



# *City Council Report*

**DATE:** March 24, 2026

**TITLE:** Adoption of Fiscal Year 2027 City Council Priorities

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

That the City Council adopt the proposed Fiscal Year 2027 City Council Priorities.

## **BACKGROUND**

As part of its budget process, the City Council meets annually to set the City-wide priorities for the upcoming fiscal year beginning July 1. The priorities serve to reflect the policies, goals, programs, service priorities, and values of the City Council and the community. This year the City Council conducted the priorities meeting on March 5, 2026. At that meeting, senior staff presented to the Council a look ahead on areas staff suggests consideration for future work plans and programs for Fiscal Year (FY) 2027. Members of the public were provided an opportunity to share their comments and Councilmembers individually provided their perspectives and comments to the ongoing work plans and future priorities.

At the priority setting meeting there appeared to be a consensus of the City Council that the following five priorities should be continued as priorities for FY 2027:

- Long-Term Land Use Planning and Housing
- City Infrastructure
- Financial Stability
- Sustainability
- Community Health and Safety

Individual comments and feedback from Councilmembers were provided on these priorities. However, at the March 5 meeting the Council did not take any action or provide direction to staff. At the March 24, meeting the Council is requested to review the priorities and Councilmembers' comments to determine if there is City Council consensus with the areas of focus within each priority.

Once the priorities are determined by Council, staff will develop and propose staff workplans, and an operating and capital budget at an upcoming Budget Study Session in early May.

## **DISCUSSION**

During the March 5 Council Priority Setting Session, Council received staff presentations on a look ahead to FY 2027. The Council provided staff with feedback on the work plans and priorities. These priorities are shown in the table below and have been color-coded for ease of viewing. Individual Councilmember comments are included in the table in the rightmost column. These comments don't reflect the direction of the Council, but they were suggestions for Council consideration from the Priority Setting meeting on March 5. Some comments were combined where they were similar to other Councilmembers' comments. Some comments were edited for formatting and consistency. This revised language may be more reflective of the feedback gathered from Councilmembers at the March 5 meeting. Where at least three Councilmembers explicitly supported a comment, it is reflected as shared feedback instead of individually by Councilmember.

Strategic Objectives	Council Priorities	Comments by Council Members
Land Use	<b>Long-Term Land Use Planning and Housing</b>	<p><b>Councilmember Anne Bybee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public hearing noticing should be done with discretion when exceeding legal requirements on larger projects</li> </ul> <p><b>Councilmember Terry Hines</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support discussions on Housing Commission and the role of Planning Commission and Civic Improvement Commission</li> </ul> <p><b>Councilmember Sergio Lopez</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be strategic about resources needed to meet State mandates i.e. zoning, permit processing, storm water and ADA requirements</li> </ul> <p><b>Mayor Dan Furtado</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support WV homeless efforts</li> </ul> <p><b>Shared Feedback</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support for receiving more information on responsible construction ordinance</li> </ul>
	<b>City Infrastructure</b>	<p><b>Councilmember Terry Hines</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider traffic calming policy</li> <li>Consider sidewalk improvements on Bascom and Curtner</li> </ul>
Financial Health	<b>Financial Stability</b>	<p><b>Councilmember Anne Bybee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Successfully navigate Measure K litigation</li> </ul> <p><b>Councilmember Terry Hines</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider Community Facility District #1 assessments</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to look for grants to support existing City projects</li> </ul> <p><b>Councilmember Elliot Scozzola</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support investment policy to prohibit war related investments</li> </ul> <p><b>Councilmember Sergio Lopez</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support implementation of Econ. Dev. Plan and consider appropriate funding</li> </ul> <p><b>Mayor Dan Furtado</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support the vacation of the percolation pond by SCVWD at the Sunnyside Fire Station</li> </ul> <p><b>Shared Feedback</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with All labor groups on new MOU's and ensure adequate funding is available</li> <li>• Econ. Dev. Initiatives are important to economic vitality</li> </ul>
Environment	<b>Sustainability</b>	
Community	<b>Community Health and Safety</b>	<p><b>Councilmember Bybee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider consistency of Commission/Committee livestreaming</li> </ul> <p><b>Councilmember Terry Hines</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support the Veterans Memorial foundation efforts to celebrate 250 years</li> </ul> <p><b>Councilmember Elliot Scozzola</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider policies related to immigration</li> <li>• Support rent control policy</li> <li>• Support policy related to lobbyists</li> </ul> <p><b>Councilmember Sergio Lopez</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noted Council previously by majority vote agreed to agendaize Immigration policy discussion later this fiscal year</li> </ul> <p><b>Mayor Dan Furtado</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support Emergency Operations Planning</li> <li>• Consider website improvements to ease navigation</li> <li>• Consider ebike/scooter policies</li> <li>• Support expanded public outreach and communication</li> </ul>

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

There are no fiscal impacts associated with adoption of City Council priorities. Any fiscal impacts of future workplans will be evaluated along with the development of the Operating and Capital Improvement Budgets for Fiscal Year 2027.

## **ALTERNATIVES**

1. Do not adopt the proposed priorities for Fiscal Year 2027
2. Provide other direction to staff

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