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Former journalist to lead Brookhaven communications

Brookhaven, GA, March 27, 2013 – Former journalist Megan Matteucci will help Brookhaven meet its commitment to transparency and strong community relations as the city's new communications director.

Brookhaven Mayor J. Max Davis officially introduced Matteucci to the City Council at its meeting Tuesday night.

Matteucci specializes in media relations, issues management and crisis communications, drawing from her experience working as a journalist for more than a decade.

"We are excited to help share the great stories that are going on in Brookhaven," Brookhaven City Manager Marie L. Garrett said. "Matteucci's experience as a skilled storyteller and her passion for news will help residents and businesses stay connected to Brookhaven."

Matteucci previously worked for global communications agency Fleishman-Hillard, where she managed media relations for government agencies and businesses, including FEMA, the Georgia World Congress Center Authority and Gas South.

Matteucci also spent a decade as an award-winning journalist covering government, education and public safety, including reporting on DeKalb and Clayton counties for *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*. She also has worked as a reporter for *The Boston Globe, Savannah Morning News* and *The Providence Journal*.

Matteucci's investigative reporting has led to numerous government reforms and been recognized by the National Education Writers' Association. During her time as a reporter, Matteucci helped pass new legislation, tracked gang members, was shot with a Taser, swam with beluga whales and dodged wildfires – all to get the story. She has appeared as a commentator on CNN, Fox News, Reuters Radio and other national media.

Matteucci has a bachelor's degree in journalism from Suffolk University in Boston and is working on her law degree at Atlanta's John Marshall Law School.

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