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CAPACITY BUILDING IN PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT: EXPERIENCES OF SMALL AND MID-SIZED CITIES



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Introduction of Panelists

- Gerald Young, Senior Research Associate, ICMA
- Rebecca Jackson, Director of Strategic Performance Analytics, Fayetteville, NC
- Michael Walters Young, Budget & Strategic Innovation Manager, Franklin, TN
- Elizabeth Goltry Wadle, Budget Officer, Wichita, KS
- Alfred Ho, Professor, University of Kansas

The Fayetteville, NC Story

Rebecca Jackson

Director of Strategic

Performance Analytics

Fayetteville, North Carolina



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CITY SNAPSHOT



FY 2018

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Office of Strategy & Performance

Aka the “SPA”: “Maximizing performance for a positive impact”

- Change agent to build a culture of High Performance
- Developing Strategic Plan
- Organizational performance management and reporting
- Sustaining implementation of strategic priority projects – Project Management support for CMO
- Continuous improvement projects, internal consulting, technical assistance and training
- Data Governance and open data
- Customer research – Surveys and citizen and employment engagement efforts.



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Building Data Analytics Capacity

Developing Core Competencies through training & networking

- What's DAT?
- Training in Six Sigma, project management and data analytics

Community collaborative projects and partnerships

- Civil Affairs Data Analytics Partnership
- Fayetteville State University GIS Summer Intern project
- Citizen engagement in open data program-- "Randy the Researcher"
- Greater Fayetteville United Social Capital Survey
- What Works Cities, Gov Ex, Sunlight & Results for America.

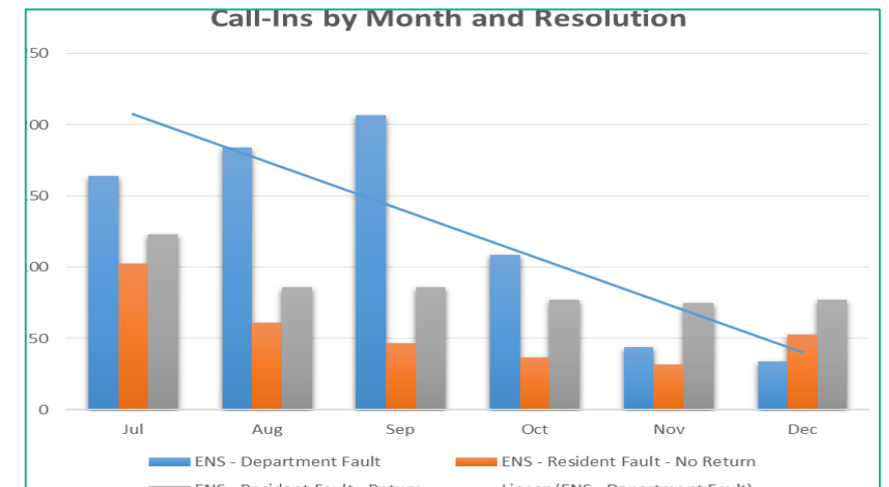
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WHAT'S DAT?



