

**CITY COUNCIL POLICY**

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**July 27, 2020**

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**SUBJECT:**

**CITYWIDE GOVERNANCE BY DISTRICT ELECTED COUNCIL**

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**PURPOSE**

To establish a policy for the Citywide governance by District Elected Councilmembers.

**POLICY**

**A. Underlying Tenets**

1. The City Council is committed to practices and actions that promote good governance.
2. City Councilmembers will follow Council's adopted ethical norms and codes of conduct.
3. The City will continue to operate under the Council/Manager form of government.
4. City Councilmembers are elected by District but will govern taking into account the needs of the entire community.
5. The City Council will follow the City's Charter and state law.

**B. Practices and Procedures**

1. The City Council's decisions regarding fiscal and resource allocations will reflect a citywide, not district basis. For capital expenditures, to the extent possible, citywide master plans will govern the timing for infrastructure repair and replacement.
2. All Councilmembers will be informed of event invitations when the entire City Council is invited.
3. Current practices governing appointments to City Council subcommittees and regional boards and committees will remain in effect.
4. Communications intended for the City Council as a whole will be shared with all City Councilmembers.
5. The City Manager and staff will continue to make recommendations and provide City services based on the best interest of the community as a whole.
6. The City Council will follow the current practice of the Mayor commenting on behalf of the City in press releases and in response to media inquiries; the Mayor may request other City Councilmembers to respond as needed.
7. The City Council will follow the current practice of the Mayor speaking at events on behalf of the City Council and if not available, the Vice Mayor or other

Councilmembers who are available will speak on behalf of the City Council. Other members of the City Council and former Mayors present will be identified at the event.

8. The City Council will continue to make appointments to Boards and Commissions on a city-wide basis, with the full City Council appointing members.