

City Council Priorities Fiscal Year 2012-13

Priority #1; Street Repairs

- 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 2012-13 fiscal year Council will work with staff to complete the construction of the partially grant funded Williams Street project.
 - During the 2012-13 fiscal year Council will work with staff and consulting engineers on the construction planning and financial planning for the implementation of the Indian Grove infrastructure improvement (e.g. Monroe, Lovejoy, and Kalamazoo Streets) project.
 - Utilizing the grant funding provided by the State of Michigan, through the SRF program, for the Indian Grove infrastructure improvement project, the City will ensure the sanitary sewer system planning is complete and future capital projects will maximize benefit to the sewers.
 - During the 2012-13 fiscal year Council will work with staff to execute paving projects in the 2012 paving season and begin planning for 2013-14 projects.
 - The City will identify a "mix of fixes" and invest in both the resurfacing and the reconstruction of streets. As part of these investments, the City will prioritize street repairs on Michigan Avenue, and the impacted streets, affected by the Water Plant project's construction traffic.

Comment [BD1]: THIS PROJECT IS COMPLETED.

Comment [BD2]: THE PROJECT STUDY IS ONGOING. COPIES OF THE MONTHLY REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE AT THIS LINK:

http://south-haven.com/pages/public_works/sewer_study/sewer_study_progress_reports.htm

Comment [BD3]: PAVING PROJECTS WERE COMPLETED ON SUPERIOR, MICHIGAN, AND RECONSTRUCTION OF 3 BLOCKS OF KALAMAZOO.

Priority #2; Economic Development

- City Council will seek to participate in Economic Development efforts for the City of South Haven. The following tasks will be completed:
 - During the 2012-13 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 2012-13 fiscal year Council will focus on continuing to explore and enact partnership opportunities with the local units of government which surround the City of South Haven.
 - During the 2012-13 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 2012-13 fiscal year Council will refine policies and programs which encourage, whenever fiscally prudent, the purchase of local goods and services.

Comment [BD4]: THE LDFA SOLD PROPERTY ON 2ND AVENUE TO MBG.

Comment [BD5]: SOUTH HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP & GENEVA TOWNSHIP ARE BOTH PREPARING TO FINALIZE ORDINANCE LANGUAGE, WHICH WILL ALLOW THE CITY TO PARTNER WITH THEM TO PLACE UNPAID ELECTRIC BILLS ONTO THE PROPERTY TAXES OF THE IMPACTED PROPERTY (SIMILAR TO HOW WE HANDLE BAD DEBT IN THE CITY.)

Comment [BD6]: WE HAVE CONTINUED TO USE LOCAL BID LANGUAGE IN OUR BID DOCUMENTS FOR LOCALLY FUNDED PROJECTS.

Comment [BD7]: COMPLETED IN THE SUMMER OF 2012.

Comment [BD8]: BIDS WERE RECEIVED FOR THIS PROJECT THIS WEEK. SPRING CONSTRUCTION IS PLANNED, AND COMPLETION IS EXPECTED PRIOR TO MEMORIAL DAY, 2013.

Comment [BD9]: THE CITY APPLIED (AGAIN) FOR GLFT GRANT DOLLARS AND WERE DENIED. STAFF IS NOW PLANNING TO USE LOCAL LABOR AND INTERNAL STAFF TO CONSTRUCT IMPROVEMENTS AT THE SITE. WE ARE WAITING FOR DEQ APPROVAL OF THE PLANS, AND WILL THEN BRING THE PLAN TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL.

Priority #3; Parks & Public Spaces

- 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 2012-13 fiscal year Council will work with staff to complete the construction of the partially grant funded capital improvements to the South Beach Park.
 - Maintenance of the city's various beach access points will be a priority.
 - During the 2012-13 fiscal year Council will work with staff to construct the partially grant funded reconstruction of the Elkenburg Park.
 - During the 2012-13 fiscal year Council will work with staff to seek grant funds to assist with the planning and develop of improvements in and near the Black River Park. Those improvements should allow greater access to the Black River and attempt to improve water quality.

- City Council will seek to maintain the public infrastructure within the Dunkley Redevelopment Area.
- During the 2012-13 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 2012-13 fiscal year Council will work with staff, concerned volunteers, and impacted property owners/stakeholders to plan and construct a new skate park facility.
- During the 2012-13 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.

