

Council Goals & Priorities - Update

FY 2019/20

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1 Staffing (General Fund)

- * Measure C Transition - Sunsets in 2026
- * Code Enforcement/Dispatchers/Police Officers
- * Parks Maintenance Workers
- * Employee Compensation

2 Youth Programs (General Fund)

- * Youth/Recreation Programs
- * Community Outreach - Mobilize Volunteers
- * Additional Programs with Partnerships/Voucher Program (new)
- * 27th & K
Support for the Zoo
Fahren's Park Bike Project

3 City Beautification (One-time/General Fund)

- * Parks Maintenance & Equipment
- * Public Art
- * Blighted Property/Refuse Collection
- * Welcome Signs/Entry Points
Public Spaces

4 Local Streets (Measure V/STP/Local Transportation)

- * Overall Streets, Sidewalks, and Street Lights
- * Safe Routes to School - Childs Ave.
- * Parsons Ave.
Regional Projects - Hwy 59
Regular Updates to community on projects
Traffic/Pedestrian Safety

5 Future Planning

- * Police Station/Fire Stations/Public Works Yard/Park Restrooms
- * Future Annexations/Growth of City/Sewer Master Plan
- * Economic Development/Industrial Park/Yosemite Travel
- * Quiet Zones/Rail Safety
Growing General Fund Reserves
- * Infill Development
City Outskirts Services/County Islands

6 Downtown

- * Code Enforcement/Store Fronts
Housing
Bob Hart Square Extension
Consistent foot patrols
Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD)

7 Regional Transportation

- * High Speed Rail
- * ACE Train
- * Amtrak
Campus Parkway/Merced Loop

8 Water

- SGMA/IRWM Implementation
- Flood Prevention
- Groundwater Recharge
- Sub-Committee
- Surface Water Projects

9 Homelessness

- Childs & B Street Project (119 units)
- Gateway Terrace II Apartments (50)
- Single-family/Tri-plex opportunities
- First-time Home Buyer Education Program

10 Charter Review Committee

- Remove Charter Cash-basis Fund (\$4 mil)
- Mayor Term

11 Community Wellness

- 16th Street/Motel Drive Issues
- Neighborhood Watch
- Expanded Citizen's Police Academy

12 Agency Partnerships

- Homeless Court
- County Navigation Center
- UC Merced Internships
- Regional Plan for Services - Continuum of Care
- Drug Prevention (County)
- Public Health (County)
- Youth Programs (County & Schools)
- Job Training (Merced College & County)

Staffing

- Measure C – transition and education efforts
- Job Classification Study – Final report adopted July 2019
- Compensation Study – Final report estimated in April 2020
- Labor Negotiations continued with all Bargaining Groups

Youth Programs

- Implementation of Youth Voucher Program
- Rehabilitation of 27th & K Facility
- Introduction of RFP process for service selection
- Continued support of Zoo and Dog Park
- Develop Measure Y Plan for future allocation
- Farhen's Bike Park – go back out to RFP for design services
- Prop 68 grant applications

City Beautification

- Increased Park Maintenance – hired new contractors for services, addressing issues within 48 hours, partnering with community to enhance efforts
- MOAT Rehabilitation Project
- Sub-Standard Properties/Blighted Properties – several properties address, looking to add housing vouchers to gain further compliance with out of town owners
- Public Art – maintenance projects, new projects
- Tree Management Plan – final report to Council in March 2020, replanting coming in Spring 2020
- Regional Encampment Abatements
- Opening of Transfer Site on Yosemite Ave.
- Welcome Signs

Local Streets

- On-going local projects – look to get community input for 2020-21 allocation at Town Halls
- Active Transportation Plan – adoption of plan
 - Childs Ave. Safe Routes to School
- Parsons Ave. Proposed project – currently not programmed
- Regular Updates – more regular press releases, updates in the Utility Billing Newsletters
- Future update to Council on upcoming projects

Future Planning

- Police Station – Council direction on Sep. 30th, staff working to refine design and develop financing plan, update in Spring 2020
- Future Growth – North Merced Annexation, Sewer Master Plan
- Economic Development – Continued industrial clients and business development
- Quiet Zones/Rail Safety – Council direction to phase improvements, budget process
- Increasing General Fund Reserves – mid-year budget will demonstrate efforts
- Infill/Outskirts – investigating beautification options
- ERP Implementation – contract for new ERP system coming to Council Spring 2020
- PFFP/City standards – updates this Spring for implementation in July 2020

Downtown

- Sub-standard Property Enforcement – Reniero’s
- Housing – Tioga market rate apartments, demonstrate need
- Bob Hart Square – extended plaza
- Increased Police Patrols
- EIFD and PBID work – RFPs are out and looking to study areas in Spring 2020

Regional Transportation

- High Speed Rail – Business Plan will be released February 10th, adopted April 2020
- ACE Train – Continued partnership to bring ACE Station to Merced
- Amtrak – Advocating increased routes to and from Sacramento
- Campus Parkway – Phase 2 opened, Phase 3 completed 2022, no plans for Phase 4
- HWY 59 Widening – CalTrans approved Project Study Report, going out to bid on Environmental and Design

Water

- SGMA/IRWM Implementation – Groundwater Sustainability Plan adopted, IRWM Plan adopted
- Groundwater Recharge – continues at the WWTP, looking to find additional locations
- Surface Water Projects – MID MOU for surface water, designing plant and negotiating purchase agreement with MID
- WWTP Expansion – working on design of next phase of the plant, to include enhanced recharge capabilities
- Bear Creek – partnership with the County to address evasive plants along the banks within the City

Homelessness

- Childs & B Project (119 units) – moving forward, proposed groundbreaking Summer of 2020
- Gateway Terrace II (50 units) – moving forward, proposed groundbreaking Summer of 2020
- First-time education program – Spring 2020
- Single Family/Tri-plex opportunities (SB 2 Implementation)

Charter Review Committee

- Council appointed committee and set the charge
- Findings reported in Summer 2019
- Council placed three questions on the March 2020 ballot

Agency Partnerships

- Homelessness Regional Plan
 - Homeless Court
 - Navigation Center
- Job Training
 - Merced College – expanding training to meet industrial needs
 - Workforce development – internship opportunities
- Social Services
 - Drug Prevention
 - Public Health Outreach
- Youth Programs
 - Schools/YSO Coordination

Other Projects

- Loughborough Pilot Project
- CP 42 Sub-Committee
- Laura Fountains Sub-Committee
- Vaping Policy
- Increased hours of operation at City Hall