



## PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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### **Patrick Walsh confirmed as Planning Director**

**HOUSTON, March 12, 2014** – Patrick Walsh who has served as Interim Director since November 14, 2013 was confirmed today as Director of the Planning and Development Department by the Mayor and Council.

“His past experience both in public service and in the private sector will be an asset to the City of Houston. Patrick has shown himself to be a capable and energetic leader,” said Mayor Parker.

Prior to working for the City of Houston, Walsh served as the Director of Transportation and Long-Range Planning for the City of Sugar Land. In this role, he led Sugar Land’s long-range planning efforts, completing updates to the City’s Comprehensive Plan, Comprehensive Mobility Plan, and Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan. He also served as Sugar Land’s Assistant City Engineer and Interim City Engineer, with a significant focus on planning, subdividing, design, and construction of community development projects. Walsh’s experience extends to a number of other areas including capital projects, freight rail planning and coordination, state and federal transportation funding, and TxDOT highway expansions. He previously worked for MWH, Inc., as an environmental engineering consultant.

Mr. Walsh received a Bachelors of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from Carnegie Mellon University and a Masters of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Texas at Austin. Walsh is a native Houstonian.

As Director, Walsh is Houston’s top planning and development official. The position includes oversight of the City’s primary property subdivision regulatory functions as well as leadership of the City’s neighborhood character preservation programs. As Director, Walsh serves as a non-voting member of the City’s Planning Commission and the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission. Walsh also leads much of the Houston’s transportation and other long-range community planning efforts, including oversight of the City’s Major Thoroughfare and Freeway Plan.

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