Collaborative Mayor (City Council) / City Manager Relationships
Creating Strong Partnerships Leads to Strong Organizations

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Building Relationships

- Developing Strong Partnerships
- The Right Tool for the Job
- Creating Mutual Support
- Tailoring Communications
- Managing Challenges
- Use of Humor
- Authenticity/Vulnerability
Developing Strong Partnerships

- Define roles
- Agree on channels of communication
- Identify opportunities for success
- Utilize best practices of similar cities
- Hold weekly strategy sessions
- Participate in Council onboarding
The Right Tool for the Job

• Based on roles, which can achieve the goal?
• Shared challenges and goals
• Achieve goals but use different approaches
Creating Mutual Support

- Show support at City Council meetings
- Identify opportunities for community/civic presentations
- Prepare talking points for community events, newsletter articles, presentations
- Conference attendance
- Award presentations
Tailoring Communications

- Regular weekly meetings
- Media Today
- Council Briefings
- Memos
- Access via cell phone
  - Text
  - Hands free
  - Email
Managing Challenges

Richmark Project
- Incentives for developer

Orchard Mesa Pool
- Expired agreement between County, City School District to maintain and operate outdated pool

Richmark Project
Legacy downtown development
Use of Humor

- Diffuses challenging situations
- Shared frustration lightens the load
- Illustrates humans behind decisions

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A Place for Authenticity/Vulnerability

- Connection to Community
- Invested in Council/Manager
- Form of Government
- Exhibit Servant Leadership
- Presence in Community
  - Events
  - Civic organization membership
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