Comment [BD10]: WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT OCCURRED, AS PART OF THE KAL HAVEN TRAIL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT IN THE SPRING OF 2012.

Comment [BD11]: SHARA CONTINUES TO MEET EVERY OTHER MONTH, AND PROGRESS IS BEING MADE TO FINALIZE THE CONSTRUCTION PLANS FOR SHARP.

Comment [BD12]: COMPLETED IN THE SUMMER OF 2012.

Comment [BD13]: NEW METERS WERE INSTALLED IN THE SUMMER OF 2012, AND REVENUES CLIMBED DRAMATICALLY.

Priority #4; Budget Controls

- City Council will seek to develop policies and procedures which assure budget controls and cost containment are a priority.
 - During the 2012-13 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.
 - During the 2012-13 fiscal year Council will work with staff to ensure the City of South Haven complies with the requirements of the State of Michigan's Economic Vitality Incentive Program (EVIP) to ensure maximum revenue is returned to the city.

Comment [BD14]: THE CITY HAS RUN 2 YEAR BUDGETS FOR THE PAST 2 BUDGET PROCESSES. WILL CONTINUE THE PRACTICE INTO FY 2013-14.

Comment [BD15]: THE CITY COMPLIED WITH THE EVIP TERMS FOR 2012.

Priority #5; Infrastructure Maintenance & Improvements

- City Council will seek to maintain the highest quality public infrastructure. The following tasks will be completed:
 - During the 2012-13 fiscal year Council will work with staff and the Board of Public Utilities 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 2012-13 fiscal year Council will focus on capital improvement planning for the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Comment [BD16]: ABONMARCHÉ HAS BEEN WORKING ON THIS PLAN FOR SEVERAL MONTHS AND SUBMITTING REGULAR REPORTS TO THE DPW STAFF AND THE BPU BOARD.

Comment [BD17]: THE CAPITAL PLAN WAS COMPLETED FOR THE WWTP IN 2012. THE PLAN WAS SUBMITTED TO THE DPW STAFF AND THE BPU BOARD.

Priority #6; Bicycle & Pedestrian Pathways

- City Council will seek to plan and construct bicycle paths throughout the city. The following tasks will be completed:
 - During the 2012-13 fiscal year Council will work with staff to complete construction of the partially grant funded Kal-Haven bicycle pathway project, which connects bicycle riders of the Kal-Haven Trail into the city's downtown and lake front areas.
 - During the 2012-13 fiscal year Council will work with staff to design and construct improvements to the Van Buren Trail bicycle pathway project, which connects the city to the Van Buren State Park.
 - During the 2012-13 fiscal year Council will work with staff on the planning and development of the Blue Star Highway multi-use trail project.

Comment [BD18]: THIS PROJECT WAS COMPLETED IN 2012.

Comment [BD19]: THIS PROJECT WAS APPROVED FOR GRANT FUNDING BY THE DNR IN 2012.

Comment [BD20]: STAFF HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN NUMEROUS CONVERSATIONS WITH THE MEDC, MDOT, MDNR, AND VB ROAD COMMISSION ABOUT THIS PROJECT, AND HOW TO GET IT CONSTRUCTED.

Priority #7; City Code & Charter Review

- City Council will seek to review and consider possible alterations to the City's Code of Ordinances. The following tasks will be completed:
 - During the 2012-13 fiscal year Council will work with staff to review and consider alterations to the City's Code of Ordinances to ensure best practices. Staff will be expected to prepare a variety of code review reports, with possible alterations, for the City Council's consideration.

Comment [BD21]: THE PUD ORDINANCE WAS REVIEWED AND UPDATED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND CITY COUNCIL IN 2012. THE CITY COUNCIL IS CURRENTLY CONSIDERING A CODE CHANGE TO THE ALCOHOL SERVICE IN PUBLIC SPACES.

Priority #8; Central Business District Maintenance & Improvements

- City Council will seek to improve the city's downtown central business district. The following tasks will be completed:
 - During the 2012-13 fiscal year Council will work with staff to plan and implement repairs and maintenance of the downtown public infrastructure.
 - During the 2012-13 fiscal year Council will work with staff to review funding options to make improvements in the city's downtown.

