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CITY ADMINISTRATOR

DEFINITION

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

SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED

Receives administrative and policy direction from the City Council. Exercises supervision over all City staff through subordinate levels of management and supervision.

CLASS CHARACTERISTICS

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

EXAMPLES OF TYPICAL JOB FUNCTIONS (Illustrative Only)

Management reserves the right to add, modify, change, or rescind the work assignments of different positions and to make reasonable accommodations so qualified employees can perform the essential functions of the job.

- Plans, organizes, and administers operations of the City 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 policies and objectives of the City Council.
- Directs and coordinates the development and implementation of goals, objectives, and programs for the City Council, department heads, and the City; develops administrative policies, procedures, and work standards to ensure the goals and objectives are met and programs provide mandated services in an effective, efficient, and economical manner.
- Ensures the City Council is kept informed of City functions, activities, and financial status, and of legal, social, and economic issues affecting City activities.
- Monitors changes in laws, regulations, and technology that may affect City operations; implements policy and procedural changes as required.

- Advises the City Council on issues, programs, and financial status; prepares and recommends long- and short-term plans for City service provision, capital improvements, and funding; directs the development of specific proposals for action regarding current and future City needs; attends all meetings of the Council.
- Oversees the preparation of the annual budget for the City; authorizes directly or through staff, budget transfers, expenditures, and purchases; provides information regarding the financial condition and needs to the City Council.
- Oversees the administration, construction, use, and maintenance of all City facilities and equipment, including buildings, parks, facilities, and 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.
- Provides for the investigation and resolution of complaints regarding the administration of services provided by the City government.
- Provides for contract services and ensures proper performance of obligations to the City; assumes responsibility for enforcement of all City codes, ordinances, and regulations.
- Oversees the selection, training, professional development, and work evaluation of City staff; oversees the implementation of effective employee relations programs; provides policy guidance and interpretation to staff.
- Directs the preparation of and prepares a variety of correspondence, reports, policies, procedures, and other written materials.
- Ensures the maintenance of working and official City files.
- Responds to the most complex, difficult, and sensitive public inquiries and complaints and assists with resolutions and alternative recommendations.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

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, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, and organizational policies and procedures relevant to managing municipal operations, financial programs, and services.
- 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 government agencies, community groups, and various business, professional, regulatory, and legislative organizations.
- Techniques for providing a high level of customer service by effectively dealing with the public, vendors, contractors, and City staff.

- The structure and content of the English language, including the meaning and spelling of words, rules of composition, and grammar.
- Modern equipment and communication tools used for business functions and program, project, and task coordination, including computers and software programs relevant to work performed.

Ability to:

- Plan, administer, coordinate, review, and evaluate the functions, activities, and staff of the City.
- Work cooperatively with, provide highly complex and responsible staff support to, and implement the policies of the City Council.
- Develop and implement goals, objectives, policies, procedures, work standards, and internal controls.
- Oversee all City financial activities, including administering investments, the development and implementation of the City budget, and the control of all expenditures and purchases.
- Interpret, apply, explain, and ensure compliance with applicable Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, policies, and procedures.
- Conduct effective negotiations and effectively represent the City in meetings with governmental agencies, community groups, and various business, professional, educational, regulatory, and legislative organizations, and the media.
- Direct the preparation of and prepare clear and concise reports, correspondence, policies, procedures, and other written materials.
- Analyze problems, identify alternative solutions, project consequences of proposed action, and implement recommendations in support of goals.
- Use tact, initiative, prudence, and independent judgment within general policy, procedural, and legal guidelines.
- Effectively use computer systems, software applications relevant to work performed, and modern business equipment to perform a variety of work tasks.
- Communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing, using appropriate English grammar and syntax.
- Establish, maintain, and foster positive and effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of work.

Education and Experience:
Any combination of training and experience that would provide the required knowledge, skills, and abilities is qualifying. A typical way to obtain the required qualifications would be:

Education:
- Equivalent to a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with major coursework in business administration, public administration, finance, or a related field. A Master's degree is preferred.

Experience:
- Five (5) years of increasingly responsible public agency management and/or administrative experience equivalent to a City Administrator, Assistant City Administrator, or in a similar senior management/ executive level capacity.

Licenses and Certifications:

- Possession of a valid California Driver's License, to be maintained throughout employment.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

Must possess mobility to work in a standard office setting and use standard office equipment, including a computer; to operate a motor vehicle and visit various City sites; vision to read printed materials and a computer screen; and hearing and speech to communicate in person and over the telephone. This is primarily a sedentary office classification although standing in work areas and walking between work areas may be required. Finger dexterity is needed to access, enter, and retrieve data using a computer keyboard or calculator and to operate standard office equipment. Positions in this classification occasionally bend, stoop, kneel, reach, push, and pull drawers open and closed to retrieve and file information. Employees must possess the ability to lift, carry, push, and pull materials and objects up to 10 pounds.

ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

Employees work in an office environment with moderate noise levels, controlled temperature conditions, and no direct exposure to hazardous physical substances. Employees may interact with upset staff and/or public and private representatives in interpreting and enforcing departmental policies and procedures.

WORKING CONDITIONS

Occasional evening and weekend work may be required as job duties demand.