



# City Council 2022 Priorities, Policy Sessions, and Updates

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# Agenda

- Council Priority Discussion
- Potential Policy Session
- Other updates and presentations for 2022



## City Council Services

Legislation  
and Policy

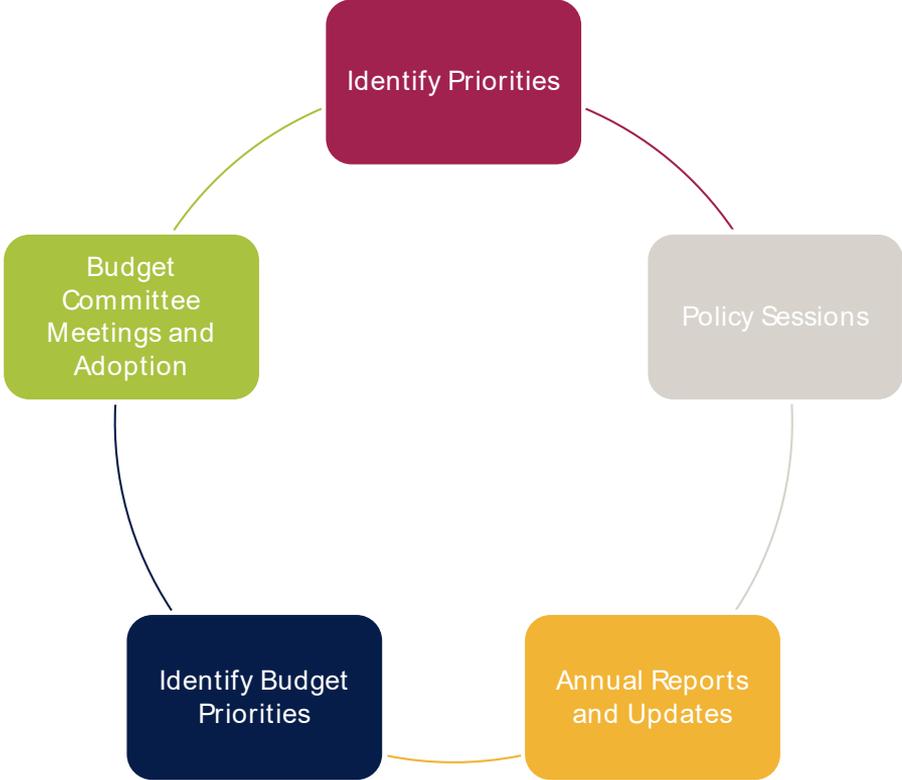
Constituent  
Services

Budget  
Oversight and  
Adoption

HRA, Library,  
and Public  
Health Board



# City Council Annual Plan





# Council Priorities

## Discuss Councilmembers 2022 Priorities

*2021 Priorities for reference*

- *Sustainable Street Infrastructure plan*
- *Reduce Gun Violence*
- *Affordable housing and stable neighborhoods*
- *Responsible fiscal policy*



# Policy Sessions

*A policy session is one or more work sessions with City Council and City Staff to focus on a specific policy area of interest. The outcome of this work may change city policy, ordinances, legislative priorities, or budget.*

*List of potential sessions to hold – discuss what is missing and what should move forward.*

- **Cost of Services and fees charged** – are we collecting costs, should a fee schedule be adopted each year versus listing fees in ordinances
- **Human Resources** - contract negotiations, vaccine policy, training, equity officer, services of HR (lots of departments using headhunters)
- **RiverCentre Visitors Authority** - Tourism recovery after COVID, ramp plan, etc
- **Section 3** policy session/presentation to Council
- **CIB** – review recurring budget programs
- **Budget process** – evaluate shifting to 2-year cycle



# Organizational Committee and Informational Updates

*This type of meeting allows the City Council and City staff to focus on a topic area and learn more about it, this is like a policy session, but the policy issue is not yet identified. OR **Info Updates** - Raise awareness among CMs and public; hold staff accountable for progress; celebrate success/recent achievements; get quick info.*

