



Mount Washington

***OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITY TO
SERVE THE CITIZENS OF
SHELTON, WASHINGTON
AS THEIR
CITY MANAGER***



The Community

Named after David Shelton - a delegate to the Territorial Legislature, the town was originally known as Sheltonville in the late 1800s. The City's early commerce consisted primarily of logging and lumber, farming, dairying and ranching as well as shellfish cultivation.

The City of Shelton is the only city in Mason County which is now the fastest growing county in Washington. Shelton was incorporated on May 19, 1890 as a general purpose municipal government. It operates under the laws of the State of Washington applicable to a non-charter code city under the Council-Manager form of government.

As you approach the City you can glimpse the quiet harbors and homes along the pristine shoreline and the densely forested hills. The community is rich in history, culture, and natural beauty. Located just 25 minutes northwest of Olympia on the shores of Oakland Bay at the southernmost tip of Puget Sound. The City of Shelton includes 6.11 square miles and has approximately 10,700 residents. While the City has increased in population of late, it has managed to preserve its friendly aura and natural environment.



1944 Logging Trucks

The City Government

Until this year, Shelton was the last city in Washington with a three-member commission form of government. Accordingly, a three-member City Commission selected a City Administrator who had day-to-day administrative responsibility for providing municipal services.

Shelton voters just approved a change to a council/manager government which will take effect on May 15, 2018. So this is really Shelton's first City Manager position. Previous City Commissions were well served by former City Administrators and the new City Council is dedicated to ensuring that the City Manager and the Council work successfully together as a team. The new City Manager will be appointed by majority vote of the 7-member new City Council and will be responsible for overall management of City business and the oversight and supervision of all City departments. The City Manager will ensure that the City Council goals, policies and directives are carried out by the appropriate City departments and will also be responsible for preparation of the annual budget, controlling expenditures, human resource management, intergovernmental relations, legislative activities, and a variety of other duties related to management of the City.

The new City Council will consist of the three continuing commissioners and four newly elected members. All are elected at-large on a non-partisan basis to four-year overlapping terms. The Mayor will be selected from the membership. All incumbents and Council candidates are full participants in this City Manager recruitment and selection process.

The City of Shelton has 95 employees and nearly a \$49 million all funds budget. The City's management team consists of the department heads who enjoy collegial and cooperative working relationships. The City provides a wide range of municipal services including:

- City Management
- Municipal Court
- City Clerk
- Legal
- Human Resources
- Information Technology
- Community Development
- Parks and Recreation
- Police Department
- Roads & Streets
- Sewer & Water

The City has a history of working closely with each of the area's local government and community service providers including: Mason County, P.U.D., school districts, the Port, the Economic Development Board, the Chamber of Commerce and service clubs.

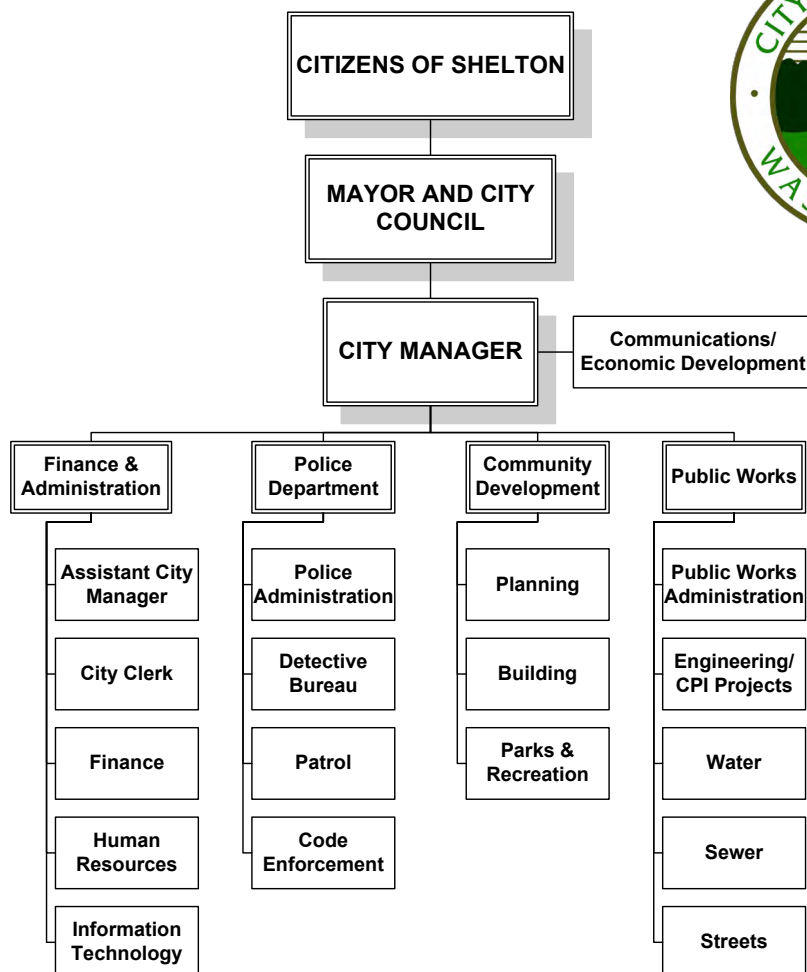
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Shelton Civic Center (City Hall)

