

# Making It All Work Together

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# Mayor/City Council Roles

- Political Leadership
- Community Liaison
- Lobbyists
- Ceremonial Heads
- Public Safety #1 Priority
- 2/3 General Fund budget – public safety
- Restructure/Reorganize Public Safety
- Evokes Emotional Response

# Political Dissension

- Fiscal Responsibility and making the difficult decisions
- Sustainable model for public safety service delivery
- Unions
- Reality Check

# Legs of the Stool

- Policy/Administration
  - ***Governance/Politics***
  - Public Interaction
  - Community
  - Media
- City Council Responsible to approve Balanced Budget
  - Strategic Planning, budget updates – forecasted budget deficits
  - Unions asked for cost saving measures

# Leading During Adversity – Public Safety Restructure

- City Council challenged to consider what is best for the City as a Whole, and not special interest
- Micromanage Budget – Public Safety Resolution designating excess General Fund monies to Public Safety
- Community Pressure

# Questions/Comments?



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