

October 5, 2020

Dear City of Camas Council Members, Citizens, and Staff,

This year has challenged our community like no other. From the global pandemic to the recent wildfires, the world around us continues to test our resolve. But what I have learned is that we, as Camasonians, will always persevere and always come together – even when we can't in person.

Today, we hope it comes as welcome news to hear that the City of Camas remains strong financially. Through thoughtful planning and careful choices, the City can and will endure whatever comes next.

It is with great pride we share the City's Biennial Budget for 2021-2022.

In connection with this budget, we will be promoting three initiatives over the next two years for achieving the goals laid out in the City of Camas Strategic Plan:

- **LAND** – We must be careful stewards of the City's natural assets. Having acquired this year the last parcel of land on the Lacamas Lake North Shore for protection, we now must ensure it remains protected, nurtured, and wisely developed. To this end, the budget provides funding to build trails, care for the historic Leadbetter House, clean up Lacamas Lake, and support our growing parks system.
- **PEOPLE** – With a special focus on our children and older adults, we have incorporated into this budget programming and services for our growing community. In addition to enhancements for parks, library, street safety, and essential resources such as clean water, you will find funding for improvements including accessible sidewalks and ramps and for bleachers at Louis Bloch Park.
- **HONESTY** – As supported by this budget, we will develop a full communications program built on transparency, engagement, accessibility, and ease; move forward with new technology to better connect with our citizens, council, staff, and stakeholders; grow our work around equity – being fair and impartial; and collaborate with the community on Comprehensive Plan updates.

This budget represents the first steps to a new, bright future for Camas – one that will unite and replenish us.

We are extremely pleased to have new City Administrator Jamal Fox on our side for this journey, and he will be key in implementing these new initiatives while continuing to provide the high level of service our community deserves. We also could not be more grateful for the City of Camas employees who work hard to serve this community, each and every day.

Thank you for exploring the City of Camas Biennial Budget and I welcome you to reach out to me or a member of our team with any questions or feedback.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Barry McDonnell', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

Barry McDonnell
Mayor