



City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas

City Council Priorities

As of July 10, 2017

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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.
- Develop a comprehensive community pathways plan, including sidewalks, with 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 Bonds for Better Bellaire 2016 program to improve drainage, reduce flooding, and replace failing water and wastewater lines.
- 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.
- Continue to plan for new public works and library buildings.
- Continue to coordinate with partner entities (TxDOT, Harris County Flood Control, City of Houston) on regional drainage projects.
- Support and implement Parks Master Plan

C. 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:

- Be viewed as a premier employer, including by maintaining competitive employee salary and benefits plan.
- Enhance operational efficiency by leveraging internal services.
- Proactively protect city's AAA bond rating.
- Proactively pursue refunding opportunities for existing bond issuances.

D. 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.

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.
- Continue proactive dialogue with the business community.
- Remain sensitive to and address commercial and institutional impact on adjacent residential areas.

E. Community Image Focus Area

Statement:

The City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, is dedicated to developing, presenting, and implementing a consistent and repeatable reflection of the City's image, quality of life, and high standard of professional service delivery.

It is a priority of this council to:

- Proactively seek opportunities to implement the urban design elements of the "Visioning Bellaire" plan.
- Continue to encourage commercial redevelopment in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan.
- Upon the approved identification of the City's brand identity, proactively and consistently seek opportunities to reflect that identity in print, digital media, capital projects, signage, and design standards.
- Look for opportunities to improve the appearance of neglected residential properties.
- Ensure that City rights-of-way and public facilities and open spaces are maintained and developed in a consistent and orderly fashion.