



Inver Grove Heights City Council
Monday, January 29, 2024 at 4:30 PM
Nowhere Entertainment, 5300 S Robert Trl Ste 300
Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077

AGENDA

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS: Individuals may submit written public comments in advance of the meeting by emailing comments to Rebecca Kiernan (rkiernan@ighmn.gov). Comments received prior to 4:00 p.m. on Monday, January 29, 2024, will be provided to the Council at or before the January 29, 2024 meeting.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Regular Business**
 - A. Review and Discussion of City Council Priorities for 2023-2024
4. **Adjourn**

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Request for Council Action

SUBJECT: **Review and Discussion of City Council Priorities for 2023-2024**

MEETING DATE: January 29, 2024
ITEM TYPE: Regular Business
CONTACT: Kris Wilson, City Administrator, 651.450.2511

ACTION REQUESTED

The Council is asked to discuss and seek consensus on its key priorities for the 2024 calendar year.

BACKGROUND

On February 2, 2023, the City Council held a special meeting to discuss goals and priorities for both the 2023 calendar year and the 2023-24 term of this five-member Council. A summary of the priorities identified as a result of that meeting are attached for reference.

At this meeting, the Council will be asked to review the results of 2023 and then discuss and select key priorities for 2024. There are items on the 2023 list that are not yet complete and Council may wish to carry those over and include them in its 2024 priorities.

To prepare for the discussion at this meeting, Councilmembers are asked to give some thought to the following questions:

1. What were the notable accomplishments of 2023? In hindsight, is there anything the Council wishes had been handled or decided differently?
2. Looking at the attached list of 2023 priorities, are there any items you would remove from the list for 2024 (either because they have been accomplished or because there are currently other, higher-priority items)?
3. Is there a policy area, service or program that the City currently isn't very active in that you think we should be? Why? What role do you believe the City could or should play on this subject? What resources and/or expertise do we have to contribute?
4. What is one thing that the City - as a municipal government organization - should focus on in 2024 to benefit our residents? (Outside of the everyday services such as responding to 911 calls, providing clean drinking water, maintaining streets and parks.)

FISCAL IMPACT

RECOMMENDATION

ATTACHMENTS

1. Summary of 2023 City Council Priorities

City of Inver Grove Heights

Summary of 2023 City Council Priorities

During 2023, the City of Inver Grove Heights will **CONTINUE**:

1. To prioritize street maintenance and reconstruction through implementation of the Pavement Management Initiative and related recommendations from the 2022 Final Report of the Pavement Management Program Citizens Task Force. Specific streets projects, along with any necessary changes to City policy to continue supporting improvement in the City's streets, will be brought forward for Council approval and funding. The City will continue to advance its planning and communication related to street projects via the development, adoption and implementation of a five-year Capital Improvement Plan.
2. To prioritize the development of parks in the Northwest Area of the city, while also making planned investments in other park infrastructure that serves a city-wide audience.
3. To analyze, and adjust as needed, the City's utility rates and fees, specifically as it relates to the City's Storm Water Utility, in order to ensure a fair fee schedule for property owners and sufficient resources for needed capital projects.

In addition to continuing its focus on the above areas, in 2023, the City will further **PRIORITIZE**:

1. Efforts to expand, enhance and accelerate the attraction and development of retail, restaurant, and consumer service offerings available locally.
2. Work to review, modernize and amend a wide variety of City ordinances, in an effort to provide clarity for residents and businesses, supply the necessary tools for staff to address community concerns, and reduce duplications and contradictions within the City Code.
3. Development of up-to-date cost recovery expectations for the Veteran's Memorial Community Center and other recreational program offerings to guide future budgeting and operating decisions.
4. Completing a needs analysis and preliminary plan for the expansion, remodeling and/or repurposing of the City's Maintenance Facility and surrounding facilities, including the current cold storage buildings, and parking and security constraints at the Police Station.
5. Determining the desired direction, and, if warranted, next steps for key roadway projects included in the 20240 Comprehensive Plan for the Northwest Area, including a potential interchange at Argenta and I-494 and the potential expansion of 65th Street east of Highway 3.
6. Discussion around community standards and blight prevention strategies to enhance both the visual appeal and overall public safety of Inver Grove Heights.

Throughout its work in all areas, the Council seeks prioritization of clear, consistent, and pro-active communication with residents and businesses regarding city policies, procedures and processes, key timelines, and opportunities to provide input.

Last, but not least, the Council will seek to educate itself on the topic of Senior Housing, to gain a more comprehensive understanding of the housing types and costs currently available in Inver Grove Heights, market trends and demands, and resident needs.