

City Council Priorities & 2024-26 Objectives

(Subject to City Council approval 4/23/24)

Preserve Our Natural, Cultural, and Historic Resources

Council Task or Objective	Department
Continue to support and fund Community Based Organizations (CBO).	Recreation & Human Services
Continue to support the arts, including potential opportunities to identify a live performing arts space in Claremont.	Administrative Services
Focus on evaluating the City's Urban Forest Management Plan, Claremont Municipal Code, General Plan, and internal policies/procedures to ensure consistency with the updated Tree Policies and Guidelines Manual.	Community Services
Focus on environmental, fiscal, and organizational sustainability, including the professional development and retention of City employees.	All Departments

Maintain Financial Stability

Council Task or Objective	Department
<p>Develop and maintain a ten-year financial plan, which focuses on long-term financial sustainability.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long Range Plan will be added to annual budget process and final budget document. • Focus will be on both revenues and expenditures in the General Fund. • Continue to evaluate and recommend best practice financial policies, including reserve balance requirements. 	Financial Services
Continue to evaluate and secure revenue enhancement opportunities, such as the potential regulation of short-term rentals and cannabis.	Financial Services
Monitor options for funding, controlling, or reducing current and future pension costs, as well as unfunded liabilities.	Financial Services

Invest In The Maintenance And Improvement Of Our Infrastructure

Council Task or Objective	Department
Maintain cleanliness of business districts, parks, transportation facilities, public rights of way, street signs, public restrooms, and public spaces.	Community Services

Develop a Park Facilities Improvement Plan by December 31, 2024. The Plan will: (i) assess the age and condition of park facilities, (ii) prioritize park facility improvements, (iii) identify current and future sources of funding for proposed park facility improvement, and (iv) outline a public engagement process for the development of park facility improvement projects. Concurrent with the development of the Park Facilities Improvement Plan, staff will engage the community in the development of a proposal for the improvement of the playground at Lewis Park.	Community Services
Explore options to relinquish ownership of the Blaisdell Ranch Preserve to the Blaisdell Ranch Homeowners Association.	Administrative Services
Ensure availability of modern technology for businesses and residents, and pursue options to address the cell service issues in some geographical areas within Claremont.	Administrative Services

Ensure the Safety of Our Community Through Community-Based Policing and Emergency Preparedness

Council Task or Objective	Department
Assess traffic calming measures including street infrastructure and design, as well as additional enforcement by the Police Department.	Police & Community Development
Actively promote alternative uses of streets including bicycles, walking, and scooters, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying funding and resources to complete pending Capital Improvement Projects (i.e., South Indian Hill Blvd. and San Jose Ave.) • Developing a comprehensive Active Transportation Plan to prioritize projects and allocate funding citywide. 	Community Development & Administrative Services
Continue to pursue improvements to the existing Police Department facility.	Police & Administrative Services
Proactively address criminal activity related to human trafficking and connect any victims to appropriate resources.	Police
Continue to evaluate nuisance activity occurring in and around local motels and use a collaborative approach to abate the activity via the City's Interdepartmental Team.	Police, Administrative Services & Community Development
Evaluate safety improvements to Claremont Hills Wilderness Park; invest in a feasibility plan and potential funding sources to enhance available parking; and pursue access to Evey Canyon.	Human Services
Continue to evaluate citywide emergency preparedness and response efforts.	All Departments

Work directly with surrounding agencies, including task forces, to address criminal issues impacting the shared local areas, and consider assigning a Police Officer to these task forces.	Police
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Increase Livability In Our Neighborhoods And Expand Opportunities For Our Businesses

Council Task or Objective	Department
<p>Continue to explore and promote resources for people experiencing housing stability and/or displacement, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The feasibility of implementing a Claremont Rental Registry; • Provide rental assistance/incentives to eligible property owners and tenants through the Claremont Temporary Housing Stabilization and Relocation Program; • Consider adding self-governing “anti-harassment” language to the City’s Just Cause Eviction Ordinance; and • Consider funding “dispute resolution” and/or “mediation” services to address landlord/tenant disputes. 	Administrative Services & Human Services
<p>Undertake deliberate planning for the development of the Foothill Boulevard and Monte Vista Avenue area within existing zoning, and work with Los Angeles County or the City of Upland to adopt an Airport Compatibility Plan.</p>	Community Development
<p>Conduct outreach to businesses throughout the city with attention given to businesses outside the Village.</p>	Administrative Services
<p>Consider options to repurpose and provide affordable housing, and engage in discussions with The Claremont Colleges, Claremont Unified School District, and other regional partners to explore the need for workforce housing.</p>	Community Development

Promote Community Engagement Through Transparency And Communication

Council Task or Objective	Department
<p>Explore costs and feasibility of providing City communication/marketing materials in various languages.</p>	Administrative Services
<p>Utilize technology for communicating with the public.</p>	Administrative Services
<p>Help educate our community on “how to” participate in the public process.</p>	Administrative Services

Develop Anti-Racist, Anti-Discrimination Policies And Plan To Achieve Community And Organizational Diversity, Equity And Inclusion

Council Task or Objective	Department
Continue to work with CPS HR Consulting to conduct community involvement and outreach; DEI trainings for City employees and Councilmembers; and related consulting services.	Administrative Services