

# 2019/2020 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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) Complete Castlerock Park improvements
- 4) Increase trails investments
- 5) 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