

Council Agenda Item 26-0753R



MEETING DATE: August 24, 2026

SUBJECT/TITLE: RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF CARI PEDERSEN TO DIRECTOR, PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT, FOR THE CITY OF DULUTH.

SUBMITTED BY: City Administrator's Office

RECOMMENDATION: Pass

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:

BACKGROUND: This resolution confirms the city administrator's appointment of Cari Pedersen as the Director of the Public Works and Utilities Department of the city of Duluth. Interim Director Pedersen earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Ocean Engineering (BSOE) from the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD and a Master of Science Degree in Engineering, Civil Engineering (MSE CES) from the University of Washington, Seattle, WA. She holds a Professional Engineer's License in both Washington and Minnesota. Following graduation from Annapolis, she served in the U.S. Navy for over eight years as a Civil Engineer Corps Officer, with a final active-duty position as the Assistant Public Works Officer at Naval Station Everett, WA. Following active duty, she worked at National Station Everett in a civilian capacity as the Facilities Manager. Her employment with the city of Duluth began in 2004, initially as a Project Engineer, then Chief Engineer of Transportation. She has served as the Interim Director of the city's Public Works and Utilities Department since April of 2026.

BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT: None, as Cari Pedersen is already performing these duties as the Interim Director.

OPTIONS: Pass/Fail

NECESSARY ACTION: The resolution requires Council approval for the director's position to be filled.

ATTACHMENTS:

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