



2023/2024 Budget Advisory Committee

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WHAT DID WE HEAR?

Survey Results: Top City Priorities



PUBLIC SAFETY



BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT



HUMAN SERVICES



CITY CLEANLINESS



DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION

Question #1: Public Safety

- Do you feel safe?
- What are we doing well and what can be improved upon?

Public Safety



TRANSPARENCY & COMMUNICATION



FOCUS ON ROOT CAUSE



COMMUNITY OUTREACH



OVERALL SAFETY



LAWS & LEGISLATURE

Question #2: Business Development/Downtown Revitalization

- What are some potentially desirable enhancements (both physical improvements as well as new business development) that could improve downtown vitality?
- What improvements would you like to see in other areas of the city besides downtown?

Business Development & Downtown Revitalization



STREET IMPROVEMENTS



SAFETY & CLEANLINESS



BUSINESS RECRUITMENT



SPECIAL EVENTS



UTILIZING ASSETS

Question #3: Human Services

- Regarding human services, where do you feel we should focus our resources?
- How can the city better support those in need?

Human Services



COMMUNITY AWARENESS



LANGUAGE BARRIERS



HOMELESSNESS



POVERTY



CHILDREN & SENIORS

Question #4: City Cleanliness

- What are your thoughts on city cleanliness?
- What can the City do better?
- Are there areas that you feel are worse/better than others?

City Cleanliness







AGENCY PARTNERS & NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAMS



HOMELESSNESS



FREEWAYS, VACANCIES, & TRANSITION AREAS



EDUCATION

Question #5: City Communication

- How can the City better communicate the execution of its vision, mission and goals?
- Do you feel heard?
- What tools have you used to communicate feedback to the City and what was the outcome? (i.e. See, Click, Fix, other tools?)

Communication



MODES OF COMMUNICATION



BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS



LANGUAGE ACCESS & TRANSLATION SERVICES



STAFF AVAILABILITY & ACCESSIBILITY



OUTREACH EFFORTS

Follow-up Discussion

- What is something we might recognize and start working on today that people in our community will thank us for more than 10 years from now?
- If we had an extra \$2M and money was not an issue, how could we spend it?
- Do you feel there are items missing from prior budget or any areas of concerns?

Question #1: Future

 What is something we might recognize and start working on today that people in our community will thank us for more than 10 years from now?

Question #1 Feedback

- Create long-term funding strategy for more park acquisition/maintenance/trails; spray parks, parking access
- Invest in research and development to address human services needs; nobody outside asleep
- Increase housing resources and substance abuse resources; tiny homes
- Continue development of downtown; special events (Jazz Festival?), more food,, food trucks, make flagship of City
- Find a way to address homelessness; get homeless to accept already available programs/services
- Focus on rehabilitation of exterior streets and storefronts of downtown to attract new businesses
- Environmental sustainability
- Model Family First Center citywide; multi-purpose, multi-service community centers (to include health, school programs, recreation, etc.)
- Attract a new sports team (Sonics, Seattle Rain, sports practice facility)
- Designated bike lanes for roads and trails
- Make City a HUB for collaboration and communication between other agencies/partners

Question #2: Dreams

• If we had an extra \$2M and money was not an issue, how could we spend it?

Question #2 Feedback

- Beautification of the city
- Homelessness task force (case workers/homeless outreach coordinator)
- Multiple and better communication with everyone in the City (sell the City)
- Business development (incubator)
- Spray park in downtown Big 5
- Fully fund human services needs (endow University chair for homelessness and human services research)/ possibly consulting firm
- Sidewalks
- Fund code enforcement more with equity lens
- Bike lanes
- Park development (Carr road example property)
- Feed community, health education, general education
- English as second language education

Question #3: Concerns

• Do you feel there are items missing from prior budget or any areas of concerns?

Question #3 Feedback

- More support for Police
 - better presence in commercial areas/reduce vandalism
 - o tools to help police to react to a changing world
- Homelessness/car camping
- Programs for young adults 20-22 years of age
- Better communication
 - o People don't know what is being done
 - retailers with a community bulletin board
 - o Coordinate more of a partnership to help with the community needs
 - Newspaper/information mailers/programs
 - Cleaning up streets/picking up litter
 - encourage collective ownership/streets belong to everyone
- Volunteering opportunities for city programs to be able to provide input.

Questions?



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