

City Council Priorities Fiscal Year 2011-12

Priority #1

- City Council will focus on the planning and execution of as many paving projects as possible, throughout the city. The following tasks will be completed:
 - During the 2011-12 fiscal year Council will implement the construction of the partially grant funded Wells Street and Williams Street projects.
 - During the 2011-12 fiscal year Council will work with staff to identify funding for streets in need of immediate repair, with primary focus on the Indian Grove (e.g. Monroe, Lovejoy, and Kalamazoo Streets) project.
 - During the 2011-12 fiscal year Council will work with staff to execute paving projects in the spring of 2011 and begin planning for 2011-12 projects.
 - The City will identify a “mix of fixes” and invest in both the resurfacing and the reconstruction of streets.

Priority #2

- City Council will seek to participate in Economic Development efforts for the City of South Haven. The following tasks will be completed:
 - During the 2011-12 fiscal year Council will work with staff, local businesses and stake holders to encourage, attract, and maintain local businesses and opportunities.
 - The City will attempt to attract and develop agriculture based businesses and industry within the South Haven community.
 - During the 2011-12 fiscal year Council will focus on supporting training initiatives/internships for existing and potential citizens and businesses in the City of South Haven.
 - During the 2011-12 fiscal year Council will refine policies and programs which encourage, whenever fiscally prudent, the purchase of local goods and services.

Priority #3

- City Council will seek to maintain the highest quality public infrastructure. The following tasks will be completed:
 - During the 2011-12 fiscal year Council will work with staff to explore the city's sanitary sewer system and eliminate inflow and infiltration of storm water connections from flowing to the Waste Water Treatment Plant.
 - During the 2011-12 fiscal year Council will focus on capital improvement planning for the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Priority #4

- City Council will seek to improve, maintain, and seek funding opportunities for the city's parks and public facilities. The City Council will seek to develop new recreation opportunities within the city. The following tasks will be completed:
 - During the 2011-12 fiscal year Council will work with staff to implement construction of the partially grant funded capital improvements to the South Beach Park.
 - Maintenance of the various beach access points will be a priority.
 - During the 2011-12 fiscal year Council will work with staff to plan and implement the partially grant funded reconstruction of the North Marina building.
 - During the 2011-12 fiscal year Council will work with staff to seek grant funding sources for capital improvements Elkenburg Park.
 - During the 2011-12 fiscal year Council will work with staff to plan and develop improvements in and near the Black River Park, which allow greater access to the Black River.

- City Council will seek to maintain the public infrastructure within the Dunkley Redevelopment Area.
- During the 2011-12 fiscal year Council will work with staff and the regional community stakeholders to assist with planning and development of the SHARP project.
 - Staff will continue to assist with the development of the South Haven Area Recreation Authority (SHARA)
- During the 2011-12 fiscal year Council will work with staff and the South Haven Public School system to seek funding for the purchase of the Packard Park property.
- During the 2011-12 fiscal year Council will explore new park and public space programs which enhance City revenue and provide greater management oversight.
 - The Council will explore park rental programs, updates to the beach parking program, and other revenue enhancements which could be used to benefit the City's parks and public spaces.

Priority #5

- City Council will seek to develop policies and procedures which assure budget controls and cost containment are a priority.
 - During the 2011-12 fiscal year Council will work with staff to plan and develop an operating budget which aligns with the decreasing State and local anticipated revenues.

During the 2011-12 fiscal year Council will seek to update the City's capital improvement plan (Infrastructure Improvement Plan) and develop a multi year budget document.

Priority #6

- City Council will seek to plan and construct bicycle paths throughout the city. The following tasks will be completed:
 - During the 2011-12 fiscal year Council will work with staff to construct the partially grant funded "Trail Head to Pier" bicycle pathway project, which connects bicycle riders of the Kal-Haven Trail into the city's downtown and lake front areas.
 - During the 2011-12 fiscal year Council will work with staff to plan and implement signage which directs bicyclist and pathway users towards the city's amenities.
 - The City will assist with the planning and development of the Blue Star Highway multi-use trail as well as the Van Buren Trail projects.

Priority #7

- City Council will seek to improve the city's downtown central business district. The following tasks will be completed:
 - During the 2011-12 fiscal year Council will work with staff to plan and implement repairs and maintenance of the downtown public infrastructure.
 - During the 2011-12 fiscal year Council will work with staff to review funding options to make improvements in the city's downtown.

Priority #8

- City Council will seek to improve customer service and support from the city's various departments. The following tasks will be completed:
 - During the 2011-12 fiscal year Council will work with staff to plan and implement customer service and job training to city staff, focusing on improving the public's impression of and interaction with the city's staff.