CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS

Colorado Springs City Council
2014 Strategic Plan

To provide for the future of the City, City Council maintains a strategic plan which prioritizes goals for the City Council and establishes measurable outcomes. The plan process considers public input. Council hereby provides the plan and goals to the Mayor for consideration in the development of the 2014 municipal administrative budget. (Colorado Springs' City Charter Article III, 3-10.(c))

Mission: As stewards of the public trust, we serve the people of Colorado Springs with core services effectively, efficiently, and courteously with the wise use and management of our resources.

Economic Growth	Enhance Colorado Springs' Business-Friendly Reputation	Review business-related City Code and Ordinances to improve customer focus and expedite processes.
	Facilitate Economic Growth	Develop LART funding strategy that includes entrepreneurial elements and outcomes to attract visitors.
	Determine Highest & Best Use of Land	Establish a citizen task force to review the Comprehensive Plan and provide citizen input to City Council concerning the plan and specifically the Banning-Lewis property and master plan.
	Encourage Innovative Land Use	Encourage infill and develop job creation policies with a priority on Economic Opportunity Zones and Downtown through City Code and Ordinances.
Responsible Government	Seek Regional Partnerships that Improve Results	Develop collaborative wildfire mitigation and response plans.
	Develop Equitable Financial Support	Review PILT/Surplus funding formula and alternatives.
	Use Funds Wisely	Develop criteria for organizations that receive funding from the City Council budget.
		Oversee and direct use of city funds to achieve budget priorities.
		Review municipal government audit process and deliverables to measure trends, efficiencies, effectiveness and improvement opportunities.
	Deliver Effective Government with Checks and Balances	Define and establish full legislative role of City Council and identify complementary Charter changes.
		Prescribe the Mayor's responsibility to advise and keep the City Council current on executive branch activities.
Quality Community	Seek and Engage in Opportunities for Regional Collaboration	Work with Stormwater Task Force to identify and implement dedicated funding to support a regional stormwater solution
		Develop collaborative wildfire mitigation and response plans.
	Prioritize Funding for City Infrastructure	Create a citizen task force to prioritize road & bridge projects and advise on infrastructure funding.
	Increase Citizen Outreach & Engagement in Local Government	Evaluate existing City Council Boards, Commissions and Task Forces to ensure effectiveness and citizen participation; revise and restructure to ensure robust citizen input.
		Upgrade and implement technology tools to improve accessibility of and interaction with government processes.
	Develop Policies Compatible with our Natural Environment	Amend city code and landscape policies to better consider Colorado Springs' semi-arid climate.

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