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2021-2022 CITY COUNCIL GOALS STATUS FORM

UPDATES INDICATED IN RED

February 11, 2022

Goals are not listed in any particular order in each category

DEVELOPMENT, REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING			
COUNCIL MEMBER	DEPT/ STAFF	GOAL	STATUS
Skogquist	Doug	Craft infill standards so new construction blends with neighborhoods, not redefines them.	Staff was waiting to see what happens with the proposed State law that could limit design standards for single family homes. Discussion is still happening at the Capital this fall. Staff has done some research on this topic. Staff is testing the waters will some development standards being applied to the sale of the 4 vacant south street lots.
Skogquist	Doug	Have Planning Commission discuss a plan for a balanced approach to amounts and locations of senior housing.	Staff recommends the City start with a housing study to determine what the housing needs are in the community. This is the logical first step to assessing the housing inventory. This could be a budget item for 2022. The data will assist Council, Boards and Staff to understand the inventory and needs to make recommendations. Staff could obtain pricing for a study for the purpose of budgeting. This work would be done by a consultant. Otherwise we are just guessing....
Barnett	Doug	Increase enforcement of rental housing statutes and codes; more frequent and strict inspections, increased penalty severity, more frequent fines and court actions, more staff to execute; focus on all rental categories.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff is doing full inspections and operating as normal. • Staff is doing more and more rental inspections as Covid-19 is coming to an end • The City has a 3-year rental license renewal program. Staff tries to get to every rental license once during that time period of every 3 years. If there are issues more inspections follow. Staff has been playing catch up on inspections on units going back

			<p>as far as 2008 in some cases. Great progress has been made in the last 3 years. We are getting there. We now have the single family inspections finally caught up.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There have been a significant increase in the citations issued and cases that have gone to court • Additional Staffing is a budget item for the City Council and City Manager to discuss. • Now that Covid-19 will be coming to an end we can get back to inspecting all rental categories again as expected.
Mayor Rice	Doug	Green Haven Parkway. Rail station, both East and South.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update: As of October 28, 2021 Highland Park acquisition has been completed and the new leg of Green Haven Parkway is complete. • Staff is currently working with M/I Homes on a development concept. Staff is waiting for a revised concept. • An appraisal has been completed for the Highland Park redevelopment parcel. • Acquisition of parcels in the TOD area have been identified by the City Council per Council work session notes from February 22, 2021. Staff has not been able to move forward on anything at this point.
Weaver	Doug	Focus on opportunities for and any new residential housing being owner-occupied housing.	Ongoing...
Wesp	Doug	Green Haven Parkway Development – cont'd property purchases and increased implement of dev. plan of Highland Park neighborhood.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update: As of October 28, 2021 Highland Park acquisition has been completed and the new leg of Green Haven Parkway is complete. • Staff is currently working with M&I Homes on a development concept. Staff is waiting on a revised concept. • An appraisal has been completed for the Highland Park redevelopment parcel.

Wesp	Doug	Rental Licensing enforcement – identify properties that are perpetual violators and continue to convert multi-family dwellings to single family dwellings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff continues to deal with and keep pressure on challenging properties such 623 East Main, 931 Madison, 1532 3rd Avenue to name a few. Perpetual violators that have a history and are not addressing the issues are being moved to the City Prosecutor/PD to see the Judge. After 3 citations and no response the CD Director has directed Enforcement Staff to send the case to court and not waste time or resources. • Since November of 2020 to current date, 50 single family home rental licenses have been canceled, are now ownership units, staff has verified they have been homesteaded or demolished. This number includes 1-8 unit rental building and 7 single family rental units demolished in Highland Park.
Skogquist	Doug and Darin	Strengthen historic preservation focus through rehab vs demo.	The City of Anoka HRA has made an ongoing commitment to rehabilitation of dilapidated houses before moving forward with demolishing them. In cases where there is a desire for the land and not the structure, an attempt at finding a party to move the home would be exhausted before demolition is considered.

