

## Speaker discussion Response –

The city manager position started in the 1900's when unintentional corruption occurred frequently. In the city charter, the 'CEO' hires the city attorney, the city clerk, and city manager. City commissioner hires the city manager which means the manager must have positive relationship with the commissioner. Otherwise, the manager might be subject to demotion or termination. City manager serves at the pleasure of the city commissioner; managers negotiate with a commissioner with a Severance package. The city manager can also hire many directors for different segments of the economy. There is rarely a typical day; city management consists of several job requirements and responsibilities.

Mr. Bonaparte originally wanted to be a civil engineer when junior year, he became indecisive on what it is he wants to do for a career. He was a participant in SGA which led him into being suggested that he should look into public administration. He then became interested in the city manager position while living in New York. Mr. Bonaparte worked for several cities as City manager including in Michigan, New Jersey, Kansas, and more. He was in fact the first city manager for the city of Topeka in Kansas.

Mr. Bonaparte chose public service because of the impact it has on others. He finds joy in helping his citizens and representing them in a manner that is reflective of the city values and his own. I believe Dr. Bonaparte is a communitarian due to his intrinsic want to help others and create a community of mutual benefit. He spoke about how it was difficult to pinpoint the thing that gets him to wake up everyday but overall directed the motivation towards his duty to help others. After listening to Mr. Bonaparte, I now have a much larger understanding of what it means to be in public administration and how it can impact yourself and others around you. His job is a much greater cause than simple bureaucratic in a business which places a huge responsibility over local government.