*List of potential meetings to hold – discuss what is missing and what should move forward.*

- **Financial Empowerment** - requested at budget meeting list of programs, budget, and funding source
- **ETHOS** - results, budget, participant stories
- **ARPA** – Plan to offramp ARP funding for general fund ongoing positions. Meet on each investment strategy.
- **Community First Public Safety Updates** - Quarterly
- **Climate Justice Advisory Board** - Annual
- **Climate Action and Resilience Plan** - Annual
- **New programs and investments**



# Housing Redevelopment Authority Meetings

*These meetings may focus on policy, topics, program updates, or budget. The HRA meets twice a month and there is an opportunity for the HRA Board of Commissioners to be briefed and consulted on key operations.*

- **Cares CDBG**
- **ARP Affordable Housing**
- **Housing Updates (HRA) - Quarterly**
- **Greater MSP**
- **New programs and investments**



# Other City Council Meetings or Annual Reports

## **Audit Committee Meetings** (Nhia staffing)

- Meet every other Monday

## **Reparations Committee Meetings** (Marcia staffing)

## **Budget Committee Meetings** (Holly Staffing)

- Meetings August - Dec

## **Other** - Memo, Reports, Briefings

- Parkland Dedication Report
- Community-First Public Safety budget update
- Federal Funding Assistance, Legislative Agenda, and Bonding
- Guaranteed Income (Prosperity Pilot)
- College Bound Savings Program Report
- Five-year Capital Plan



# History of Policy Sessions

2016 Topics	2017 Topics	2018 Topics	2019 Topics	2020 Topics	2021 Topics
Racial Equity	Racial Equity	Asset Management Work plan in each Department	Debt and Bonding	Ayd Mill Road	Emerald Ash Borer
Assessment and ROW Policy	Right of Way	Ramsey County Work Relationship	Fire Strategic Plan	Census	Gun Violence Prevention
PED Strategic Plan	Transit and Transportation	COPP recipients presentation	Organized Collections	Como	Community First Public Safety
Fire Department Strategic Plan	Economic Development	\$15 minimum wage	Ethos and OFE	Performance Audit	Major Development Update
Parks and Recreation Department (Strategic Plan)	CIB Process	Fair Housing	Cultural Destination Areas	Police Staffing	Fleet Management
Police Civilian Internal Affairs Review Commission	Youth and Young Adult	ROW Irregular Shaped Lots	Open for Business	Snow Plowing	Administrative Citations
Police Department (Body Camera & Community Outreach)	Community Outreach	St. Paul Streets Program	Port Authority	Downtown Improvement District	Economic Development Strategy
	Fire Strategic Study		Heading Home Ramsey County		Planning Strategy
	Poverty Legislative Advisory Committee		Workforce		Workforce Development
					American Rescue Plan
					Mid Year Budget Update



**Other**



# Ward Budgets

BUDGET AMOUNT: \$8000

Purpose : This policy provides an equal allocation of the City Council budget to each Ward Offices to support their individual office needs, including specific staff needs like an intern or attending a training.

Eligible Ward Expenses: Interns, temporary employees or professional services, out of town travel and training, local travel, personal communications or electronic device data, newspapers and magazine subscriptions, books and periodicals, miscellaneous expenses (such as, Special mailings, printing, and postage forward specific publications, Victory parking ramp stamps).



# Neighborhood Development Fund

**Overview:** The Neighborhood Development fund is an annual investment in neighborhood small businesses to expand business success, equity, quality job opportunities, grow and expand the tax base, and ultimately strengthen our neighborhoods and communities.

**Management:** Department of Planning and Economic Development

**Apply:** Application process available year round

**2022 Budget:** \$200,000 per Ward Office (*\$95,160 for capital projects + \$104,840 for economic development projects*)