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CITY OF CHAMBLEE ANNOUNCES LEADERSHIP APPOINTMENTS

March 29, 2021—The City of Chamblee is happy to announce three key leadership appointments: Laura Linman, MPA, EDFP as the Economic Development Director; Craig Mims, MSM, C-PWM as the Public Works Director; and Mercy Montgomery, MPA as Assistant City Manager.

**Laura Linman** will serve the city as the new Economic Development Director, assuming the position immediately. Laura joined the City of Chamblee in 2017 as the city's first Business Outreach Coordinator, where she routinely met with current and prospective business leaders to



help ensure the city fostered an environment where businesses could thrive. She also was primarily responsible for creating and implementing a business retention program and often supported recruitment efforts to bring additional business to Chamblee. Prior to joining the city, Linman served as the project finance analyst for the Iowa Area Development Group, a business and community development organization for more than 220 member-owned electric cooperatives, municipal utilities, and independent telecommunication companies throughout the state of Iowa. She is originally from North Carolina and received her Master's in Public Administration from East Carolina University. As Director of Economic

Development, Linman will continue to develop, promote, and implement plans, programs and policies to attract and retain business and industry to the city.

**Craig Mims** assumed leadership of Chamblee's Public Works Department in January of 2021. Prior to joining the Chamblee team, Mims served as the General Manager and CEO of the Utility Commission serving Peach, Macon and Crawford counties. He also served as Director of Public Works and Power for the City of Norcross. Mims is a certified Public Works Manager and has a Master's of Science Degree in Management. He completed undergraduate studies at Troy State University and graduate studies at Ellis College and Central Michigan University. He is a member of the American Public Power Association, Georgia City-County Management Association and the American Public Works



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Association, where he holds certification as a Public Works Manager. As head of Chamblee Public Works, Mims will oversee solid waste collection, recycling, stormwater system maintenance, street cleaning, road maintenance and fleet and city building maintenance.

**Mercy Montgomery** will begin her tenure as Chamblee Assistant City Manager for development and community services at the end of March. Most recently she served for three years as Director of Economic Development for the City of Sugar Hill, leading cultivation and support of business opportunities in the community. Major projects included the lease-up and opening of the community's new town center project as well as managing a team focused on small business support, interactive communications strategy and community and economic development. Montgomery also worked with students at her alma mater, The University of Georgia (UGA), as coordinator of the peer tutoring program before joining the team at the Carl Vinson Institute of Government as a consultant on workforce development for communities and clients such as the Georgia Department of Economic Development. She serves as a member of the alumni advisory board for the Master of Public Administration program at UGA, is a recent graduate of the Leadership Gwinnett professional development program, is certified in Non-Profit Management from UGA and completed a Local Government Management Fellowship in Hamilton, OH through the International City/County Management Association.



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