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ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR

DEFINITION

Under administrative direction, plans, organizes, manages, and provides administrative direction and oversight for all functions and activities of the Administrative Services Department, including financial management, budget development and oversight, general accounting activities, financial reporting, debt and investment functions, cash accountability and controls, human resources programs, risk management programs, and information technology; coordinates assigned activities with other City departments, officials, outside agencies, and the public; fosters cooperative working relationships among City departments and with intergovernmental and regulatory agencies and various public and private groups; provides highly responsible and complex professional assistance to the City Manager in areas of expertise; and performs related duties, as assigned.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED

Receives administrative direction from the City Manager. Exercises general direction and supervision over management, professional, technical, and administrative support staff directly or through subordinate levels of supervision.

CLASS CHARACTERISTICS

This is a department director classification that oversees, directs, and participates in all activities of the Administrative Services Department, including short- and long-term planning as well as development and administration of departmental policies, procedures, and services. This class provides assistance to the City Manager in a variety of administrative, coordinative, analytical, and liaison capacities. Successful performance of the work requires knowledge of public policy, municipal functions and activities, including the role of an elected City Council, and the ability to develop, oversee, and implement projects and programs in a variety of areas. Responsibilities include coordinating the activities of the department with those of other departments and outside agencies, and managing and overseeing the complex and varied functions of the department. The incumbent is accountable for accomplishing departmental planning and operational goals and objectives, and for furthering City goals and objectives within general policy guidelines.

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 that qualified employees can perform the essential functions of the job.

- Assumes full management responsibility for all Administrative Services Department programs, services, and activities including the Finance, Human Resources, Risk Management, and Information Technology divisions.
- Develops, directs, and coordinates the implementation of goals, objectives, policies, procedures, and work standards for the department; establishes, within City policy, appropriate budget, service, and staffing levels.
- Manages and participates in the development and administration of the City's budget; directs short- and long-term financial planning and forecasting for City operations, directs the monitoring of and approves expenditures; directs and implements budgetary adjustments as necessary.

- Selects, trains, motivates, and directs department personnel; evaluates and reviews work for acceptability and conformance with department standards, including program and project priorities and performance evaluations; works with employees to correct deficiencies; implements discipline and termination procedures; responds to staff questions and concerns.
- Contributes to the overall quality of the department's service by developing, reviewing and implementing policies and procedures to meet legal requirements and City needs; continuously monitors and evaluates the efficiency and effectiveness of service delivery methods and procedures; assesses and monitors the distribution of work, support systems and internal reporting relationships; identifies opportunities for improvement; directs the implementation of change.
- Conducts complex research, develops recommendations, prepares and presents staff reports and delivers presentations on research project.
- Monitors legal, regulatory, technology, and societal changes and court decisions that may affect the work of the department and /or impact the City financially; determines equipment acquisition, training programs, and procedural changes to ensure retention of qualified staff and the provision of services to the community in an effective, efficient, and economical manner. Oversees the development of consultant requests for proposals for professional services and the advertising and bid processes; evaluates proposals and recommends project award; coordinates with legal counsel to determine City needs and requirements for contractual services; negotiates contracts and agreements and administers same after award.
- Oversees the preparation of financial and other documents including operating and capital budgets, audits, the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, recurring or special reports, agenda materials, policies, procedures, and other documents as needed.
- Oversees automated systems within the City, including prioritizing requests for applications development or enhancement, hardware and software standards, equipment acquisition and replacement.
- Oversees human resources services strategic plans, policies, and standards; directs recruitment and selection, comprehensive classification, job evaluation, compensation and benefits administration activities; directs Workers' Compensation program, evaluates return-to-work options and ensures compliance with mandated requirements.
- Maintains the City's risk management program, including responding to risk management concerns, claims, and lawsuits; understands and interprets laws and policies associated with risk management, and ensures the City is protected and responsive; and participates in the City's Risk Management Board.
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

- Principles and practices of employee supervision, including work planning, assignment review and evaluation, discipline, and the training of staff in work procedures.
- Principles and practices of leadership.
- Organization and management practices as applied to the development, analysis, and evaluation of programs, policies, and operational needs of the assigned area of responsibility.
- Applicable federal, state, and local laws, codes, and ordinances relevant to the areas of responsibility.
- Financial analysis and research procedures.
- Principles, practices, and procedures of Citywide budget development, preparation and administration.
- Governmental accounting structures and impacts of financial and budgetary policies and decisions on short- and long-term financial plans.
- Debt Management functions and administration.
- Human resources strategies and administration.
- Administrative policy and process development and project management principles.

- Use and application of modern information and telecommunications systems, and technologies.
- Risk Management, including programmatic policies, claim management processes, and program administration.
- 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.
- Computers and software programs (e.g., Microsoft software packages) to conduct, compile, and/or generate documentation.

Ability to:

- Select and supervise staff, provide training and development opportunities, ensure work is performed effectively, and evaluate performance in an objective and positive manner.
- Provide administrative, management, and professional leadership for the Finance, Human Resources, and Information Technology divisions.
- Understand, interpret, and apply all pertinent laws, codes, regulations, policies and procedures, and standards relevant to work performed.
- Conduct research, evaluate options, develop recommendations and prepare administrative, financial, and technical reports.
- Provide expert level government finance oversight and administrative support to the City Manager and City Council.
- Prepare and analyze complex budget and financial reports, and related documents.
- Develop and implement financial and administrative goals, objectives, policies, and priorities.
- Effectively represent the department and the City in meetings with individuals; governmental agencies; community groups; various business, professional, and regulatory organizations.
- Learn and understand the organization and operation of the City and of outside agencies as necessary to assume assigned responsibilities.
- Independently organize work, set priorities, meet critical deadlines, and follow-up on assignments.
- Effectively use computer systems, software applications, 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.
- Use tact, initiative, prudence, and independent judgment within general policy, procedural, and legal guidelines.
- 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:

Equivalent to a bachelor's degree in public or business administration, finance, economics, or closely related field and five (5) years of progressively responsible public sector finance and accounting experience in a management capacity which included some experience working with human resources and information technology programs. A Master's degree strongly desired.

Licenses and Certifications:

- Possession of, or the ability to obtain, an appropriate, valid California driver's license upon appointment.

- Possession of a valid a Certified Public Accountant license in the State of California is highly desirable.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

Must possess mobility to work in a standard office setting and use standard office equipment, including a computer; vision to read printed materials and a computer screen; and hearing and speech to communicate in person and over the telephone. Standing in and walking between work areas is frequently 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 frequently bend, stoop, kneel, and reach to perform assigned duties, as well as 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 CONDITIONS

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.

DISASTER SERVICE WORKER

Under California law (California Government Code Section 3100-3109), all City of Saratoga employees are designated as Disaster Service Workers, (DSW). In the event of a catastrophic event, City of Saratoga employees may be expected to fulfill emergency action assignments. As DSW's, employees may be assigned to assist in any disaster service activity that promotes the protection of public health and safety and preservation of lives and property.