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If I were Mayor....

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The roles of the Mayor and City Council are critical in any city. The Mayor is the head of the executive and administrative government of his city. Giving him advice, the City Council helps make all the important decisions a Mayor has to make. Both the Mayor and Council are responsible for the wellbeing and vision of the community, for these two things are what a community is built on. They must maintain a neat and well organized system of government. They must realize that they are responsible for the building of the cultural and social base of the community. Also, some important things that they are responsible for is the city's infrastructure (streets, water system, ect.), the city's financial stabilities, adopting budgets, organizing and directing city programs (recycling, neighborhood planning, ect.), and providing effective services to the community. Again, the Mayor and City Council play vital parts in any community.

The City of Beaverton has many wonderful qualities. Located seven miles west of Portland, Oregon in the Tualatin River Valley, Beaverton is home to 86,860 residents. Beaverton is also known for its attractive and efficient neighborhoods that are family friendly. Beaverton ranked the #3 city to live in the United States in 2007 by Frommer's Travel guides. It also has churches serving many denominations. The City of Beaverton definitely is a wonderful city to live in.

The children of the community are the most important factor of any city because children are future of the community. Beaverton has over 36,000 students in 46 schools from grades K-12. Beaverton Schools are also nationally acclaimed for high SAT scores. It has a small student -to- teacher ratio, averaging 25 students in each class. Schools in Beaverton have easy access to new technology. Yes, children are the most important part of any community.

Citizens of the community control the city and should decide what they would like to see in Beaverton. When asked what they wanted, many residents of Beaverton said they would like to see things such as: community safety, improved mobility, high quality public services, people learning to be environmentally friendly, family events, more efficient services for seniors, housing affordability, and excellent school systems. It is clear based on these requests that the citizens of this community desire to be progressive and efficient to promote productivity in their community.

If I were Mayor, what would I do? Being Mayor is an important job and it impacts the whole community. You have to be a wise leader and you have to be educated in this field of work. Being Mayor is more than just making

decisions, it's about helping people understand what they want and putting it into place. Being Mayor is about embracing our differences and keeping the community's vision alive, the vision of living together in harmony and raising up a generation that will impact the world.

If I were Mayor I would focus on building safe, family oriented communities that embrace our cultural diversities and that have affordable housing. Many people want to know that their children, their most valued treasure, can run and play and yet still be safe. They would like to let their children have the opportunity to experience the different cultures that are among us.

I would create programs that would encourage people to appreciate our clean environment. I would support ideas that would teach people to be resourceful in all aspects of life. I would sponsor the building of parks, community gardens, ect., because our earth is filled with natural wonder and beauty. The fact that there is life that moves and breathes is a miracle all in itself. Not only that, but our earth is slowly running down because we have forgotten that it is our responsibility to take care of our wonderful world.

I would focus on keeping our libraries updated for the public use so that not only children but adults too can embrace learning. Learning is the key to discovery, and discovery is the key to new ideas that could impact the community. Libraries open up the mind to creative and imaginative thoughts. Libraries are necessary to the community and must be kept up to date.

If I were Mayor I would focus on improving public mobility. Many people do not have the blessings that some of us have and we should make it as easy for them as it is for us. I would focus on working to build safe roads making easier for buses to come and go, and to build bus stops that don't impede the flow of traffic.

I would focus on creating programs for helping those in need such as foster children, orphans, the homeless, single mothers, ect. The programs would make donations for such. These people are people and should be taken care of. They are no less then us, they are only in worse circumstances then we are. A community protects and builds each other up and that is what we must do in our community, in the city of Beaverton.

One more thing I would do if I were Mayor would be to focus on letting the citizens of Beaverton make their opinions and feelings clear on how to make the community a better place. This is their city and they should decide what they want in their community. The citizens hire their mayors, their councilors, and their governors. If I were Mayor, I would work for the citizens of Beaverton and for no one else