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### **Cottage Grove Chooses New Finance Director**

The City of Cottage Grove is happy to announce the selection of Robin Roland as its new Finance Director; a position that has remained vacant since long-time Finance Director, Ron Hedberg made the move to Apple Valley in April of this year. Ms. Roland has been managing the finances of Farmington, Minnesota for the past 13 years and prior to that was White Bear Lake's Assistant Finance Director for 7 years.

Mayor Myron Bailey was impressed with the quality of candidates during the hiring process and believes Roland will be a good fit for Cottage Grove. "We're excited to have her here and I'm sure she'll do an excellent job. The bar was set pretty high by our previous Finance Director, but after meeting with Miss Roland and hearing the kinds of issues she's dealt with it was a clear choice."

While in Farmington, she oversaw a general fund budget of \$9 million dollars and managed the City's \$20 million investment portfolio. Ms. Roland is looking forward to serving the residents of Cottage Grove and views learning about the City as a positive challenge. "I'm really excited to get the opportunity to work with a great group of people," she said after a brief tour of City Hall.

"She's an experienced finance manager with a solid reputation for collaboration and that's what we were looking for," said City Administrator, Ryan Schroeder. "Robin has the advantage of working with a good system built by Ron Hedberg and a great staff led by Brenda Peper the past six months."

The City is gearing up for the International Council of Shopping Centers' Conference in Chicago at the end of the month, intent on raising the community profile and to create a positive buzz about Cottage Grove. Roland is expected to play a key role in the City's partnership with existing and potential new businesses in the community.

The City Council will vote on Robin Roland's appointment during their Wednesday night council meeting. Once approved, she will officially start her duties on November 30.