



City Council Interview Questions

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1)	<p>What do you want the City of Troy to excel at 5, 10 and 20 years from now?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frugal use of taxpayer dollars • Innovative local government • Government partnerships with nonprofits and the private sector • A safe community • A family community • A balanced and diverse economic base
2)	<p>Each year the State announces the consumer price index (CPI). Should the CPI become one of the guiding benchmarks for an annual overall budget increase?</p>	<p>No. I would prefer another index that more accurately reflects costs that directly impact Troy City government.</p>
3)	<p>City Management believes that we should ideally maintain a fund balance of 17% but not drop below 10%. What is your opinion on this?</p>	<p>I would prefer a fund balance of at least 10% and no more than 15%.</p>
4)	<p>Is it more important to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Maintain the same level of service, even if it means a tax increase within our authorized limit, or b. Reduce the level of service in order to maintain the overall rate of 9.43 mills? c. Does your response differ for essential and non-essential services? If yes, define. 	<p>We need to maintain the overall rate of 9.43 mills. However, we also need to focus on ways to partner with nonprofits and the private sector to help maintain a high level of service without resorting to tax increases.</p> <p>To guarantee that essential services protecting life, property, health, and safety are maintained, my preference is to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. First, shift funding from non-essential services. 2. As a last resort, increase taxes.



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5) In a general sense, please prioritize capital expenditures in terms of:

- a. Infrastructure
- b. IT improvements
- c. Park development

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2. Park development
3. IT improvements

6) What else would you like to discuss that pertains to the City of Troy as an organization, City Council, or the Council/Manager partnership?

1. How to improve and “routinize” the planning and budgeting process for City Council?
2. How to enhance citizen input on City issues and long-range planning?

7) Making the Big Beaver corridor more pedestrian-friendly is one of the key components of the corridor study. In light of this concept, should Troy invest in alternative modes of transit? Would you be willing to allocate funding?

With the understanding that taxes will not be increased, I believe that it would be beneficial to improve public transit in Troy. We should work with Medi-Go Plus and SMART to determine ways we can improve those partnerships.

8) Please review ICMA survey results. How important is it that the City maintain its above-the-norm ratings?

I would prefer that we prioritize those above-the-norm ratings that make this a safe community where people want to live and work. We should also look at our below-the-norm ratings to determine which are appropriate to address.



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9) Listed below are the major areas of service the City of Troy provides to its residents. A scale is provided for you to indicate at what level of service you want each function to perform.

Staff will allocate budget funds based on the results of your answers. In other words, the level of importance to the Council as a group will be one of the guiding factors as to how available money is allocated.

	High	Medium	Low
Police	x		
Fire	x		
Streets, Water and Sewer		x	
Parks and Recreation		x	
Library		x	
Administration		x	

Additional Comments

While I place Administration in the “medium” rank, I would add one qualifier. If “Administration” is used to enhance delivery of public services in ways that save tax dollars, I would move it up into a “high” rank (for example, the recent agreement with Clawson for police dispatching services).