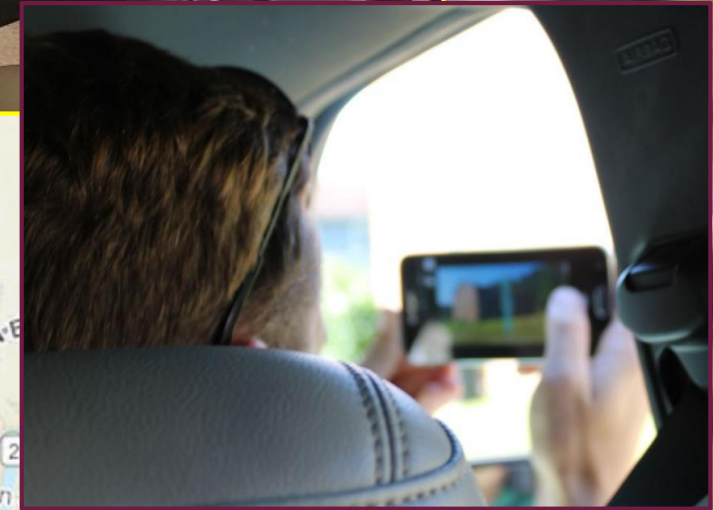
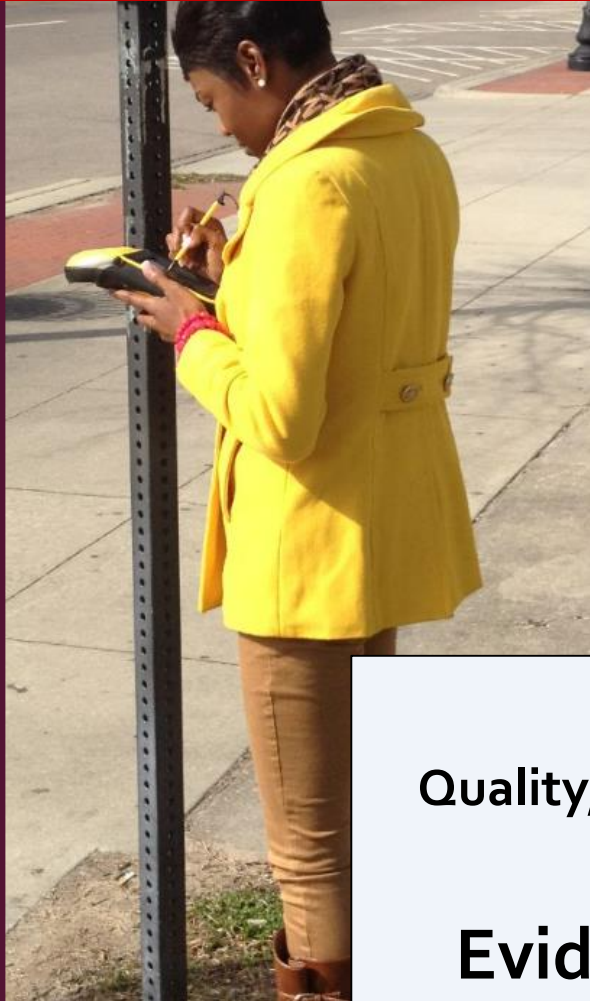
Data Analytics Team

- Provide guidance & standards
- Data governance policy
- Open data
- Performance measure reviews
- Collaborative data analytics and process improvement projects.



