

**DRAFT CITY OF CLAREMONT
CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES & 2026-28 OBJECTIVES**

Preserve Our Natural, Cultural, and Historic Resources		
Council Task or Objective	Department	Action Items
Ensure that the City’s Sustainable City Plan, Urban Forest Management Plan, General Plan, Municipal Code, Tree Policies and Guidelines Manual; internal policies/procedures; and staff/contractor qualifications and instructions are all consistent with best urban forest practices and with one another.	Community Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staff will review the Urban Forest Management Plan and other documents for consistency and enhancements in the management of the urban forest.
Consider consolidation of the Community and Human Services Commission appointed Committees to form the creation of a Natural Resources/Environmental Quality Commission, who would be responsible for studying a broad range of environmental and tangential issues.	Community Services and Community Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staff will evaluate potential consolidation and will report findings and recommendations to the City Council.• The City’s General Plan and Municipal Code may need amendments, which may require additional staff and City Attorney time.
Present a report to the City Council regarding best practices for enforcing prohibitions on gas leaf blowers.	Community Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staff will work with the AQMD on educational opportunities for homeowners and professional landscapers, including Sustainable Claremont’s Earth Day event.• Staff will research other cities’ ordinances, such as South Pasadena, and will present its findings and recommendations to the City Council. At that time, staff will also discuss best industry practices, including enforcement efforts.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lastly, staff will evaluate the efficacy of the City’s current “fix-it ticket” policy and will report to City Council the volume of tickets that have been waived due to transitioning from gas to electric leaf blowers.
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Strengthen Long-Term Fiscal and Organizational Health		
Council Task or Objective	Department	Action Items
Consider increasing General Fund reserve to 40%.	Financial Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff will provide a report to City Council that discusses best practices and budgetary impacts and will seek City Council direction on this potential policy change.
Develop and implement succession planning efforts throughout the municipal organization.	Administrative Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff will complete a citywide assessment to identify departmental professional development and succession planning needs.
Evaluate revenue enhancement opportunities, such as potentially placing a local sales tax measure for voter consideration at the November 2026 election.	Financial Services & Administrative Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff presented at item to City Council on March 10, 2026, seeking further direction on a potential November sales tax measure. The direction received from City Council will determine staff’s next steps.

Invest In The Maintenance And Improvement Of Our Infrastructure		
Council Task or Objective	Department	Action Items
Prioritize completion of southern portion of Indian Hill Blvd. project.	Community Services & Community Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff will work to identify funds to complete this project.
Develop a Sports Parks Improvement Plan, including Guthrie Skate Park and Pump Track Feasibility Study.	Community Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff will present an item to City Council that discusses potential opportunities for enhancement of existing facilities (i.e., Guthrie Park) as well as associated budgetary impacts. Staff will present an item to City Council that discusses potential opportunities for new facilities (i.e., a bicycle pump track) as well as associated budgetary impacts. These reports will include recommendations based on cost, industry best practices, and staffing impacts.
Prioritize completion of ADA-compliant corner sidewalk ramps in the Arbol Verde neighborhood.	Community Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff will work to identify funds to complete this project.
Present to City Council a report with options to increase available hours of sports fields.	Recreation & Human Services and Community Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff will present an item to City Council with options to increase available hours of sports fields.
Evaluate small-scale parking solutions specific to timed parking spots in the Village, and evaluate off-site parking opportunities for Village employees. These efforts may lead to the consideration of a broader Parking Management Plan.	Administrative Services & Community Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff will evaluate small-scale parking solutions specific to timed parking spots in the Village, and will evaluate off-site parking opportunities for Village employees. A report of staff's findings and recommendations will be presented to the City Council for its consideration. The report will include recommendations based on cost, impacts to Village businesses, and staffing (enforcement) impacts.

