

FINANCE DIRECTOR

DEFINITION

To plan, organize, direct and review the activities and operations of the Finance Department including accounting, accounts payable/receivable, budget, payroll, investments, billing and collection of utility accounts activities; to coordinate assigned activities with other departments and outside agencies; and to provide highly responsible and complex administrative support to the City Manager.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED

Receives administrative direction from the City Manager and Assistant City Manager.

Exercises direct supervision over assigned management, supervisory, professional, technical and administrative support staff.

EXAMPLES OF ESSENTIAL DUTIES - Duties may include, but are not limited to, the following:

Develop, plan and implement department goals and objectives; recommend and administer policies and procedures.

Coordinate department activities with those of other departments and outside agencies and organizations; provide staff assistance to the City Manager and City Council; prepare and present staff reports and other necessary correspondence.

Direct, oversee and participate in the development of the department's work plan; assign work activities, projects and programs; monitor work flow; review and evaluate work products, methods and procedures.

Supervise and participate in the development and administration of the Finance Department and City-wide budgets; direct the forecast of additional funds needed for staffing, equipment, materials and supplies; monitor and approve expenditures; implement mid-year adjustments.

Select, train, motivate and evaluate personnel; provide or coordinate staff training; conduct performance evaluations; implement discipline procedures; maintain discipline and high standards necessary for the efficient and professional operation of the department.

Direct, manage, administer, oversee, plan and review the work of the Finance Department; serve as the City's principal budget officer; manage and oversee activities related to the City's general accounting and financial functions including the accounting system and general ledgers, City-wide feasibility studies, cash receipts functions, budgeting, fixed assets and cash management, forecasting, investment management, timekeeping and payroll, account analysis activities; prepare annual audit of financial statements; improve the City's financial stability and ensure

transparency of financial status; and preparation of various related reports.

Represent the department to outside groups and organizations; participate in outside community and professional groups and committees; provide technical assistance as necessary.

Research and prepare technical and administrative reports and studies; prepare written correspondence as necessary.

Build and maintain positive working relationships with co-workers, other City employees and the public using principles of good customer service.

Foster an environment that embraces diversity, integrity, trust, and respect.

Be an integral team player, which involves flexibility, cooperation, and communication.

Perform related duties as assigned.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

Principles and practices of municipal finance including governmental fund accounting, budget, auditing, and/or utility billing operations and applicable computer software management and reporting systems.

Principles and practices of governmental administration and organizational management, planning, goal setting, oversight, project management, program development, implementation, and contract administration.

Principles and practices of leadership, motivation, team building and conflict resolution.

Pertinent local, state and federal laws, rules and regulations.

Organizational and management practices as applied to the analysis and evaluation of programs.

Principles and practices of organization, administration and personnel management.

Principles and practices of budget preparation and administration.

Ability to:

Plan, direct and control the administration and operations of the Finance Department.

On a continuous basis, analyze budget and technical reports; interpret and evaluate staff reports and related documents; know and interpret laws, regulations, codes and

procedures; observe performance and evaluate staff; problem solve department related issues; and explain and interpret policy.

On a continuous basis, sit at desk and in meetings for long periods of time; intermittently twist to reach equipment surrounding desk; perform simple grasping and fine manipulation; use telephone; write or use a keyboard to communicate through written means; and lift or carry weight of 10 pounds or less.

Prepare and administer City-wide and department budgets.

Develop and implement department policies and procedures.

Supervise, train and evaluate assigned personnel.

Gain cooperation through discussion and persuasion.

Analyze problems, identify alternative solutions, project consequences of proposed actions and implement recommendations in support of goals.

Interpret and apply City and department policies, procedures, rules and regulations.

Establish and maintain effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of work.

Work with various cultural and ethnic groups in a tactful and effective manner.

Communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing.

Experience and Training

Any combination of experience and training that would provide the required knowledge and abilities is qualifying. A typical way to obtain the required knowledge and abilities would be:

Experience:

Five years of increasingly responsible experience in finance and/or accounting in a municipal or public agency setting; including two years of administrative and supervisory responsibility.

Training:

Equivalent to a Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with major course work in finance, accounting, public administration, business administration, or a related field. A Master's degree in business administration or public administration is preferred.

License and Certificate

Failure to obtain or maintain such required license(s) may be cause for disciplinary action.

Possession of a valid California Class C Driver License may be required at the time of appointment. Individuals who do not meet this requirement due to a physical disability will be considered for accommodation on a case-by-case basis.

Certification as a Public Accountant is desired.