

DRAFT 2021/2022 City Council Priorities




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#1 PRIORITY









Improve the safety of Billings

- Determine Council's support to implement 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 to Implement Code Enforcement, Legal and Municipal Court strategies to improve safety.
- Analyze funding options and determine the best methods to improve the safety of Billings.
- Adopt massage and spa facilities business license ordinance
- Support critical partnerships w/Substance Abuse Connect, Yellowstone County, and Continuum of Care partnerships.
- Continue improving sidewalk network 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.

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.