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Attributes of a Good City Councilmember

- Remembers that citizens are their boss.
- Comes prepared to meetings so can participate in discussions, ask questions, and vote in a knowledgeable way.
- Has a sense of curiosity.
- Respects public comments.
- Operates ethically and with integrity
- Is emotionally mature
- Understands the long-term budget consequences of financial proposals and decisions
- Is a critical thinker.
- Is fully informed on issues or if not, does not vote.
- Is approachable.
- Has a desire to understand concerns, ideas and perspectives.
- Issues are not personalized.
- Recognizes that a slew of people with outside interests does not necessarily reflect the view of a quiet majority.
- Recognizes that a flood of emails does not necessarily confirm public opinion in general and makes decisions based on merit and correct data – not emotion.
- Agenda information is read prior to meetings and members come prepared with an open mind.