

DRAFT 2020/2021 City Council Priorities

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HIGH

+ Improve the safety of Billings

- Adopt Public Safety Mill Levy (PSML) Ordinance for 2020 ballot measure
- Educate the community on the impacts of the PSML
- Implement 911, PD, FD, Code Enforcement, Legal, Municipal Courts strategies to improve safety
- Resolve criminal justice system facility space deficiencies
- Pursue supplemental funding sources (Impact fees, increase cost of fines, BUFGSA)
- Support critical partnerships w/Substance Abuse Connect, Yellowstone County, and Continuum of Care partnership
- Continue improving “Safe Routes to Schools”

+ Complete Project Re-Code

+ Complete Airport Terminal Reconstruction Project (broke ground 2019 – completion 2023)

+ Advance West-End Reservoir and Water Treatment Plant Projects (reservoir 2022/H2O 2024)

+ Create a Park Development Fund

+ Improve Communication with our citizens

- Create a Public Information Officer position for the City
- Overhaul City Website

+ Implement Lean Six Sigma/Continues Improvement program

MEDIUM

+ Improve Intergovernmental Collaboration

+ Stimulate Downtown Revitalization

- Improve legislative tools
- Implement downtown transportation study/one-way conversion plan
- Install traffic light N 27th/MT Ave
- Extend/expand??? Downtown Tax Increment Finance District

+ Complete the Cost of Services Study

+ Resolve Heights Water Issues

+ Approve 2021 Legislative Agenda/Priorities

+ Improve Transportation/Land-use System

- Advance Billings Bypass Interchange project – including adjacent land use and utility extension plans and the Targeted Economic Development District (TEDD)
- Inner Belt Loop – including adjacent land use and utility extension plans

+ Improve city parks and trails system

- Complete - Centennial Park improvements Phase I
- Adopt - Coulson Park Master Plan
- Adopt Castlerock Park Master Plan
- Advance Poly Vista Park partnership w/Landan's Legacy Foundation
- Advance Marathon Loop

+ Determine scope of the South Billings Recreation Center

Future Consideration

+ Increase Grant Writing Resources

+ Housing – Study Affordable Housing in General

+ Targeted Economic Development District

+ Create a Storm Water Utility

+ Elimination of All Lead Pipe Service Lines (Underway)

+ Budget Process Review

+ Update Neighborhood Plans (West Side Plan next up)