



City of Grand Island

Saturday, January 26, 2008

Council Retreat

Item -4

Discussion Topics

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Council Retreat Discussion Topics

Please select the top three topics you would like to discuss at the council retreat. Once complete please return to Jeff by the end of the week. This discussion is only a portion of the retreat.

1. What is council's role and responsibility to the community as a whole and to individual citizens? What does council expect from staff to help fulfill this responsibility?
2. Define "performance measurement" as it pertains to city operations.
3. What does quality of life mean for Grand Island and how do we maintain or foster its growth?
4. How can we improve communication between councilmember's and staff to build a team that is aligned around common goals and objectives?
5. How do we continue to accomplish goals, improve infrastructure, and contribute to a progressive community with constraints of the budget?
6. What is the significance of Grand Island's image, both locally and outside of Grand Island?
7. Should council govern more as a Board of Trustees, a Board of Directors, or as a Board of Activists?
8. Does the structure of the current city council meeting agenda meet the needs of councilmember's and the general public?

Councilmember's will break up into three groups and discuss each question. Each group will present their findings.