City of Shelton, Washington

Organizational Chart



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Community Issues, Opportunities and Challenges (not prioritized)

- Mason County is now one of the fastest growing counties in Washington.
- By far, most of Shelton’s workforce consists of good City employees who want to work.
- A need was expressed for improved internal and external communications.
- Local schools are good and improving - - voters recently passed a \$65M bond issue to support Shelton’s schools.
- Major City streets and sewer CIP projects underway (Examples: Downtown Connector and Basin 3 Sewer Projects) .
- Future of the 800-acre Shelton Hill development.

- Shelton has significant economic diversity (rich to poor).
- Approximately forty-five percent of Shelton residents live in rental housing.
- Shelton’s housing supply is tight - - there is a need for more housing at all levels.
- Shelton has low crime.
- City finances are tight with significant utility bond debt.
- There is a need to study the organization and staffing to determine how to best allocate the City’s available human and fiscal resources.
- Economic development to increase the City’s tax base.
- Need for an in-depth look at fees and rates including permits and utility costs.

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The City Manager

Per State Law, (RCW35A), the City Manager serves as the City's Chief Executive Officer. The City Manager provides leadership to City staff, implements policies adopted by the City Council and manages both labor relations and human resources management.

The City Manager will also assist the City Council by providing regular written communication, completing research and information gathering, and by acting as an advisor to the Council concerning policies and City ordinances. Additionally, the successful candidate will represent the City's interest to various county, state and federal agencies.

Minimum Job Requirements

A bachelor's degree from a four-year college or university in public administration, business management, or closely related field is required, and ten years of experience, with a minimum of five years of related experience as a city manager, assistant city manager, or exempt level department head, or any satisfactory combination of experience and training which demonstrates the knowledge, skills and abilities to perform the above duties. A master's degree in a related field and ICMA/CM is preferred.

The Ideal Candidate

The ideal candidate will have been a successful City Manager in a comparably-sized city and will have previous experience in an organization recognized for excellent customer services and continuous improvement.

He or she will have a proven track record of delivering results, building accountability for staff and creating a positive working environment characterized by innovation and collaborative department head teamwork. This Manager will be a strong leader who understands all aspects of municipal government and has an appreciation for the issues, opportunities and challenges currently facing the City. He or she must have proven strengths in budget and financial management, community development, public works, human resources, economic development and capital project management.

The ideal candidate will have a sense of humor and be an energetic and enthusiastic leader with a positive and welcoming personality. This individual will be capable of making tough decisions in a timely manner. Candidates should have a history of progressive, proactive, and innovative program development as well as a reputation for successful follow-

through and implementation.

The City Manager should lead by example, demonstrate personal and professional integrity beyond reproach, and communicate a sense of vision backed by specific goals and objectives with a plan to achieve these goals and measure success.

The competitive candidate will exhibit an open, direct and straight-forward communication style in order to maintain productivity between the City's departments, the City Commission and adjacent cities. Further, the City Manager will be a good listener who works with personnel throughout all levels of the organization in a consistent manner.

The candidate will have sound values and promote teamwork and cooperation as well as have the ability to take the organization to the next level of efficiency.



