BUDGET PRIORITIES FOR 2016

The Budget is an economic plan that focuses the entity’s financial and human resources on the accomplishment of specific goals and objectives established by the policy makers.

Budget Priorities are intended to summarize City Council short and long term goals related to the budget and the allocation of resources. The City Administrator will use this list to help guide budget planning and development for next year’s budget. Budget Priorities are not intended to replace the extensive community effort put into development of the Stevenson Comprehensive Plan, but to provide more specific direction for the shorter term. Goals and major issues for the Public Works and Planning Departments will be presented separately for Council consideration.

LONG TERM / CONTINUING BUDGET GOALS AND PRIORITIES:

1. Fiscal prudence:
   a. Maintain adequate ending fund balances in all funds.
   b. Maintain a structurally balanced budget for all funds by ensuring that recurring revenues are sufficient to cover recurring expenditures.
2. Provide excellent customer service in all departments.
3. Respect and value our employees.
4. Provide efficient and transparent City government.
5. Provide well maintained streets and reliable utility systems.

SPECIFIC GOALS FOR 2016:

1. Traffic and Pedestrian safety in downtown Stevenson.
   a. Research / implement remaining “Items Under Current Consideration”.
   b. Reconsider the one-way couplet in 2016.
2. New Fire Hall:
   a. Work with a Fire Hall Committee to update / refine building needs.
   b. Prioritize land choices for a new fire hall and procure a suitable site.
   c. Develop a financing plan for construction of a new fire hall.
3. Start on the Sewer Plan update as the first step toward upgrading our sewage treatment plant.
4. Review our water provision policies. Consider allowing water to be sold to residents outside of City limits.
5. Develop an LID proposal for improving currently unpaved City streets.
6. Implement an on-line payment system for our water and sewer customers.
7. Replace City staff computer workstations (last replaced in 2008).