Ensure the Safety of Our Community Through Community-Based Policing and Emergency Preparedness		
Council Task or Objective	Department	Action Items
Conduct a feasibility study of a police department drone program.	Police	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff will conduct a feasibility study of a police department drone program and will report back to City Council with update(s).
Develop strategies to implement the Active Transportation Plan including Walking Audits within a half-mile radius of school sites.	Community Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff will develop strategies to implement the Active Transportation Plan, including implementing recommendations identified through walking audits conducted within a half-mile radius of school sites, and will report back to City Council with updates.
Complete improvements to the existing Police Department facility.	Police & Administrative Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff will ensure that the Women’s Locker Room Project, which is currently underway and fully-funded, is completed. Staff will work to identify funding for the seismic upgrade of the facility.
Assess feasibility of adding an additional sworn officer position.	Police	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This item will be considered by the City Council as part of the 2026-28 budget development process.
Consider establishing focused police patrols in specific areas (i.e., Village area and San Jose/Auto Center/American Ave. area)	Police	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff will evaluate the feasibility and effectiveness of establishing focused police patrols in specific areas (i.e., Village area and San Jose/Auto Center/American Ave. area) and will provide update(s) to the City Council. City Council authority may be required if additional staffing and/or budgetary needs are identified.

Increase Livability In Our Neighborhoods And Expand Opportunities For Our Businesses		
Council Task or Objective	Department	Action Items
Explore and promote resources for people experiencing housing instability and/or displacement, including third-party rental assistance programming.	Administrative Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Per City Council direction, staff will be providing a report on the Claremont Temporary Housing Stabilization and Relocation Program in April to determine if the program will end in June as currently planned. Staff will work with the SGVCOG and LACAHSa to ensure eligible Claremont tenants are made aware of available rental assistance programming.
Adopt an Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan for Cable Airport and incorporate it into our General Plan and Municipal Code.	Community Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff will present an item to City Council seeking adoption of an Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan for Cable Airport. The recommendations staff make to City Council will include incorporation of the plan into our General Plan and Municipal Code.
Conduct a City Council study session regarding the effectiveness of the City’s Inclusionary Housing Ordinance and potential amendments to further desired policy outcomes.	Community Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff recommends that the City Council conduct a study session regarding the effectiveness of the City’s Inclusionary Housing Ordinance. During the study session, the City Council may revisit the current incentive structure and identify potential amendments to the Ordinance that would further desired policy outcomes.
Consideration of lifting/modifying the prohibition of dogs in parks.	Recreation & Human Services and Community Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff will present a report to City Council with options to consider lifting or modifying the current prohibition of dogs in parks. The report will explore opportunities for separate dog and children’s play area in existing parks as well as the feasibility of creating a second dog park in the northern part of town. The report will include recommendations based on cost, industry best practices (including proper signage and dog waste bags), and staffing (enforcement) impacts.
Assess the potential for a permit amnesty program to achieve compliance with City Building Codes.	Community Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff will assess the potential for a permit amnesty program to achieve compliance with City Building Codes and will prepare recommendations for City Council consideration. The report will include recommendations based on cost, industry best practices, and staffing impacts.

Promote Community Engagement Through Transparency And Communication

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<p>Implementation of hybrid meetings of the City Council in compliance with SB 707 including adoption of a policy for recessing and reconvening hybrid meetings in the event of a technical disruption.</p>	<p>Administrative Services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff will present a report to the City Council creating a policy outlining procedures to be followed in the event of a technical disruption of hybrid meetings. • Staff will conduct community outreach to ensure community members are informed of options to engage in the public process.
<p>Modernize website to comply with updated Title II Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations.</p>	<p>Administrative Services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff will modernize website to comply with updated Title II Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations by the April 26, 2027 deadline. • Part of these efforts may include adopting local policies on web and app accessibility; creating processes for people to make an accessibility request and report issues; and training staff on how to make online content accessible.

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

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Hold community workshops in partnership with CPS HR and the Committee on Human Relations.	Recreation & Human Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Community workshops in partnership with CPS HR and the Committee on Human Relations are scheduled for February and April 2026. Additional community workshops may be held based on the outcomes of the first two workshops.