



City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas
City Council Priorities

As of June 20, 2016

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A. RESIDENTIAL/COMMERCIAL SAFETY FOCUS AREA:

Statement:

The City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, is dedicated to providing a safe and secure community, as well as to enhance the quality of life, for its residents and corporate citizens.

It is a priority of this council to:

- Ensure that the Bellaire public is fully aware that safety and security are the City's number one priorities.
- Ensure that the Bellaire Police and Fire Departments are provided the resources to remain fully staffed, equipped, trained and ready to respond to provide maximum protection to our citizens.
- Maintain effective community outreach and education programs in the Fire and Police Departments to ensure that citizens are informed and aware of programs and activities designed to enhance the safety of the public.
- Provide a forum for the public to provide feedback with respect to safety and security concerns.
- Examine the potential for developing new policies that will enhance the safety and security of the community.
- Develop a comprehensive community pathways plan and seek public input.

B. PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES FOCUS AREA:

Statement:

The City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, is dedicated to ensuring that the existing public infrastructure and facilities are reviewed, evaluated, and maintained to the highest possible standard for its residents and corporate citizens and that the acquisition of new public infrastructure and facilities, if appropriate, will be considered with the best interests of Bellaire's residents and corporate citizens in mind.

It is a priority of this council to:

- Proceed with the successor to the Rebuild Bellaire program with a focus on both local and regional drainage issues.
- Ensure that streets, sanitary and storm sewers, and water lines are constructed and maintained using state of the art methods and materials, and that infrastructure failure is analyzed to provide information for continual process improvement.
- Approve and build municipal buildings.

- Systematically replace failing waterlines.

C. RESIDENTIAL AND RECREATIONAL FOCUS AREA:

Statement:

The City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, will take a proactive role in the long-term development of cultural and recreational areas and implementation of community character enhancements to ensure that Bellaire is the most desirable city in the area.

It is a priority of this council to:

- Support and implement Parks Master Plan.
- Remain sensitive to and address commercial/institutional impact on adjacent residential areas.
- Develop, approve, and execute a citywide beautification plan.
- Encourage improvement in the business and residential areas of the City.

D. BUDGET AND FINANCE FOCUS AREA:

Statement:

The City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, is dedicated to ensuring the continued development of sound fiscal policies and effective budget oversight.

It is a priority of this council to:

- Evaluate costs vs. benefits of all City services and programs.
- Maintain competitive employee salary and benefits plan.
- Proactively protect city's AAA bond rating.
- Proactively protect City's asset value.
- Proactively pursue refunding opportunities for existing bond issuances.

E. COMMERCIAL REDEVELOPMENT FOCUS AREA

Statement:

The City Council of the City of Bellaire Texas is dedicated to proactively seeking ways to enhance economic viability of the Bellaire business community in concert with the Comprehensive Plan, as approved and adopted on November 16, 2009

It is a priority of this council to:

- Draft and adopt ordinances to facilitate the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan.
- Encourage new business development; facilitate business expansion and provide a diverse basis of business opportunities for residents.
- Continue proactive dialogue with the business community.
- Remain sensitive to and address commercial/institutional/municipal impact on adjacent residential areas.
- Continue to recognize the benefits of healthy residential development.
- Look for opportunities to improve the appearance of the downtown area.