, Facility Manager, Superintendent of Street Maintenance Operations, Superintendent of Solid Waste and Public Works Fleet Manager. Total Public Works staff of 122.
- Develop & manage 10-year Capital Improvement Program, annual Capital and Operating budgets for facility development & maintenance, road reconstruction, vehicle & equipment replacement and service delivery operations.
- Interact with CT State agencies for road & bridge maintenance, solid waste & recycling, wastewater collection & treatment, safety & health and storm water management.
- Staff to Board of Public Works and their Street, Sewer, Miscellaneous Matters & Budget Committees and the City Council Building Committee.
- Mayor's Alternate representative to Bristol Facility Operating Committee.
- Chairman of Bristol Storm Water Control Trust.
- Bristol Tree Warden

1995-2003 Town of Coventry (pop 11,500) Coventry, CT

Public Works Director

- Manage small crew of technical and skilled unionized workers providing all facets of public works service delivery.
- Manage Pay-as-you-Throw solid waste disposal and recycling program.
- Develop plans & specifications for road & bridge maintenance & reconstruction, vehicle & equipment replacement, building & facility maintenance & renovations.
- Act as Assistant Town Manager.

1975-1995 U.S. Coast Guard

Commissioned Officer/Civil Engineer

- Various command and executive leadership positions. Engineering design & project management. Facility & program development. Relevant assignments include:
- 1993-1995 **Public Works Officer**, Coast Guard Academy New London CT
 - Supervise work force of 76 military & unionized workers providing facility maintenance, roads & grounds upkeep, sports field preparation, and utility services necessary for operation of military academy.
 - Manage four industrial ships and efforts of three contractors providing "outsourced" support services.
- 1989-1993 **Chief of Engineering**, Coast Guard Activities, Europe London, U.K.
 - Supervise professional engineering staff responsible for maintenance, facility planning & financial administration for 14 stations in 9 foreign countries having a mix of U.S. military and foreign national crews.
 - Engineering representative to team that negotiated 1995 turnover/closure and return of stations to host countries.
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 - Taught various undergraduate civil engineering courses.

Education

1997-1998 University of Hartford Hartford, CT

Master of Public Administration

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Professional memberships and additional professional activities

Licensed Professional Engineer State of Connecticut

American Public Works Association Leadership Fellow

Chartering Member and President of Connecticut Association of Water Pollution Control Authorities

Past President of New England Chapter and Member of American Public Works Association. Past Facilities and Grounds National Committee Chair. Donald C. Stone Institute Review Committee & Quality Assurance Committee Donald C. Stone Professional Development/Certification Program Mentor

Connecticut Association of Tree Wardens

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