

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION / DIRECTION - 2026 CITY COUNCIL WORK PLAN

DATE: NOVEMBER 10, 2025

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SUMMARY:

The City Council establishes their work plan annually. The annual work plan reflects Council's priorities and includes only those items that require City Council involvement such as policy direction, guidance, or approval. The Council Work Plan also helps staff prioritize internal work plans and schedule the work that is needed to bring to City Council for engagement.

This is the second discussion for the 2026 Council Work Plan. Staff will provide a recap of the first meeting and an update on the proposed 2026 Council Work Plan and timeline for next steps. The goal of this meeting is to refine the proposed 2026 work plan.

BACKGROUND / PRIOR DISCUSSIONS:

Prior discussions include:

- June 11, 2024 – [Initial 2025 Council Work Plan Discussion](#), introducing new format
- July 23, 2024 – [2025 Council Work Plan Discussion](#), setting priorities
- December 17, 2024 – [2024 City Council Work Plan Wrap Up](#)
- January 14, 2025 – [Draft 2025 Council Work Plan Review and Discussion](#)
- January 21, 2025 – [Adoption of the 2025 Council Work Plan](#)
- May 27, 2025 – [Initial 2026 Council Work Plan Discussion](#), with the goal of setting priorities for use in the 2026 Supplemental Budget Process.
- July 15, 2025 – [Second discussion of the 2026 City Council Work Plan](#), focused on challenges and opportunities for each department.

ANALYSIS:

Council was provided an initial draft of the 2026 Council Work Plan, along with discussion notes from the May meeting, in August for review and consideration during the 2026 Supplemental Budget. Staff utilized those notes to draft the attached work plan, with additional items for discussion highlighted throughout.

It is important to remember through this process, Council work plans are a reflection of City Council's priorities for one year and do not reflect every priority of the City. Council work plans reflect policy priority areas where City Council plans to provide direction and take action within a year. These priorities should be framed in the context of the [Louisville Charter](#), [Code of Ordinances](#), [Comprehensive Plan](#), [2024 Community Survey](#), prior work

plans, the budget, and other strategic and planning documents. Staff also recommends Council recall the July 15 presentations from Department Heads and the one-pagers provided (linked in background) when considering capacity, as the current draft overcommits the City. Staff will provide more insight on this, including identification of service area gaps and opportunities for investment, in the presentation.

The draft 2026 Work Plan breaks items into categories:

- **Proposed Items:** These consist of items discussed in May where Council expressed support for adding into the 2026 Council Work Plan
- **Additional Items for Council Discussion:** These are items identified by Council Members, but where the direction was not clear.
- **Board and Commission Submissions:** These are items submitted by the boards and commissions that were not identified by Council for either inclusion or additional discussion. This does not necessarily indicate Council is not supportive of these items, as there may be other reasons Council chose not to include them on the work plan. For example, Council already supported the Bird City Designation this October.

2025 COUNCIL WORK PLAN:

N/A - This item provides an update to the 2025 Council Work Plan and is the initial 2026 Council Work Plan Discussion.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Budgeted?: **Not Applicable**

Council Work Plan priorities are used to guide budget development and fiscal impacts will be explored through that process.

ALTERNATIVE(S):

Council may support the current draft work plan, provide edits, or provide other direction to staff regarding priority setting.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends Council provide direction on the Draft 2026 Council Work plan.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. 2026 Council Work Plan Draft – Nov 2025
2. 2026 Council Work Plan Draft – Aug 2025
3. 2026 Council Work Plan Discussion 5-27-25
4. Presentation



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- FUTURE: Fire Protection District WCRA

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Building the Foundation (Lead: Deputy City Manager)	Potential study session topics include: - Police and Public Safety - Emergency Response & Disaster Preparedness - Cyber Security - Information Technology - Mental Health	Anticipate 2-4 study sessions to provide insight into different areas of safety.



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Preparedness (Lead: City Manager)	Collaboration and Coordination between Police, Fire District, ODM, Internal City departments, and other Regional Partners, balancing an all hazards approach with the importance of fire preparedness in our community. Training, communications, education, and engagement, such as for disaster preparedness month and bringing together resources and work done in these areas.	May include study session(s) as noted above and discussion/direction opportunities. May also include requests to attend public engagement and promote trainings and education opportunities.
ODM Implementation (Lead: City Manager)	Continue pursuing a buy in to the Boulder County Office of Disaster Management to support disaster response and preparedness for the City of Louisville.	Anticipate 1-3 meetings with Council to receive direction and approve an agreement.
Cell Coverage (Lead: City Manager)	Pursue opportunities to increase cell coverage and reliability.	Anticipate one or more meetings, depending on Council's direction.
Traffic Safety (Lead: Police Chief & Public Works Director)	Continue efforts to support traffic safety, specifically related to pedestrians, bicycles, and e-bikes.	Anticipate one or more meetings, depending on Council's direction. May be combined with other items on this Work Plan.