CITY FINANCE & AREA BUSINESS CLIMATE			
COUNCIL MEMBER	DEPT/ STAFF	GOAL	STATUS
Weaver Wesp	Brenda	Zero levy increase and a responsible city budget.	Zero levy increase is what we always what we strive for. The 2022 budget with the additional officer, additional staffing and salary changes, capital and maintenance requests the levy increase is coming in at 2.7%. The 2022 levy was set with a 4.91% increase. This budget included \$110,000 for an additional police officer and 3% COLA increases.
Mayor Rice	Brenda	We have spent down reserves and held tax low; we can't afford to continue with both.	In 2020 we added \$525,743 to the fund reserves, for 2022 we are budgeting to use \$226,000 fund reserves to balance the budget which helps us get to only a 2.7% levy increase in 2022. In 2020, we added \$525.743 to fund reserves, looks like we will be under budget for 2021, as well. For 2022, we budgeted to use \$151,000 in fund balance.
Wesp	Doug	Continue to grow a strong and safe business and public atmosphere.	Ongoing.
Wesp	Pam	Continue to seek new opportunities for community gatherings and ideas to build lasting legacies in Anoka.	HopeFest (Alexandra House) and Nearly Naked Ruck March (23 rd Veteran w/Haven For Heroes) are two new special events in 2021 that plan to host their events annually in Anoka, bringing new people to Anoka, both for great causes which build community. Both HopeFest and the Ruck March organizers have confirmed returning their events to Anoka in 2022. Federal Premium is planning their 100th anniversary celebration at their facility in June of 2022. Staff met with them in Nov. to discuss their plans. No special event permit is needed; it's all on their property.
Weaver	Lisa	Designated location for the Farmers Market by the Feed Mill site using refurbished metal grain bins as vendor sales locations	2021 Farmers Market is being held at a new location and new day. The refurbished bins is a 2022 CIP item. Farmers Market confirmed for 2022 – starts June 21st. 2022 agreement out for signatures.
Barnett	Brenda	Maintain balanced city budget and continue to identify and eliminate excessive spending.	Every year we adopt a balanced budget, departments look at the needs for their departments and we are currently assessing the needs on the level of importance. Looking at what items are

			most needed while considering the impacts to the budget.
Barnett	Chief Peterson	Support and adequately fund Police and Fire Depts. to ensure optimal public safety of our residents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional officer hired in 2022 to fulfill the second of a 3 year – 3 additional officer plan. • Donation solicitation for Funding of equipment and enforcement aids have been received from Federal Cartridge and Anti-crime such as drone technology and training needs. • The use of the Federal Government 1033 program has been used for investigative equipment and officer protection equipment such as night vision.

STREETS, PARKS, TRAILS & RIVERS

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Skogquist	Lisa	Maintain and enhance capital expenditures and maintenance levels for parks and sidewalk/trail connections.	Working to complete 2021 projects. Rudy Johnson building construction finally started. Station Park playground installation has started. Trail maintenance: Completed 1300' bituminous overlay of Rum River Trail. Unable to find concrete contractor able to do ribbon curb at Rudy and sidewalk repairs. Station Park Shelter install complete. Playground in the spring. Rudy Johnson – gas line and gas meter are installed. HVAC and plumbing finishes remain. Beginning to work on 2022 projects.
Weaver	Lisa	Find River Walk funding including Stone House and acquisition and redevelopment of the Shiloh property.	Riverwalk: Re-evaluating strategies with consultant for grant application and trail construction – which section to build first. West Rum River trail is included on the November worksession agenda. Working on local trail grant application for FY 23/24.
Weaver	Doug	Find an owner operator of a River Boat for cruises and entertainment on the Mississippi River.	Ongoing.
Mayor Rice	Chief Peterson	Overnight parking – no parking on one side of street on 2 nd Ave S by senior building and new townhomes, during winter.	This topic has been introduced to the Parking Advisory Board. No action has been taken. This subject is an ongoing analysis by the PAB.
Mayor Rice	Ben	Prep for Anoka Solution; anticipate unintended consequents. Limit heavy traffic through neighborhood short cuts. Remove stop sign at Brisbin & 7 th during school year and put one up on 2 nd Ave at Madison & 2 nd . This would promote commercial vehicles to choose feeder street vs. residential. Get busy on garbage hauling education.	For Highway 10 the State, County and City are working together to provide additional capacity on county roads and signal timing throughout the regional area. Anoka County is upgrading Bunker Lake Blvd & 7 th Avenue. The State will have a consultant to assist with modeling the signal system and to re-time signals on “the fly”. Key hot spots identified were; 7 th Avenue interchange, McKinley/Ferry Street, Main Street/Ferry Street, Sunwood/Bunker Lake Blvd., and Bunker Lake Blvd. Corridor. Portable control messaging boards will be utilized at TH-169 & TH-10 in Elk River, TH-169/I-694 and at the

