

DRAFT 2021/2022 City Council Priorities




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#1 PRIORITY





Improve the safety of Billings





- Understand and determine the Council's level of support for the policy implications recommended in the Center for Public Safety Management (CPSM) law enforcement analysis.
- Resolve criminal justice facility space deficiencies.
- Understand and determine the Council's level of support for the policy implications recommended in the CPSM fire department analysis.
- Determine policy level support for the administration to Implement 911, PD, FD, Code Enforcement, Legal and Municipal Court strategies to improve safety.
- Analyze funding options to improve the safety of Billings.
- Consider Public Safety Mill Levy (PSML) Ordinance for 2021 ballot measure
 - a. Create a timeline for future ballot measures.
 - b. Educate the community on the impacts of the 2021 PSML.
- Adopt massage and body works business license ordinance
- Support critical partnerships w/Substance Abuse Connect, Yellowstone County, and Continuum of Care partnerships.
- Continue improving Safe Routes to Schools

ONGOING CRITICAL PROJECTS

-  **Break ground on west side water treatment plant and visionary reservoir project.**
-  **Continue airport terminal reconstruction project, building Montana's greatest airport.**
-  **Continue progress to break ground on the inner-belt loop and Skyline trail projects.**
 - Negotiate and sign BUILD grant agreement
 - Negotiate and purchase easements to build the inner belt lop and skyline trail
 - Present utility extension options to council and landowners
 - Present land use planning options to the council and landowners

HIGH PRIORITIES

-  **Create a park development program and analyze all park funding options to build excellent parks and trails throughout the City.**
-  **Resolve conflicts with Heights Water District to improve development and redevelopment opportunities within the Billings Heights area.**
-  **Complete Billings Bypass corridor study in preparation for utility extensions and development.**
-  **Define strategy to complete cost of services studies to help fund police, fire, parks and transportation infrastructure in partnership with Yellowstone County.**

-  **Regulate medical marijuana dispensaries/Storefronts. Analyze land use and financial impacts of legalized marijuana on the City and recommend policy improvements.**
-  **Stimulate redevelopment within downtown and other business districts.**
-  **Resolve City Hall facility space deficiencies (see criminal justice center space needs)**
-  **Participate in the 2021 legislative process to support adopted legislative priorities and pass legislation to improve the safety of Billings.**