

A City of Many Shoulders

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It's a big city.
It's a big responsibility.

The Mayor doesn't arrest bad guys,
But he makes sure that someone does.
That's what keeps the city safe.

He doesn't drive a big red truck,
Wear big rubber boots,
Or put out fires.
(At least not that kind.)
But he makes sure that the Great Chicago Fire remains historical.

The Mayor doesn't fill in potholes.
He doesn't drive a snowplow, either.
And he probably isn't the one who empties your garbage can.
But he makes sure that someone does.
And that's what keeps the city clean.

Hizzoner won't shush you if you're loud,
And he won't fine you for overdue books, either.
He's not the one you go to if you need a library card.
But he makes sure that our libraries do their librarying for us.

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