Comment [BD22]: NUMEROUS SIDEWALKS HAVE BEEN REPAIRED IN THE DOWNTOWN.

THE PHOENIX STREET RECONSTRUCTION PLAN HAS BEEN REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE DDA. THE CITY HAS SUBMITTED AN APPLICATION TO THE MEDC FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE PHOENIX STREET PROJECT.

Priority #9; Building Improvements & Construction

- City Council will seek to construct and/or improve a portion of the city's public buildings and grounds. The following tasks will be completed:
 - During the 2012-13 fiscal year Council will begin actively exploring concession stand proposals for the South Beach. These proposals may include potential partner agencies to assist with the capital cost for the proposed project.
 - As part of the concession stand planning, City Council will explore improvements which provide greater access to restrooms, family restrooms, changing rooms, and accessible improvements.
 - During the 2012-13 fiscal year Council will work with staff to construct the partially grant funded reconstruction of the North Marina building.
 - During the 2012-13 fiscal year Council will work with staff to plan and implement upgrades, repairs, and remodeling of the Police/Fire Complex. These improvements are to be financed through the emergency dispatch consolidation savings.
 - During the 2012-13 fiscal year Council will work with staff to plan and implement upgrades to the City Hall façade.

Comment [BD23]: STAFF WORKED WITH THE UJOHN INSTITUTE TO HAVE AN ECONOMIC ANALYSIS COMPLETED FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT. CURRENTLY WORKING WITH THE VISITORS BUREAU TO EXPLORE A POSSIBLE PARTNERSHIP.

Comment [BD24]: THE PROJECT IS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

Comment [BD25]: THE PROJECT WILL BE OUT TO BID WITHIN THE COMING WEEKS. THE PLANS ARE COMPLETE AND APPROVED BY THE USDA. BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED AND PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL IN THE SPRING OF 2013. CONSTRUCTION IS PLANNED FOR THE SUMMER OF 2013.

Priority #10; Customer Service

- City Council will seek to improve customer service and support from the city's various departments. The following tasks will be completed:
 - During the 2012-13 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.

Comment [BD26]: THE ROOF AND WINDOWS ARE PLANNED TO BE REPLACED AS PART OF THE USDA LOAN BEING ISSUED FOR THE POLICE/FIRE COMPLEX.

Comment [BD27]: IN THE SUMMER OF 2012, THE CITY'S STAFF PARTICIPATED IN A MULTI WEEK CUSTOMER SERVICE TRAINING. FRONT DESK STAFF, MID MANAGERS, DEPARTMENT MANAGERS, AND THE CITY MANAGER ALL PARTICIPATED IN THE TRAINING, CONDUCTED BY STAFF FROM LAKE MICHIGAN COLLEGE.

FOLLOW-UP TRAINING HAS CONTINUED WITH THE FRONT DESK STAFF.

Priority #11; Land Acquisition

- City Council will explore the possible acquisition of property which present specific value (e.g., recreational and/or environmental) to the citizens and guests of the City of South Haven. The following tasks will be completed:
 - During the 2012-13 fiscal year Council will work with staff to seek grant funds to assist with the potential acquisition of the privately owned, undeveloped parcels along the Monroe Boulevard bluff area.
 - During the 2012-13 fiscal year Council will work with staff and the South Haven Public School system to seek grant funding for the purchase of the Packard Park property.

Comment [BD28]: IN THE FALL OF 2012 THE DNR CONFIRMED THAT A GRANT WILL BE GIVEN TO THE CITY TO ASSIST WITH THE PURCHASE OF THIS LAND.

Priority #12; Explore Youth Services Programs

- City Council will explore the possible expansion of services tailored to address the needs of local youth. The following tasks will be completed:
 - During the 2012-13 fiscal year Council will work with staff to explore the possible development of youth services. Staff will seek to develop possible partnerships to develop youth services programs. Staff will seek possible funding sources to offset the service costs.

Comment [BD29]: IN THE WINTER OF 2012, YDC WAS CONTRACTED TO PROVIDE LABOR TO THE CITY'S ICE RINK, IN AN ATTEMPT TO MONITOR AND CONTROL PROBLEMS WITH PRE-TEEN AND TEENAGE ICE SKATERS.

STAFF WILL EXPLORE OTHER WAYS TO ENGAGE YDC FOR YOUTH SERVICES.