Additional Items for Consideration by Council

- Power shutoff support
- Additional use of text communications
- Determining the next phase for resilience
- LFPD Wildfire and Conflagration Risk Assessment (WCRA)
- A land acknowledgement from the City (submitted by Councilmember Cooperman)
- Pedestrian and bicyclists improvements to the intersection of South Boulder Road and Main Street (submitted by Councilmember Cooperman)



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- Boulder Valley School District
- Boulder County (including Office of Disaster Management)
- Louisville Fire District
- Neighboring Jurisdictions
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Housing Policy

Includes implementation of the Housing Plan through development and adoption of code changes and policies, partnership with regional efforts, and a push to break ground on new units within Louisville.

Additional Guiding Documents

- [Housing Plan](#)
- State Requirements
 - [HB 24-1313](#) (Housing in Transit Oriented Communities)
 - [SB 24-174](#) (Sustainable Affordable Housing Assistance)
 - [HB 24-1152](#) (Accessory Dwelling Units)
 - [HB 24-1007](#) (Prohibit Residential Occupancy Limits)
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Potential Property Acquisition or Project Contribution for the Creation of Affordable Housing (Lead: Community Development Director)	Potential to utilize budgeted capital funding for acquisition or contribution to leverage additional funding and support affordable housing.	Anticipate one council meeting in 2025 to develop strategy and one meeting in 2026 to explore opportunities with consultant.



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Prop. 123 Compliance (Lead: Community Development Director)	Includes audit of development code for compliance with Prop 123 expedited review for affordable housing requirement as part of regional grant. This audit will inform a code amendment that must be in place by November 2026.	Anticipate one council meeting. May be combined with other items on this Work Plan.
Development Process Updates (Lead: Community Development Director)	Consider expedited building permit review and other code or process changes recommended from Prop 123 Audit.	Anticipate 1-3 meetings for Council consideration and potential adoption of policies. May be combined with other items on this Work Plan.
Housing Plan Implementation (Lead: Community Development Director)	Continue implementation of the Louisville Housing Plan.	Anticipate 1-3 meetings for Council consideration and potential adoption of policies. May be combined with other items on this Work Plan.

Additional Items for Council Discussion

- Evaluate smart stair (aka single stair) concept
- Hire a consultant or add an FTE to assist in implementing the Housing Plan
- Re-zone to encourage housing
- A more substantive affordable ADU program (submitted by Councilmember Cooperman)

Potential Partners

- Boulder County
- Boulder County Housing Authority
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- [Police Department 2025-2028 Guiding Document](#)
- [Transportation Master Plan](#)
- [Wildfire Risk Assessment](#)
- FUTURE: Fire Protection District WCRA

PROPOSED 2026 Priorities

2026 council actions will be adjusted as this draft progresses.

Item	Description	2026 Council Actions
Building the Foundation (Lead: Deputy City Manager)	Potential study session topics include: - Police and Public Safety - Emergency Response & Disaster Preparedness - Cyber Security - Information Technology - Mental Health	Anticipate 2-4 study sessions to provide insight into different areas of safety.
Preparedness (Lead: City Manager)	Collaboration and Coordination between Police, Fire District, ODM, Internal City departments, and other Regional Partners, balancing an all hazards approach with the importance of fire preparedness in our community. Training, communications, education, and engagement, such as for disaster preparedness month and bringing	May include study session(s) as noted above and discussion/direction opportunities. May also include requests to attend public engagement and promote trainings and education opportunities.



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	together resources and work done in these areas.	
ODM Buy In (Lead: City Manager)	Continue pursuing a buy in to the Boulder County Office of Disaster Management to support disaster response and preparedness for the City of Louisville.	Anticipate 1-3 meetings with Council to receive direction and approve an agreement.
Cell Coverage (Lead: City Manager)	Pursue opportunities to increase cell coverage and reliability.	Anticipate one or more meetings, depending on Council's direction.
Traffic Safety (Lead: Police Chief & Public Works Director)	Continue efforts to support traffic safety, specifically related to pedestrians, bicycles, and e-bikes.	Anticipate one or more meetings, depending on Council's direction. May be combined with other items on this Work Plan.

