

B1: Practitioner Discussion

Speaker: Norton Bonaparte, City Manager of Sanford

Please respond to the following:

1. First, what does it mean to be the Sanford City Manager? What does he do?
2. What are Mr. Bonaparte's background and academic credentials?
3. What did he have to say about public service - why did he choose it, what satisfaction does he get from it?
4. We will discuss four reasons people have a public service perspective (Brewer, Feldon, and Facer (2000)):
 - Samaritans: people who identify with less fortunate and are committed to helping them
 - Communitarians: people who possess a general sense of civic duty and community involvement
 - Patriots: people who hold a strong sense of public duty and national pride, and,
 - Humanitarians: People committed to the broad concepts of social justice and fairnessRelate one of these perspectives to #3 above. Why do you think he has this perspective?
5. How did this speaker and your observations impact how you think about public administration - what changed in your thinking now that you have heard him?
6. Respond to one other student – comparing and contrasting their observations with yours.