



2019 Budget Goals & Actions Plan

Goal: Well-maintained, reliable public infrastructure systems that encourage economic growth and enhance community quality.

- Deliver 2019 Capital Improvement Program that emphasizes investments in water distribution and sewer collection infrastructure, new construction and major repair of arterial street corridors, and enhancement of parks/recreational amenities.
- Identify and study fiscal options for sustaining and enhancing water, sewer, street and stormwater infrastructure systems.

Goal: Community renewal and economic growth that provides sustainable resources for public services and facilities.

- Develop rental housing licensing and inspection program to address code compliance and nuisance abatement challenges.
- Update the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan and Uniform Development Code to enhance grant funding opportunities and facilitate economic development in commercial and industrial zones.
- Research and analyze options for the long-term location of the public library and community center facilities.

Goal: Consistent, effective delivery of Kelso city services that meets or exceeds standards of professionalism and accountability.

- Implement priority recommendations from the police department operational analysis and research sustainable funding options to enhance public safety functions.
- Deploy administrative and maintenance information systems that enhance productivity and improve public service delivery.
- Negotiate sustainable collective bargaining agreements that provide competitive employee compensation while achieving the operational priorities of the City.

Goal: Provide proactive and visionary regional leadership.

- Promote regional economic development efforts that create jobs, expand capital investment and increase Kelso's median household income.
- Strongly advocate for city interests within intergovernmental boards and committees that oversee delivery of regional public services.
- Collaborate with regional partners to promote the development of new housing that accommodates the existing and future workforce of Cowlitz County.
- Develop and support legislative solutions that benefit both Kelso and municipalities throughout Washington.