

CITY MANAGER

Definition

Under policy direction of the City Council, plans, organizes and provides administrative direction and oversight for all City functions and activities; provides policy guidance and program evaluation to management staff; encourages and facilitates provision of services to City residents and businesses; fosters cooperative working relationships with intergovernmental and regulatory agencies and various public and private groups; and performs related work as required.

Class Characteristics

The City Manager serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the City, accountable to the City Council and responsible for enforcement of all City codes and regulations, the conduct of all financial activities and the efficient, economical and economical performance of the City's business.

Examples of Duties (Illustrative Only)

- Plans, organizes, administers, either directly or through subordinate management and supervisory staff, coordinates and evaluates the work of the City in accordance with applicable laws, codes and regulations and adopted goals and objectives of the City Council.
- Directs and coordinates the development and implementation of goals, objectives and programs for the City; develops administrative policies, procedures and work standards to ensure that the goals and objectives are met and that programs provide mandated services in an effective, efficient and economical manner.
- Oversees the preparation of the annual budget for the City; authorizes budget transfers, expenditures and purchases; administers the City's investment portfolio.
- Advises the City Council on issues, programs and financial status; prepares and recommends long- and short-range plans for City service provision, capital improvements and funding; and directs the development of specific proposals for action regarding current and future City needs.
- Ensures that appropriate notices of public meetings are posted and that all legal notification requirements are met.
- Oversees the administration, construction, use and maintenance of all City facilities and equipment, including buildings, parks, facilities other public property.
- Represents the City and the Council in meetings with governmental agencies, community groups and various business, professional, educational, regulatory and legislative organizations; acts as the City liaison with the media.
- Investigates and resolves all complaints regarding the administration of and services provided by the City government.
- Provides for contract and franchise services and ensures proper performance of obligations to the City; has responsibility for enforcement of all City codes and regulations.
- Provides for the selection, training, professional development and work evaluation of City staff; authorizes discipline as required; provides policy guidance and interpretation to staff.
- Prepares a variety of correspondence, reports, policies, procedures and other written materials.
- Maintains and directs the maintenance of working and official City files.
- Ensures that the Council is kept informed of City functions, activities and financial status and of legal, social and economic issues affective City activities.
- Monitors changes in laws, regulations and technology that may affect City operations; implements policy and procedural changes as required.

Qualifications

Knowledge of:

- Administrative principles and practices, including goal setting, program development, implementation and evaluation and supervision of staff, either directly or through subordinate levels of supervision.
- Principles, practices and procedures of public administration in a municipal setting.
- Functions, services and funding sources of a municipal government.
- Functions, authority, responsibilities and limitations of an elected City Council.
- Applicable federal and state laws, codes, ordinances and regulations.
- Principles and practices of municipal budget development, administration and accountability.
- Current social, political and economic trends affecting City government and service provision.
- Techniques for effectively representing the City in contacts with governmental agencies, community groups and various business, professional, educational, regulatory and legislative organizations.
- Techniques for dealing with a variety of individuals from various socio-economic, cultural and ethnic backgrounds, in person and over the telephone.

Skill in:

- Planning, organizing, administering, coordinating, reviewing and evaluating the functions, activities and staff of the City.
- Working cooperatively with, providing staff support to and implementing the policies of the City Council.
- Developing and implementing goals, objectives, policies, procedures, work standards and internal controls.
- Overseeing all City financial activities, including administering investments, the development and implementation of the City budget and the control of all expenditures and purchases.
- Interpreting, applying and explaining complex laws, codes, regulations and ordinances.
- Effectively representing the City in meetings with governmental agencies, community groups and various business, professional, educational, regulatory and legislative organizations and the media.
- Selecting, training, motivating and evaluating the work of staff.
- Preparing clear and concise reports, correspondence, policies, procedures and other written materials.
- Using tact, initiative, prudence and independent judgment within general policy guidelines.
- Establishing and maintaining effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of the work.

Education and Experience:

Equivalent to graduation from a four year college or university with major course work in public or business administration, public policy, finance or a field related to the work and significant management or administrative experience in a municipal or other public agency setting. Possession of an appropriate Master's degree and experience in working with an elected Council or Board is highly desirable.

License:

Must possess a valid California class C driver's license and have a satisfactory driving record.