

WORK SESSION AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council



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SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION

2026-2027 Council Priority Update

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to provide updates on current and future work related to Council Priorities and to ensure alignment on work direction.

GENERAL DIRECTION SOUGHT AND SPECIFIC QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED

1. What questions do Councilmembers have regarding Council Priority work?
2. Would Councilmembers like to see anything different in future updates?

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

Each Council term, the newly seated members determine Priorities and a workplan for the 2-year term. Council adopted five Priorities and three additional workplan items. Updates will be provided at Council work sessions in July and October 2026 and in January, May, and September 2027.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES

Make Development Predictable, Efficient, and Cost-Effective to Support Sustainable Growth and Affordability

The bulk of the work in this Priority is being scoped, aligned, and directed through work of the Council Ad Hoc Committee that includes Mayor Francis, Councilmember Conway, and Councilmember Nelsen. This group is meeting on a monthly basis and is working to include community experiences to guide the work.

Bolster Economic Vitality with a Focus on Small Business, Neighborhood Centers, and Quality Job Creation

This work aligns well with the previously adopted Economic Health Plan. Work is focused on customer support, process improvements, strategies, and developing potential incentives to attract desired businesses.

Accelerate Progress Toward Vision Zero

Vision Zero work includes specific activity, such as Safer Streets and Safe speed work, as well as cross-departmental work involving police services, parking services, and possible outcomes of the Ad Hoc committee and the Predictable, Efficient, and Cost-Effective Development Priority.

Connect Community to Council Actions

Staff and Council have been working to align and clarify the desired results and activities to advance this Priority. A work session on June 16, 2026, highlighted both the desire for and the implementation of more real-time activity sharing.

Ensure Long-term Financial Sustainability

This Priority is heavily focused on the next biennial budget and the transition in budgeting process. Council has also been engaged in steps to advance the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) software project to ensure success.

Additional Workplan Items:

Update Marijuana Laws: Work planned in 2027.

AI Ready Leadership: Work underway with pilot projects and new tools set to roll out.

Creative/Nighttime Economy: Diverse activity happening related to this item within existing workplans.

NEXT STEPS

Next Update: October 13, 2026.

ATTACHMENTS / LINKS

1. Presentation