Top 10 Practices of Effective Elected Officials

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Ferndale, WA
Pop. 14,354 (est.)

City Council 2010-2015
Mayor 2016 - Today
Why Do People Run for Office?

- Prestige
- Ambition
- Anger
- Obligation
- Duty
- ????
10. Know the Rules of the Road
Resources

- Washington Constitution
- RCW 35 and RCW 35A
- Open Public Meetings Act
- Public Records Act
- Roberts Rules/Jurassic Parliament
- Council Rules/Handbook/Ethics, etc
- MRSC and AWC Resources
- City Attorney
- Mentors

9. Counting to Four (Persuasion)
8. Be a Good Winner and Loser

“We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection. The mystic chords of memory will swell when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature.”

- Abraham Lincoln

7. Stay in your Lane
6. R-E-S-P-E-C-T

“The City Council will treat City staff and members of the public with a high level of professionalism and respect, and Councilmembers require City staff and members of the public to extend the same courtesy. (See Section 24) Differences of opinion, values, and perspectives are expected, and it is essential the atmosphere and tone of Council meetings be professional and respectful, to foster public trust, confidence, and participation by citizens.”

5. Don’t be a K. I. A

- “Allow me to tell you everything about everything”
4. Be Beyond Reproach

3. Pick up the Phone
2. Pitchforks and Torches: Tough Decisions

1. Self-Care
Questions?

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THE MAYOR IS IN

Meet With The Mayor
Joe Mutchler

Today