Coon Rapids public services director, city engineer named
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The city of Coon Rapids has a new public services director and a new city engineer.

The appointments have been announced by City Manager Steve Gatlin, who took over as city manager Oct. 1 after being appointed to the job by the Coon Rapids City Council last month.

Gatlin was previously public services director, a job he had held since 1998, while Doug Vierzba, who had been in the city engineering department since 1974, most recently as city engineer, has retired, his last day being Friday.

Gatlin has named Tim Himmer as public services director and Bob Moberg as city engineer.

Himmer came on board with the city in July as city engineer-in-waiting to replace Vierzba when he retired and ease the transition.

“Tim Himmer has accepted the position of public services director effective Oct. 1,” Gatlin told the council in a memo.

Himmer, who received his bachelor of science degree in engineering from the University of Minnesota Twin Cities in 1996 and has been a professional engineer since 2003, had most recently been city engineer in Ramsey.

He first served as an engineering intern for the city of Fridley from 1995-1997, then a laboratory technicians for 3M in Maplewood from 1997-1999 and engineering technician and development review engineer for the city of Burnsville until June 2003.

From June 2003 to July 2007, Himmer was a land development engineer for Rottlund Homes in Roseville, then joined the city of Ramsey as assistant city engineer in October 2007.

He was promoted to city engineer of Ramsey in April 2009.

As Coon Rapids public services director, Himmer will oversee not only the engineering department,
but also the public works department, which includes parks, recreation, forestry, recycling, utilities (sewer, water, storm drain) and snow plow operations.

When he was hired by the city in July, Himmer told ABC Newspapers Staff Writer Tammy Sakry that he was looking forward to working with the city and its residents.

The people are the favorite part of his job, he said.

“I like the public interaction and I like dealing with the public and the daily successes,” Himmer said.

Moberg will become city engineer starting Oct. 16.

He has been city engineer in Plymouth for the past six years and before that spent three years working for Los Angeles County in California and also has 16 years’ experience as an engineering consultant in private industry.

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