

RESOLUTION NO. 56-19

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY COUNCIL'S 2020 STRATEGIC PLAN PURSUANT TO CITY CHARTER §3-10(C) TO PROVIDE FOR THE FUTURE OF THE CITY AND FOR THE MAYOR'S CONSIDERATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2020 MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET

WHEREAS, City Council is required by City Charter §3-10(c) to maintain a strategic plan to provide for the future of the City and for the Mayor's consideration in the development of the 2020 municipal administrative budget; and

WHEREAS, under the Council-Mayor form of government, Council's role as a legislative body is to establish the major strategic priorities of municipal government in order to provide direction to the executive branch in their development of a municipal budget and the programs and activities that support the strategic focus areas; and

WHEREAS, City Council appreciates the Mayor's input and collaboration in the development of the annual budget, and anticipates continued refinement of the City's strategic plan to more completely and effectively address the future needs of the community we serve.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:**

Section 1. Pursuant to City Charter §3-10(c), City Council hereby adopts the Colorado Springs City Council 2020 Strategic Plan, attached as Exhibit A and made a part of this Resolution, as the strategic plan for the future of the City, which prioritizes goals for the City Council, and establishes measurable outcomes.

DATED at Colorado Springs, Colorado, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019.

  
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Council President

ATTEST:

  
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Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

6/19/2019

City Council Strategic Plan

1. Regional Collaboration ***Partner with local governments and regional agencies in order to share knowledge and increase efficiencies in the Pikes Peak Region***
  - a. Conduct an annual meeting with County Commissioners, and quarterly meetings between City Council and County Commissioner leadership
  - b. Continue coordination between the City of Colorado Springs and Colorado Springs Utilities for Public Works and Streets projects with a reduction in duplicative street repairs
  - c. Continue engagement with military installations through community opportunities such as Military Affairs Council with the Chamber of Commerce and the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments, and establish a Council Member as the military affairs liaison to increase direct communication with Military installations
  - d. Organize an annual meet and greet program with regional municipal partners including Manitou, Fountain, Pueblo, Monument, etc. and attempt to identify areas of mutual concern
2. Communication ***(Increase communication with constituents at all levels of interaction in order to promote a culture of civic engagement)***
  - a. Develop a Constituent Response Specialist position to increase responsiveness and consistency in public messaging
  - b. Increase methods of communication to constituents through opportunities such as town halls, policy briefs, email announcements, social media messaging, etc.
  - c. Develop a Civics 101 training for new City employees to explain the role of City Council, the legislative process and methods of civic engagement
  - d. Increase the value of Boards and Commissions with an emphasis on action items and annual reporting requirements to City Council
  - e. Increase methods and frequency of communication between Executive staff and City Council through quarterly reports and staff planning lunch updates
3. Safe and Resilient Communities ***(Identify legislative opportunities to enhance long range objectives with meaningful impacts)***
  - a. Support the City's financial resiliency through work with Executive staff to develop a budgetary resiliency plan and associated metrics
  - b. Support Public Safety initiatives through funding and the annual budget process
  - c. Encourage connectivity across the city through innovative approaches to transportation solutions
  - d. Increase public awareness and encourage legislation that proactively supports issues of affordable housing and homelessness
  - e. Increase public awareness and support around issues of the Urban Tree Canopy and Wildland Urban Interface

4. **Plan COS (Facilitate the implementation of the City's Comprehensive Plan, PlanCOS)**
  - a. Support the Executive Branch's hiring of a Planning and Land Use consultant to review and provide recommendations on City Code Chapter 7
  - b. Actively participate in thoughtful discussion and drafting of legislation related to PlanCOS and other planning priorities
  - c. Incentivize developers to build in underserved areas of Colorado springs, such as the Southeast, and support general infill policies and programs through development of URA criteria
  - d. Work with the Planning Department to develop a more complete and comprehensive understanding of the processes of Special Districts, including GIS map visualizations and debt issuance overview