

RESOLUTION R-5356

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND  
SETTING PRIORITY GOALS FOR 2019-2020 AND ADOPTING THE 2019-  
2020 CITY WORK PROGRAM.

1           WHEREAS, in 2011 and 2012 the City Council approved annual  
2 City Work Programs, but now desires that subsequent City Work  
3 Programs be adopted as biennial initiatives to better align with the  
4 biennial budget process; and

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6           WHEREAS, the City Council has adopted ten Goals for the City  
7 that articulate key policy and service priorities and guide the allocation  
8 of resources for Kirkland through the budget and capital improvement  
9 programs; and

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11           WHEREAS, due to economic cycles and fiscal constraints, equal  
12 progress cannot be made on all City Goals at all times and the City  
13 Council must prioritize certain Goals at certain times; and

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15           WHEREAS, in 2019-2020 the City Council desires to respond to  
16 strong growth and economic development, retain a high quality of life  
17 in Kirkland, and provide efficient, cost-effective City services to an  
18 informed and engaged public; and

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20           WHEREAS, to help achieve these purposes in 2019-2020, the  
21 Council is prioritizing all ten Council Goals of Balanced Transportation,  
22 Dependable Infrastructure, Economic Development, Environment,  
23 Financial Stability, Housing, Human Services, Neighborhoods, Parks and  
24 Recreation, and Public Safety; and

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26           WHEREAS, the City Council believes it is appropriate to adopt a  
27 2019-2020 City Work Program to help implement these priority Goals,  
28 identify the priority focus of the City of Kirkland's staff and resources,  
29 and enable the public to measure the City's success in accomplishing its  
30 major policy and administrative goals; and

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32           WHEREAS, the 2019-2020 City Work Program is a list of high  
33 priority, major cross-departmental efforts, involving significant financial  
34 resources designed to maintain public safety and quality of life in  
35 Kirkland, as well as an effective and efficient City government; and

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37           WHEREAS, since over the course of two years new issues may  
38 arise that require substantial City resources and City Council review, the  
39 adopted 2019-2020 City Work Program will be evaluated during the mid-  
40 biennial budget process to proactively determine whether emerging  
41 items can be accommodated, deferred, or if the City Work Program must  
42 be revised or reprioritized.

43 NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City  
44 of Kirkland as follows:  
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46 Section 1. The 2019-2020 City Work Program consisting of the  
47 following initiatives is adopted:  
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- 49 1. Improve Fire and Emergency Medical Services by  
50 constructing a new Station 24, securing a site for a new  
51 Station 27, and exploring a potential ballot measure in  
52 2020 to fund Fire Station modernization and enhanced  
53 operations to further the goal of **Public Safety**;
- 54 2. Invest "Enhanced Police Services and Community Safety"  
55 ballot measure funding to facilitate community policing,  
56 improve school safety, reduce gun violence, and foster a  
57 safe, inclusive and welcoming City to further the goals of  
58 **Public Safety and Neighborhoods**;
- 59 3. Construct the Totem Lake Connector and continue capital  
60 investments to support growth throughout the City,  
61 especially in the Totem Lake Urban Center and the NE 85<sup>th</sup>  
62 Street/I-405 Corridor, to ensure that Kirkland is a City  
63 where growth occurs by design to further the goals of  
64 **Balanced Transportation, Economic Development**  
65 **and Dependable Infrastructure**.
- 66 4. Continue partnerships with Sound Transit, the State  
67 Department of Transportation and King County Metro  
68 Transit to ensure that I-405 investments serve Kirkland's  
69 mobility needs and maximize the benefit of Sound Transit's  
70 NE 85<sup>th</sup> Street/I-405 Bus Rapid Transit interchange project  
71 by completing land use, zoning, and economic  
72 development plans for areas adjacent to the interchange  
73 project to further the goals of **Balanced Transportation**  
74 **and Economic Development**.
- 75 5. Support construction and operation of a permanent shelter  
76 in Kirkland for women and families with children  
77 experiencing homelessness to further the goals of **Human**  
78 **Services and Housing**.
- 79 6. Implement Strategies from the Housing Strategy Plan,  
80 prioritizing affordable housing and "missing middle"  
81 housing to further the goals of **Housing** and  
82 **Neighborhoods**.
- 83 7. Renovate the new Parks Maintenance Center building to  
84 meet the parks service needs of the larger City to further  
85 the goals of **Parks, Open Space and Recreation**.
- 86 8. Complete major park improvement projects to preserve  
87 and enhance quality of life in Kirkland, including Juanita  
88 Beach Park, Totem Lake Park, and 132nd Square Park to  
89 further the goal of **Parks, Open Space and Recreation**  
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- 9. Develop and adopt a Sustainability Master Plan for the City of Kirkland to further the goal of the **Environment**.
- 10. In partnership with the Lake Washington School District and Neighborhood Associations, develop a Safer Routes to School Action Plan for each elementary school, middle school, and high school in Kirkland to further the goals of **Public Safety, Balanced Transportation** and **Neighborhoods**.
- 11. Prioritize Information Technology stabilization and migrate appropriate City applications and information to the Cloud to improve resiliency and disaster preparedness to further the goals of **Public Safety, Financial Stability** and **Dependable Infrastructure**.
- 12. Prepare for the 2021 Annexation Sales Tax Credit expiration by developing specific strategies to sustain prioritized on-going and one-time funded programs during development of the 2021-2022 Biennial Budget to further all goals, with an emphasis on the goal of **Financial Stability**.

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Section 2. The City organization shall demonstrate the operational values of civic engagement, regional partnerships, efficiency and accountability as the 2019-2020 City Work Plan is implemented.


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Section 3. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to develop implementation steps and benchmarks for each initiative in the 2019-2020 City Work Program, prioritize resources and efforts to achieve those benchmarks, and periodically update the Council regarding progress on these efforts.


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Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 19th day of February, 2019.

Signed in authentication thereof this 19th day of February, 2019.

  
Penny Sweet, Mayor

Attest:

  
Kathi Anderson, City Clerk