Paul Bunyon

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SHELTON CONSENSUS COUNCIL GOALS

The following are the Consensus Goals resulting from the interviews of the current City Commission and City Council Candidates conducted in March-April 2018 prior to the April 24, 2018 City Council Election.

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC VISION

- A different focus, long-term vs. short-term, down the road vs. potholes
- Accountability of Council and Staff
- Restore Community Trust and Respect for All Viewpoints
- A "Community By Design" vs. "By Default"
- Vision and Clear Council Goals and Objectives
- Affordability, Sustainability and Liveability

COMMUNITY INFORMATION AND INVOLVEMENT

- Good information and analysis to the Council
- Transparent Decision Making Process
- Good information to the community
- Proactive Community Outreach, Report on Successes and Progress
- Planning Commission, SMPD and other Advisory Committees
- More Ad Hoc (short-term) vs. Standing Committees (ongoing)
- More Open House meetings and Community Issues Forums
- Transparency re. Solid Waste Contract Agreement (Comparative Costs)
- Volunteerism Opportunities
- Comprehensive Plan Updates and Community Involvement

FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

- Reduce Debt and Pay Off Sewer Debt
- Fees and Charges to Recover Cost of Services (Permits and Impact Fees)
- Streamline Permitting Processes
- Plan for coming growth and organizational/staffing/service impacts
- Affordable and sustainable Budget, Taxes and Fees
- Limit new Debt, whether Bonds or Loans
- Financial Policies and Reserves Policy
- Comparative data and analysis, Cost of Service vs. Revenues
- Sustainable CIP funding strategy, rates to Pay-As-Go vs. catch up improvement costs later
- Competitive and Comparative Taxes and Fees/Charges
- Lower Permit Fees? Lower Impact Fees? Don't subsidize Development

- Unfunded Retirement Obligations? Eg. Centralia and Chehalis? LEOFF
- Long-term Water/Sewer CIP and Operations Forecast... 5-Year Financial Forecast
- Review and Revise Budget Process and Information

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Urban Growth Area Annexation and Water/Sewer Extension Policy
- Downtown Mainstreet or equivalent Revitalization Program
- Range of Housing Options, including Affordable Low Income Housing...Tiny Homes too?
- Jobs! Shelton H.S. grads moving away despite affordable housing
- More than the "Bedroom Community" for Olympia and Lacey area
- Collaboration between City, EDC and Chamber
- Shelton Hills and related NW area development
- Waterfront and Tourism Strategy?
- Diverse Retail and Industrial Jobs, Tax Base

CUSTOMER SERVICE

- Good customer service for all, vs. "good Old Boys Club"
- Respect for Diversity of opinions and ideas
- Performance Standards and Service Indicators

CITY ORGANIZATION AND BUDGET

- Review City Organization Structure and Staffing to Community Needs and CIP Needs
- Make lots of Small vs. Wow systems and process improvements
- Streets Improvement program and CIP
- More Police
- Jail Alternatives
- Service Indicators and Total Quality Management
- Staff Sustainability and Transition Planning

INTERGOVERNMENTAL/COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS

- City-County collaboration on UGA/Annexation
- Social Services needs... Opiod/Heroin addiction... Public Health, Courts, Treatment
- Public Health, Hospital and Detox/Mental Health Needs
- PUD, School District, College, Library, City, County, EDC, Chamber

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Compensation & Benefits

- Competitive beginning salary will be negotiable depending on qualifications
- Washington State Retirement System participation
- No Social Security deduction (6.2% City paid Social Security replacement benefit)
- Deferred Compensation
- Longevity Pay after 5 years
- Medical, Dental and Vision Insurance
- Life Insurance
- Cellular telephone allowance
- Long-term disability insurance
- Employee Assistance Program
- Car Allowance
- Ten paid holidays
- Two floating holidays (after 6 months)
- Vacation Accrual & Sick Leave

To Apply

The position will remain open until filled and will move forward immediately upon receipt of a sufficient pool of well-qualified applicants. If interested, please email your resume and cover letter with current salary immediately to: slavin@bellsouth.net.

For additional information about this position, contact Robert E. Slavin, President, Slavin Management Consultants by phone at (770) 449-4656 or by email at slavin@bellsouth.net.



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