Civil Affairs Collaborative N.I.C.E.Stat

Neighborhood Indicators and
Community Evaluation

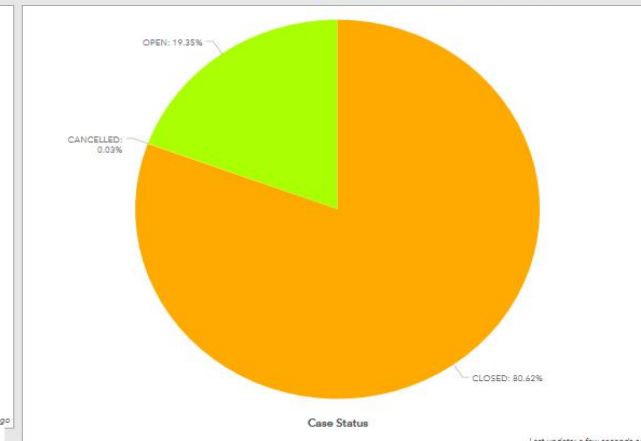
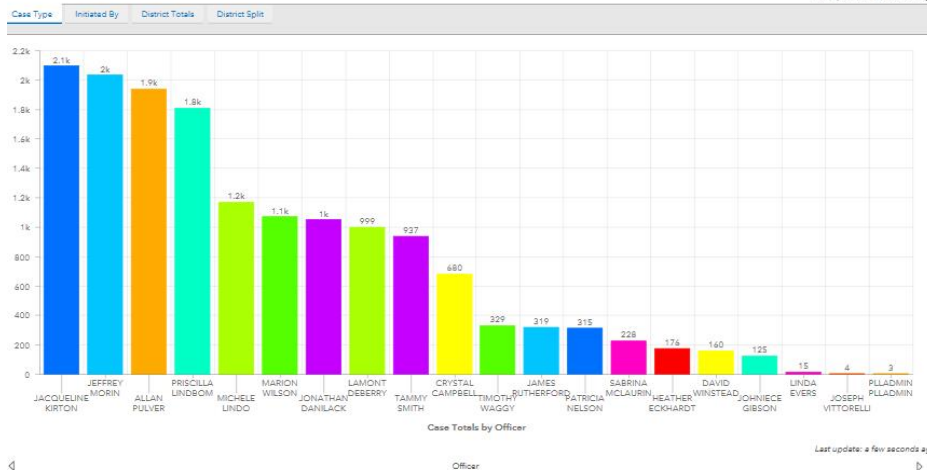
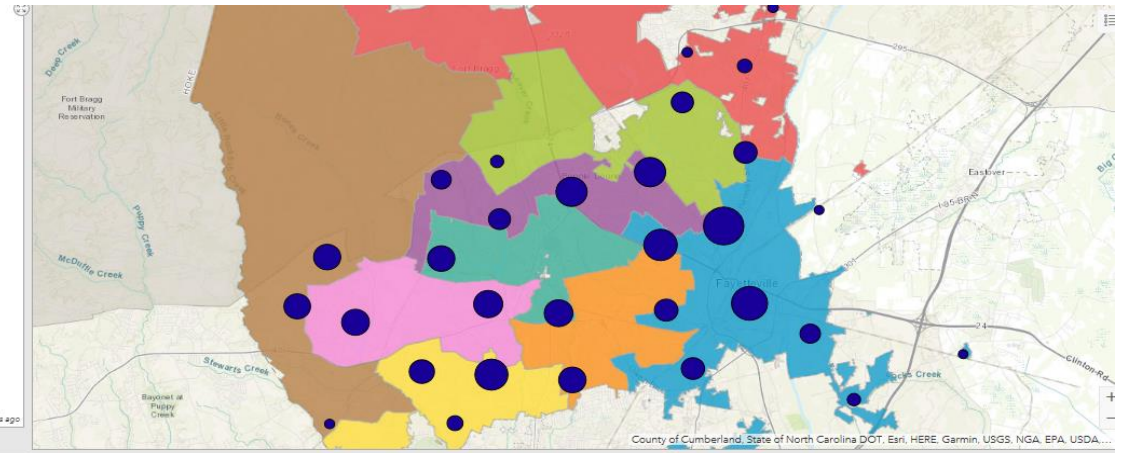
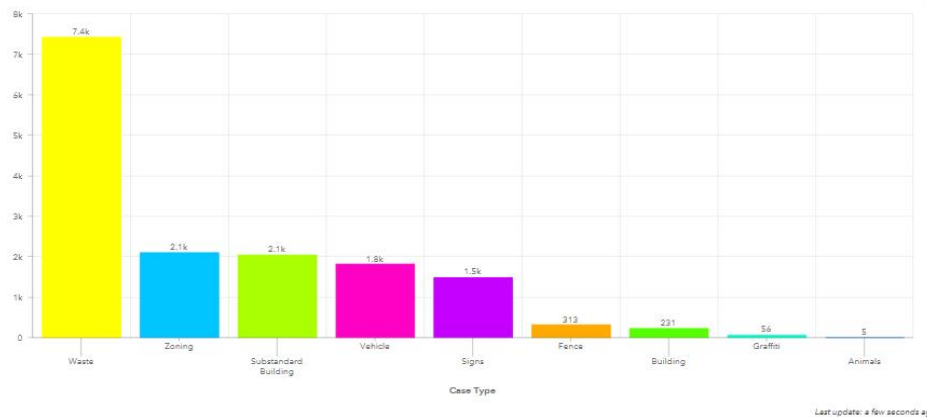


QUEST PROJECTS
Quality, Engagement, Sustainability and Training
Process Improvement and
Evidence-Based Decision Making

Operational Dashboards

Aligning organizational strategy to employee performance

Code Enforcement



Total Violation Cases

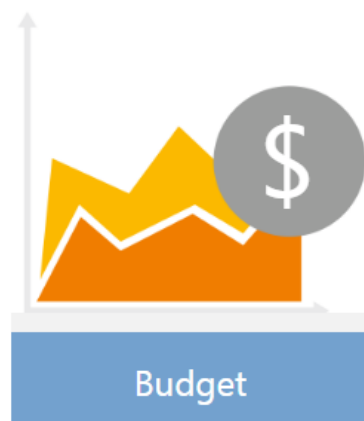
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365 Days

