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Stevenson City Council Goals for 2021-2022

Vision

Those citizens have now spoken, and their vision for the future is to proudly look out their window, walk down their street, or return for a visit in 2030 and honestly say:

“Stevenson is a friendly, welcoming community that values excellent schools and a small-town atmosphere. The natural beauty is enjoyed by residents and visitors through a network of recreational opportunities. The strength of Stevenson’s economy is built upon high quality infrastructure and a vibrant downtown that provides for residents’ daily needs. Stevenson takes advantage of our unique location on the Columbia River by balancing jobs, commerce, housing, and recreation along the waterfront.”

Mission

Stevenson is committed to investing in improved infrastructure, stewardship, community & human development. We will adapt, evolve, and progress to maintain our resilient and inviting small-town feel in an agile/nimble and fiscally responsible way.

Goals

The goals below are a list of priorities from council. Interwoven throughout these priorities is improved communication and engagement with the community, maintaining and improving current infrastructure and assets, and incorporating additional goals such as aggressive undergrounding of utilities and broadband within capital projects where possible.

1. **Wastewater Upgrades:** The city will continue working toward lifting the commercial sewer connection moratorium, building efficient, sustainable and affordable wastewater system upgrades with added BOD capacity by the end of 2022.
 - a. Implement **updated rate structure** after completion of rate study by the end of 2020.
 - b. **Relocate Public Works** equipment and materials with the expansion of the WWTP to be implemented with construction of the upgrades by the end of 2022.
 - c. Continue with the **Sewer Lining** project to reduce Infiltration and Inflow at the wastewater treatment plant during rain events by inspecting 10% of the wastewater collection system each year and repairing as needed and as budget allows.
 - d. **Continue with minor improvements** in both collection system and plant and encouraging BOD reduction to reach a goal of 0 NPDES effluent violations.
 - e. **Apply** for construction funding with DOE, USDA and others to maximize grants and leverage low-interest loans to reduce cost impact to residents.
 - f. Sign contract for funding

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- g. Complete permitting requirements, SEPA, etc.
 - h. Bid construction project-WWTP
 - i. Bid construction project-Lift Stations
 - j. Begin Construction.
2. **Downtown Planning:** The downtown corridor will be thoughtfully planned to encourage utilization of the entire downtown, allow for safe and easy flow of traffic, and support mixed-use development by the end of 2024.
- a. A city-wide **Traffic Study** will be completed by the end of 2021.
 - b. **Design Standards** outlined in the Downtown Plan will be reviewed updated by the end of 2021.
 - c. **Mixed-Use** – The city will reduce barriers to mixed use to encourage increase mixed use development by the end of 2024.
 - d. **Aesthetic Improvements** -Vacant/derelict/unkept property ordinances will be in place **by the end of 2020**, a list of nuisance properties will be created in coordination with the Stevenson Downtown Association **by the end of 2019** and nuisance properties will be enforced for a reduction of nuisances by 75% by 2024.
 - e. **East-side Downtown Improvements** will be made to encourage development with an increase of developed or utilized properties of 25% by 2024. This will start with the development of a list of improvements needed **by the end of 2019**.
 - f. First Street Overlook will be constructed in 2021.
3. **Fire Hall:** The city will partner with Skamania County Fire District 2 and the Skamania County Department of Emergency Management to build a new fire hall that meets the needs of the agencies, is affordable to the community and is a valued asset of Rock Creek Drive.
- a. **Design Completion**
 - b. Apply for and secure **Construction Funding**
 - c. Enter into interlocal agreements between various agencies for the funding and/or maintenance of the property.
 - d. Complete construction
4. **Water System Continued Maintenance**
- a. **Replace** most of the failing **AC Pipes**, about 30% of the city waterlines, by 2030. Projects outlined in the next two years include:
 - i. School Street
 - ii. Loop Rd
 - iii. Upper Russell
 - iv. Frank Johns
 - b. Water Treatment Plant Maintenance includes reroof and painting interior.
5. **Develop Deliberate Growth Strategy** by the end of 2021.
- a. Complete Capital Improvement Program