

Adopted 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 and determine options for addressing substance abuse and mental health needs.
 - Continue improving sidewalk and trails 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.
- ✚ Resolve conflicts with Heights Water District to improve development and redevelopment opportunities within the Billings Heights area.

HIGH PRIORITIES

- ✚ Create a park and trail development program and analyze all park and trail funding options to build excellent parks and trails throughout the City.
- ✚ 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 trails, storm water and transportation infrastructure in partnership with Yellowstone County.
- ✚ Regulate medical marijuana dispensaries/storefronts. Analyze land use and financial impacts of legalized recreational use of 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.
- ✚ Monitor the implementation of project Re-Code, according to the staff recommended schedule (4, 7, and 12 months).