Last update: a few seconds ago



Transparent Reporting and Analytics for Citizens



<https://tracstat.fayettevillenc.gov>

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The Franklin, TN Story

Michael Walters Young

Budget & Strategic

Innovation Manager

Franklin, Tennessee



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About Franklin

- 748 Employees (FTE)
- Mayor-Aldermanic-City Administrator Form of Government
- Full-Service City

- Founded in 1799
- Rapid Population Growth:
 - 1970 Population: 9,497
 - 1990 Population: 20,098
 - 2020 Population (est): 80,000



- County Seat of Williamson County
- 7th Wealthiest County in America, 2016
- 6th Best Place to Live in America, 2019 (Money Magazine)
- Best Southern Town (Garden and Gun)
- Most Romantic Main Street (National Trust for Historic Preservation)
- #7 best place for STEM jobs in the U.S., 2018 (Livability.com)
- #1 in Nation for Image & Reputation (2019 National Citizens Survey)

Man we collect a lot...but...

- As City rapidly grew, different departments had different approaches to using data...or not all. Even today, the use of analytics ranges from being nearly non-existent in some departments to quite advanced in others
- As of 2014, at least 12 different performance measurement initiatives were running in the City (ICMA, GFOA, TMBP, AWWA, APWA, TRPA, APA, CALEA, ISO, Sustainable Franklin, Departmental Workloads, etc...etc...etc...)

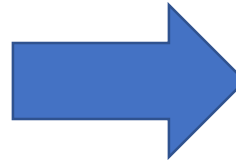
Key

Centralize, **Normalize** and **Standardize** information and performance measurement efforts in one place: **The Budget!** Budget analysts & department heads became intimately involved, and thus proficient, in performance measurement and in turn, changed the culture.

Moving the Needle

- Beginning in 2014, all departments were required to have performance measures within their respective budget documents. Standardized look and feel of all sections

Measurement/Goal	FY11 (Actual)	FY12 (Actual)	FY13 (Actual)	FY14 (Projected)	FY15 (Proposed)
Maintain utility billing error rate at or below 5.3 errors per 10,000 billed items.					
Errors/10,000 Bills	5.5%	5.1%	5.0%	4.9%	4.8%
Increase Electronic Versus Manual Payments by 1% by Fiscal Year Ending					
E-Payment %	72.6%	75.7%	76.6%	79.9%	81.0%



Workload (Output) Measures						
	2016	2017	2018	2019*	2020*	
Bills						
Number of property tax bills issued	30,366	31,287	31,930	33,000	37,500	
Number of water & sewer bills issued	327,318	339,302	347,972	369,150	376,533	
New requests for service (Total)	2,857	2,492	2,500	2,500	2,550	
Water (Monthly Average)	\$ 45.07	\$ 47.60	\$ 48.18	\$ 50.75	\$ 51.77	

- Beginning in 2015, all departments also were required to tie their department operations to the City's adopted Strategic Plan – **Franklin**

Forward



A Safe, Clean, and Livable City



Quality Life Experiences



Effective and Fiscally Sound
City Government Providing
High-quality Services



Sustainable Growth and
Economic Prosperity

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From Thought to Finish...



- Beginning in 2016, City launched its first Open Performance Website for the Strategic Plan: <https://performance.franklinton.gov>. *Data in Context*.
- Also launched a Data Analytics Team with IT & Finance spearheading to create MetaData collections and begin the processing of getting our various data sets to talk to one another so analytics can actually occur.
- Beginning in 2017, all Departments had to tie all new requests for funding to a theme within the Strategic Plan.
No theme? *No money!*

FY2020 PROGRAM ENHANCEMENT REQUEST FORM

Department Priority: **1** of **5**

Department: **41500 FINANCE**
Division: **Budget & Analytics**
FranklinForward Theme: **A Effective and Fiscally Sound City Government Providing High Quality Service**
Title: **A Safe, Clean, Livable City**
A Effective and Fiscally Sound City Government Providing High Quality Service
Quality Life Experiences
Sustainable Growth & Economic Prosperity

Purpose: Use this form to spell out your request for and create a prioritized list.

