

Town of Chapel Hill Government Structure

Chris Blue, Interim Town Manager



Chapel Hill's Government Structure

- ❖ Council-Manager Form of Government
- ❖ Appointed Town Manager and Town Attorney
- ❖ Elected Mayor and eight-member Council (non-partisan & at-large)



Council-Manager Form

- ❖ Began a little over 100 years ago in Staunton, VA
- ❖ Durham County was an early adopter
- ❖ Progressive Movement – Rage Against the Machine
- ❖ Developed to curtail corruption
- ❖ Professional administrator (town or city manager)
- ❖ Over 4,000 communities in the U.S.

Mayor Pam Hemminger



Council Members



Council Elections and Terms

- ❖ Mayor is directly elected, every two years
- ❖ Council Members are elected to four-year terms
- ❖ Staggered elections, four seats in odd years
- ❖ Non-partisan and at-large
- ❖ Next Council Election – this November!

Council Responsibilities

- ❖ Adopt policy, Town Code, Development Ordinances and other changes
- ❖ Appoint of advisory board, commission, task force and committee members
- ❖ Appoint Town Manager and Town Attorney
- ❖ Establish agreements with other governments
- ❖ Engage and serve the community
- ❖ Much, much more

Town Manager Responsibilities

- ❖ Chief Executive Officer/Chief Problem Solver
- ❖ Appoints and oversees Department Heads
- ❖ Develop Council Meeting Agendas with the Mayor
- ❖ Provides Information to the Mayor and Town Council
- ❖ Develops the Town's budget
- ❖ Collaborates with partners – Community, Governmental, UNC
- ❖ Community Engagement

Town Departments/Offices

- ❖ Affordable Housing and Community Connections
- ❖ Building & Development Services
- ❖ Business Management Department (BMD)
- ❖ Communications and Public Affairs (CaPA)
- ❖ Community Arts & Culture
- ❖ Fire
- ❖ Human Resources (HR)
- ❖ Library
- ❖ Parks & Recreation
- ❖ Planning
- ❖ Police
- ❖ Public Works
- ❖ Technology Solutions
- ❖ Transit

Values

Impact every aspect of our organization:

R - Responsibility

E - Equity

S - Safety

P - Professionalism

E - Ethics

C - Communication

T - Teamwork

Challenges & Opportunities

- ❖ Affordable Housing
- ❖ Equity/Social Justice
- ❖ Growth and Development
- ❖ Traffic
- ❖ Community Engagement
- ❖ Resource Alignment

Questions and Answers



Thank You!