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Council Manager Form of Government

Elected Official and Staff Roles

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The Council / Manager System

Mayor and Council
Make Policy

Manager and Staff
Implement Policy

It's the "grey"
areas that cause
problems!

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Within the council / manager system can an elected official...

- Instruct a police officer in the conduct of his/her job?
- Tell the planning director to approve an application for a zoning change?
- Fire the public works foreman for not filling the pot hole in front of city hall?

The Grey Area Test

Within the council / manager system can an elected official...

- Ask the mayor to schedule a workshop to discuss police protocols during traffic stops?
- Request that a zoning change that's been denied by P&Z be brought to Council for policy review?
- Request the city manager give a report on the status of the pot hole filling program?

What are some “grey” areas within the council / manager system that you’d like the speakers to discuss?