REQUESTED PROGRAM ENHANCEMENT FUNDING			
Account Description	One-Time Cost (FY20 Only)	Ongoing Annual Cost (FY20 & Future)	TOTAL FY20 Request
Compensation			
81110 REGULAR PAY		\$63,000	\$63,000

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Act Locally...Think Regionally



Old

Tennessee Municipal Benchmarking Project

- Led by MTAS (UT-Knoxville) for nearly 20 years
 - Dozens of municipalities participated
 - \$4,000 annual subscription service
 - 1206 different measures collected
 - Suddenly dropped in May 2019



New

Benchmarking Alliance of Tennessee

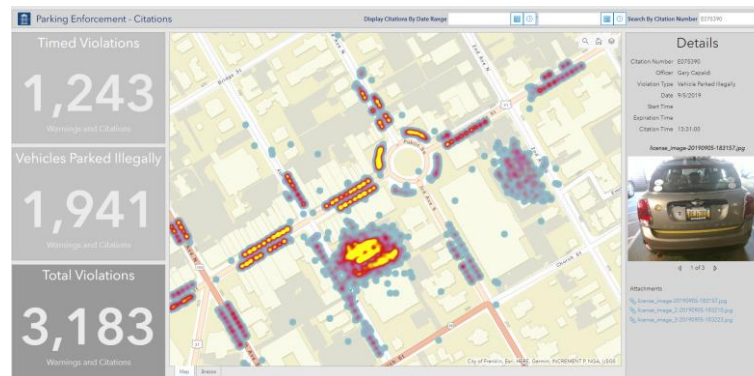
- Led by City of Franklin
 - 60 data points
 - 50 measures
 - Free to participate
 - Data will be open to all who wish to see throughout the state



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Today and Beyond...

- Departments are increasing using analytics in their daily decision making.
- The use of dashboards, especially those using GIS have continuously grown throughout the City.



- Budgets are consistently turned in with updated performance measures, elected officials and citizens alike utilize the Strategic Plan website to see “how we are doing” and departments by in large only ask for new people, programs and equipment if they have the statistical data justifying the expense.

The Wichita, KS Story
Elizabeth Goltry Wadle
Budget Officer
Wichita, Kansas



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About Wichita

- 3,200 Employees
- 390,000 Population
- Council-Manager Form

- Budget Office located in Finance Department
- No full-time employees dedicated to performance measurement

- GFOA Special Recognition for Performance Measures for seven of past nine years
- ICMA Certificate Program for nine years

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City of Wichita Program

- Current program since 2009
 - First Steps:
 - Rejoined ICMA-CPM
 - Built Performance Measure Inventory
 - Developed Annual Report
- Heavy focus on benchmarking
- Data used for initial research and analysis
- Collecting and reporting data is the start of the budget development process



City of Wichita Progress

Effort has been institutionalized

- Organizational leadership
- Departments have built capacity
- Using data to tell stories has become part of the organizational culture
- Operating departments are transitioning to using data analysis for ongoing decision making

Low-cost and no-cost tools have been used

- Still using Microsoft Excel and Publisher
- File Sharing
- Ongoing data inventory

Tips for Expanding Your Program



1

Consistency

Organizational leadership is key to a program that becomes institutionalized

2

Leverage

Inventory existing data collection and reporting efforts

3

Collaboration

Identify a staff coordinator who is collaborative and analytical

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Tips for Expanding Your Program



4

Thoroughness

Apply the program throughout the organization

5

Longevity

Develop datasets and processes that will outlast particular people or challenges

6

Celebrate

Share success and constantly improve

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Lessons Learned: Key Questions for the Panelists

- How do you pursue performance management (PM) with limited resources?
- Who is responsible for PM? How do you coordinate different departments to do the work?
- How do you analyze performance data from different departments? Who is responsible for the work?
- What types of data do you use? How do you build data analytics capacity over time?
- What are the roles of technologies?
- What kinds of partnership do you have that can be very helpful?
- What are the key lessons learned?



Questions?

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