			<p>TH-10/TH-610 split. The City is aware of key “cut-through” neighborhoods that are adjacent to Highway 47/169. The Highway 10 Anoka communications and construction team will be addressing concerns during construction.</p> <p>The intersection of 7th Avenue and Brisbin Avenue is a key location for crossing the busy road for walkers to Lincoln Elementary. With the assistants of the stop signs, every school day crossing guards assist students across this intersection and would not be recommended to remove these stop signs.</p> <p>Staff has worked with First Student to eliminate the cut through buses in the neighborhood bound to the west by the Rum River, east of 4th Avenue, south of Monroe Street and north of Washington Street.</p>
Mayor Rice	Mark / Lisa	More trees. End of Park Street looks unfinished. Can see parked cars every day. Encourage Champlin to restore where they destroyed the buffer for those on the river.	Additional information needed on what additional plants/screening is desired for Park St. With the drought, planting trees has been delayed and will occur this fall – blvds./downtown/west main.

OTHER

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Skogquist	Doug & Darin	Enhance communication with citizens using diverse communication tools; parcel signs, neighborhood mtgs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Development Staff has worked up some concepts for proposed signs for parcels for sale, proposed development, smaller signs for land use applications such as a variance. Next step is to get the signs made. • The HRA Board has directed Staff to move forward with varying sizes of signs for different size parcels we have involvement with. Depending on the parcel size, the HRA will have two sign options to erect on land to be/currently being developed. Staff has also begun the process of giving signage to HRA loan recipients to display during home improvement or rental conversion projects. • The HRA Board now has two sizes of signs for smaller and larger parcels to indicate HRA involvement. The larger of the two signs made is currently on the corner of 7th Ave and Main Street. Staff looked at giving signage to HRA loan recipients to display during home improvement or rental conversion projects, however, based on feedback, most loan recipients are not willing to advertise the fact that they got a loan. We will continue to assess this in the future.
Barnett		Fight to include that the constitutional rights of our residents and business owners are not infringed.	
Skogquist	Pam	Enhance communication between Advisory Boards and City Council.	Continue to hold quarterly CCB meetings, encourage boards/commissions to set joint meetings with Council and between boards/commissions. Continue to share CCB notes with Council, Staff, and Boards & Commissions Members. Information shared with City Council and staff, such as links to QCTVs The Post, the City View newsletter, etc. help to keep all informed so they can be aware of happenings in Anoka.

Skogquist	Amy	Help the reconstituted Human Rights Commission be successful.	Council voted to remove the HRC as a taxpayer funded organization. A Referendum Petition was submitted by residents to retain the HRC. This is scheduled to be on the 2022 Election Ballot. HRC vacancies have been filled and the HRC will meet during the first quarter of the year if instructed by the City Council.
Barnett	Pam	Allow Anoka citizens free-market choice for services.	Single hauler/organized hauling was removed from consideration.