

Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission Work Session

A Work Session with the Ironwood City Commission to discuss the Fiscal Year Goals for the Budget, took place on Monday, February 27, 2023, at 5:00 P.M., in the Women's Club, Second Floor of the Municipal Memorial Building in the City of Ironwood.

PRESENT: Commissioners Andresen, Korpela, Mildren, and Mayor Corcoran

ABSENT: Commissioner Semo

OTHERS PRESENT: DPW Supervisor Bob Richards, City Manager Paul Anderson, Finance Director/Treasurer Paul Linn, City Clerk Jennifer Jacobson, Public Safety Director Andrew DiGiorgio, Utilities Manager Bob Tervonen, Community Development Director Tom Bergman, and Assessor/Code Enforcement Officer Jason Alonen.

City Manager Anderson opened the discussion and shared the ranked goals as submitted by the commissioners for the 2023-2024 FY budget. A brief discussion took place, and the Commission did not have any recommended changes for the Goals. The ranked Goals will be presented at the March 13, 2023, Commission meeting for adoption.

- Fully fund and construct both phases of Water Treatment Plant.
- Maintain good ambulance service.
- Create a local recreational authority to expand City recreational services/opportunities.
- New fire truck purchase.
- Continue code enforcement/blight elimination effort.
- Continue work on creating new diverse housing opportunities (EDC).
- Do more to focus on the parks we have. Enhance/expand camping amenities and opportunities in the City parks (MMHP, Norrie & Curry).
- Continue street improvements.
- Comprehensive Plan Revision.
- Address marihuana caregiver growth in the downtown to mitigate negative impacts.
- Improve safety on the Iron Belle Trail and in City parks (safety committee).
- Connecting both sides of US2 w/ safe pedestrian crossings.
- Tie into Copper Peak expansion (summer and winter opportunities).
- Plan 100-year anniversary celebration of City Memorial Building (2023).
- Develop a year-round sidewalk plan (walkable community).
- Join Winter City Institute.
- Downtown entrance sign (maybe arch) on US-2 Business Route coming from US-2.
- Continue SISU event promotions.
- Develop a recreation and/or community center.
- Explore the Civic Center Manager as taking on role of recreation person.
- Update/increase wayfinding signage/map & policy.
- Capitalize on challenges and opportunities presented by the shifting demographics of diversity, equity, and inclusion in our country, our state, and our city. (HREC)
- Hiawatha Park Project (Parks & Rec).
- Develop an economic development plan for agricultural businesses/products.

- Build more neighborhood parks.
- 5-Year Marketing Plan as part of Comprehensive Plan Revision (EDC).
- Obtain GARE Membership, which is the Government Alliance on Race and Equity (HREC).
- Downtown-wide snow removal (DIDA).

The work session adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

Jennifer L. Jacobson, City Clerk