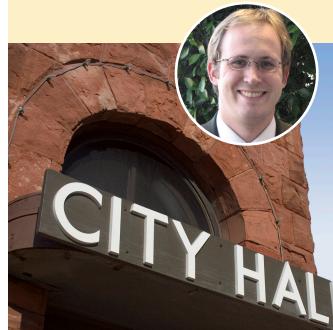




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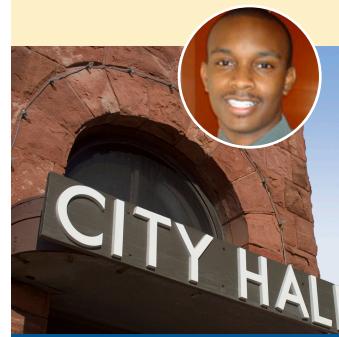








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-Tanisha Briley, MPA, Cleveland State University, 2005, Assistant to the City Administrator/Budget Manager, City of Davenport, IA, 2006 Fellow

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