

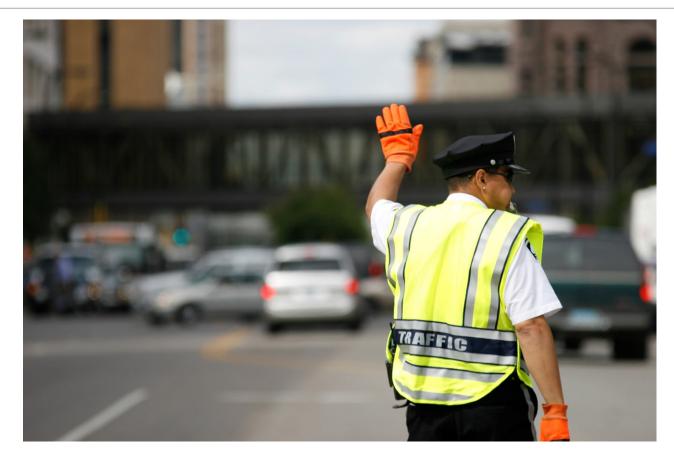
Council-Manager Relations

Jason Smith, MPA City Manager, City of Belleville

I Was But One Car In A Traffic Jam



Directing Traffic



The Importance Of The Council-Manager Relationship





1. Start on a Solid Foundation

Understand what you need from each other to be successful. – Clear expectations

Understand the "why"

Communicate, Communicate, Communicate

2. Emphasis on Solutions

□ What is the problem?

□ What is the endgame?

□ How to we get from where we are to where we want to be?

3. Understand and Respect the Roles and Rules



4. Learn, Learn, Learn

Mistakes WILL happen

Invest in the future

L It Never Ends

5. Embrace the Media Together









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