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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