



Memorandum

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Date: January 26, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Commissioners

From: Greg Chavarria, City Manager 
Greg Chavarria (Jan 26, 2024 16:10 EST)

Re: February 6, 2024, Agenda Publication Preview of Substantive Documents

In the interest of providing additional review time for items with substantive documentation in the upcoming agenda, the below draft backup documents are being shared prior to official publication:

- CAM 24-0188: Draft FY 2025 Commission Priorities and Themes (District 1,2,3, and 4)
 - Exhibit 1 – FY 2025 City Commission Priorities and Themes

We anticipate these items will be presented on the February 6, 2024, agenda. Please note, these documents are in draft form and the content, along with the anticipated agenda date, are subject to change.

Please let us know if you need any clarification as you review the draft materials.

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DRAFT FY 2025 City Commission Priorities and Themes

Draft FY 2025 City Commission Priorities

- Public Safety
- Homelessness Initiatives
- Affordable Housing and Economic Development
- Transportation and Traffic
- Infrastructure and Resilience
- Public Spaces and Community Initiatives

Public Safety

- Right-sizing personnel to meet the needs of the City's residents, visitors, and workers
- Improve police response times
- Examine and plan for upcoming retirements
- Enhance efforts to recruit high quality police officers to meet staffing needs
- Citywide Gun violence prevention (e.g. explore Cities United partnership)
- Encouraging gun safety education and for outreach initiatives (e.g. safety devices, training and videos) for the community and in schools
- Strengthen neighborhood relationships with police officers
- Address concentrated crime prevention (respond to targeted burglaries)
- Continue to partner with the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative to understand safety concerns and develop innovative solutions

Homelessness Initiatives

- Focus on reducing homelessness in the City
- Address homelessness that has expanded past the downtown area into residential communities
- Partner with service providers to ensure that crowds disburse after receiving services
- Target hotspots across the City
- Continue to focus on the Homeless Outreach Team
- Explore utilizing the Court System as the catalyst for providing services (i.e. Community Court)
- Collaborate with the County and the Hospital Districts to revamp the discharge procedures within the City

Affordable Housing and Economic Development

- Economic Development
 - o Enhance skilled labor opportunities (e.g. Good Jobs, Great Cities Academy)
 - o Use Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) funds to expand affordable housing opportunities
 - o Address food deserts within the City (i.e. Pop-up Markets)
 - o Explore options to repurpose empty street level spaces (i.e. Zero Empty Spaces Program, Tax abatements)
 - o Repurpose the Federal Courthouse in partnership with GSA
 - o Plan for controlled development
 - o Move forward with plans for a new City Hall
 - o Himmarshee District revitalization



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Affordable Housing and Economic Development (continued)

- Affordable Housing
 - o Provide affordable housing citywide (i.e. not concentrated in one area)
 - o Create an Affordable Housing Masterplan
 - o Work with the County to evaluate the criteria used for housing affordability

Transportation and Traffic

- Enhance bike lanes
- Strategic traffic management and calming (e.g. seek partnerships with developers)
- Continue and enhance Microtransit initiatives
- Focus on pedestrian safety and walkability
- Enhance multimodal transportation options (i.e. ways to reduce traffic congestion and move people efficiently)
- Address failed roadways (e.g. Bayview Drive roadway condition)
- Complete sidewalk gap assessment and explore funding sources for additional sidewalks
- Explore options to ensure sufficient parking
- Continue to explore New River crossing options

Infrastructure and Resilience

- Plan for the replacement of the George T. Lohmeyer plant
- Enhance waterway quality
- Stormwater drainage cleaning
- Address flooding from upland water sources
- Expand the Utility Undergrounding Program
- Encourage commercial recycling and enhance the Green Your Routine program
- Expedite ordinance creation
 - o Tree Canopy
 - o Trash Ordinance (i.e. addressing Hazardous Waste)

Public Spaces and Community Initiatives

- Neighborhood Masterplans
- Increased support for residents to preserve Sailboat Bend's historic district
- Increase ease of historic preservation (e.g. fees, incentives and permits)
- Opportunities for neighborhood driven improvements (i.e. alternative to former NCIP/BCIP Program)
- Continue efforts to mitigate the impact of vacation rental expansion and the Live Local Act
- Address broadband connectivity issues
- Partner with the school board to prevent neighborhood school closures
- Advocate for the reinvestment of city generated ad valorem back into the City
- Address the gap in educational excellence
- Enhance median maintenance
- Citywide cleanliness and maintenance





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