

MEMORANDUM



TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: VICTOR CARDENAS, CITY MANAGER
SUBJECT: EARLY INPUT BUDGET SESSION
DATE: NOVEMBER 15, 2023

Over the years City Council has participated in an early input goal session that generally takes place in early January, either on a Saturday morning or before a regularly scheduled City Council meeting. Previous goals have been separated by short-term and long-term, and there have been varying numbers of categories/buckets into which the goals have been divided. The current form is the acronym of N.O.V.I.:

- Nurture public services that residents want and value
- Operate a world-class, sustainable local government.
- Value and build a desirable and vibrant community for residents and businesses alike now and into the future.
- Invest properly in being a Safe Community at all times for all people.

Goals were established and widely promoted on the [website](#) and posted in the Civic Center atrium. Staff would also update City Council, quarterly on the progress of each goal.

Most recently, per council's direction, the goal-setting session has occurred every other year following an election. With the seating of a new City Council, I would recommend, for City Council's consideration, that we return to a Saturday session in early January (**we suggest Saturday the 6th**). Between now and **January 6th**, City staff will evaluate and assess a proposed process to aid City Council in establishing its new set of goals. Enclosed, please see a list of prior City Council goals.

