



City Council

2024-2025 Strategic Priorities



Excellence in Government

- Diversify revenue sources
 - evaluate fees; ensuring they cover administrative costs
 - consider sale of excess city property
 - evaluate and implement paid parking along the waterfront
- Develop an overarching IT Strategy (3-5 years) for City operations
- Make overpayments towards the MERS pension liability; balancing overpayments with operating needs
- Review and expand upon infrastructure inventory and project prioritization
- Maintain service level; reviewing personnel needs, training and equipment as the budget permits
- Establish regular joint meetings with the Board of Light and Power



Environmental Stewardship

- Continue to support, and fund, land-use planning, community outreach and resolution for remediation alternatives on Harbor Island
- Support funding of Forest Management Plan, including prioritization treating tree diseases that threaten our urban forest
- Complete collaborative Community Energy Plan and implement recommendations



Community Livability

- Continue to promote transportation options, by supporting regionalization of public transit
- Enhance the vibrancy of the Beechtree Corridor
- Strengthen the Historic District Ordinance
- Establish a long term agreement with the DDA on the closing of the first block of Washington; while working with stakeholders to improve the attractiveness of the downtown and the social district



Economic Development & Affordability

- Identify a development partner for Chinook Pier and begin redevelopment
- Adopt Economic Incentive Policy
- Review policies, ordinances and zoning to identify ways to incentivize development of existing vacant lots and redevelopment of obsolete or deficient structures, further incentivizing attainable housing developments.
- Improve outreach to commercial and industrial partners, navigating concerns surrounding employment, city services, and any other perceived obstacles



Recreation, Culture & Learning

- Gather outside funding support for boardwalk needs
- Fund Linear Park improvements
- Maintain parks at current standard



Health & Safety for All

- Plan and provide for a stable, high-quality, sustainable water supply that meets or exceeds public health standards and supports a healthy and safe community
- Continue to provide training, equipment and technology to support a high-caliber, cross-trained (police, fire, EMS) Department of Public Safety force
- Continue to creatively educate the public, and actively promote and market emergency preparation plans, response plans and recovery plans for potential hazards (floods, loss of power, etc.) across departments and throughout the community



Engaged, Informed & Connected Community

- Leverage council meetings, website, and social media to promote volunteerism for open volunteer positions
- Direct each board/commission to review and update their on-boarding materials/process for new commission members and solicit input to address known barriers to volunteerism
- Improve public communication in regard to board or commission vacancies, as well as offering response to those who have applied