

2019/20 Proposed City Council Priorities

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HIGH

Improve the safety of Billings

- 1) Improve law enforcement capabilities (define the goal/set a standard)
 - a. Improve safety ranking among MT and peer cities as defined by FBI stats
 - b. Improve sense of safety in neighborhoods, the downtown, and parks as measured by our National Citizen Survey results
 - c. Expand partnership with addiction and mental health service providers
 - d. Resolve over-crowding issues with incarceration
 - e. Adopt spa/message parlor business license ordinance
- 2) Improve fire capabilities
 - a. Adopt and Implement long range fire master plan
- 3) Improve safe routes to schools – Medicine Crow
- 4) Continue focus on code enforcement
- 5) Investigate adding a 2nd full time judge

Implement the One Big Sky Plan (see City Contribution/Fiscal Gain estimates)

- 1) Succeed at adopting “Value Capture” legislation (LC1182)

Successful 2019 Legislative Session (see adopted legislative agenda)

Advance West-End Reservoir and Water Treatment Plant Projects

- 1) Complete reservoir 2022
- 2) Complete water plant 2024

Complete Project Re-Code

- 1) Adopt in phases
- 2) Improve impact of casinos through site development
- 3) Include commercial corridor redevelopment standards
- 4) Improve housing affordability & racial segregation

MEDIUM

Improve Communication with our citizens

- 1) Overhaul City Website
- 2) Improve support and engagement with Neighborhood Task Forces

Improve city parks and trails system (quality and quantity)

- 1) Complete - Centennial Park improvements Phase I
- 2) Complete - Coulson Park Master Plan
- 3) Increase trails investments
- 4) Increase park investments (taxes/fees)
 - a) Investigate private revenue ideas (cell towers/vender sales/restaurants etc.)

✚ **Advance Airport Expansion Project – completion target 2023**

✚ **Determine scope of the South Billings Recreation Center**

✚ **Transportation System Improvements**

- 1) Billings Bypass Interchange project
 - a) Zoning of adjacent land
 - b) Annexation
 - c) Utility extension plan
- 2) Inner Belt Loop –
 - a) Zoning of adjacent land
 - b) Right of Way acquisition
 - c) Annexation
 - d) Utility extension plan
- 3) Molt Road/Highway 3 connector
 - a) Zoning of adjacent land
 - b) Right of Way acquisition
 - c) Annexation
 - d) Utility extension plan

LOW

✚ **Propose long-term solutions to City Hall space issues**

✚ **Research options to creating a Public Information Officer type position**

Ongoing administrative topics

- Franchise fee litigation
- Improve financial data analysis
- Lean 6 Sigma/cost of service analysis
- Request for proposals healthcare/wellness
- Tax Increment Finance administrative budgets
- Classification and compensation Study

Ongoing City Council topics

- Franchise fee litigation
- USS Billings
- Meeting length/meeting structure
- Energy Conservation Commission
- Tax Increment Finance administrative budget
- Council compensation
- Ward boundaries