Additional Items for Consideration by Council

- Power shutoff support
- Additional use of text communications
- Determining the next phase for resilience
- LFPD Wildfire and Conflagration Risk Assessment (WCRA)

Potential Partners

- Boulder Valley School District
- Boulder County (including Office of Disaster Management)
- Louisville Fire District
- Neighboring Jurisdictions
- Xcel



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Housing Policy

Includes implementation of the Housing Plan through development and adoption of code changes and policies, partnership with regional efforts, and a push to break ground on new units within Louisville.

Additional Guiding Documents

- [Housing Plan](#)
- State Requirements
 - [HB 24-1313](#) (Housing in Transit Oriented Communities)
 - [SB 24-174](#) (Sustainable Affordable Housing Assistance)
 - [HB 24-1152](#) (Accessory Dwelling Units)
 - [HB 24-1007](#) (Prohibit Residential Occupancy Limits)
 - [HB 24-1304](#) (Minimum Parking Requirements)
 - [HB 24-1175](#) (Local Government Rights to Property for Affordable Housing)
 - [Proposition 123 Compliance](#)

PROPOSED 2026 Priority Items

2026 council actions will be adjusted as this draft progresses.

Item	Description	2026 Council Actions
Potential City Initiated Rezoning (Lead: Community Development Director)	Consider potential city-initiated rezoning for housing development. The 2025 Comprehensive Plan's future land use framework will provide guidance for any such rezoning.	As a potential action item from the 2025 Comprehensive Plan, there could be 1-3 meetings on the subject.
Potential Property Acquisition or Project Contribution for the Creation of Affordable Housing (Lead: Community Development Director)	Potential to utilize budgeted capital funding for acquisition or contribution to leverage additional funding and support affordable housing.	Anticipate one council meeting in 2025 to develop strategy and one meeting in 2026 to explore opportunities with consultant.



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Prop. 123 Compliance (Lead: Community Development Director)	Includes audit of development code for compliance with Prop 123 expedited review for affordable housing requirement as part of regional grant. This audit will inform a code amendment that must be in place by November 2026.	Anticipate one council meeting.
Development - Building Permit Process for Affordable Housing (Lead: Community Development Director)	Consider expedited building permit review and other code or process changes recommended from Prop 123 Audit.	Anticipate 1-3 meetings for Council consideration and potential adoption of policies. May be combined with other items on this Work Plan.
Housing Plan – Continued Implementation (Lead: Community Development Director)	Continue implementation of the Louisville Housing Plan.	Anticipate 1-3 meetings for Council consideration and potential adoption of policies. May be combined with other items on this Work Plan.
Affordable Housing Strategic Framework and Funding Prioritization – (Lead: Community Development Director)	Consultant study to develop strategies and framework for how to utilize and prioritize affordable housing funding.	Anticipate two meetings. One meeting to inform strategy and priority development and second meeting to review consultant recommendations for potential projects and strategic funding opportunities.

Additional Items for Council Discussion

- Evaluate smart stair (aka single stair) concept
- Hire a consultant or add an FTE to assist in implementing the Housing Plan
- Re-zone to encourage housing

Potential Partners

- Boulder County
- Boulder County Housing Authority
- Neighboring Jurisdictions
- Nonprofits
- Regional Housing Partnership
- The State of Colorado - Department of Local Affairs (DOLA)

2025 Work Plan Update & 2026 Initial Work Plan Discussion

May 27, 2025

- Council Strategic Goals Discussion
 - Agree with the 4 priorities set for 2025
 - Safety includes disaster preparedness, traffic safety, etc.
 - Overlap between goals
 - Struggled with Core Services being part of the Work Plan – always a priority
 - What is it that Council is going to do this year related to Core Services?
 - It would be helpful to better define core services and what should be included in that Strategic Goal.
 - During budget conversations, we discuss balancing budget limitations with services. Need to define core services, and proposed new core services, to determine how to fund those services. How to address gaps?
 - Maintain the core services that we have, effectively and efficiently, and cost-effectively. It is the City's responsibility to deliver on the top items that the community wants the City to focus on.
 - Important to maintain our current core services.
 - A conversation this year will be can we maintain our core services?
 - Would like to consider more than 4 priorities
 - Consider adding environmental sustainability as a priority.
 - Proposed modifications
 - Definition and title of economic vitality – expand what that means to consider financial sustainability.
 - Housing – Encompass more than affordable housing and focus on all housing.
 - Core Services – Potential priority action item – How do we ensure that the core services that we provide keep up with future demands?
 - Definition of core services?
 - Police, fire, roads, water, sewer, power (health and public safety)
 - Many amenities are considered core services by the community.
 - Everything that the City pays for is a core service.
 - Look at our Charter to see if core services are defined.
 - May need to decrease some of our service levels to address budget issues.

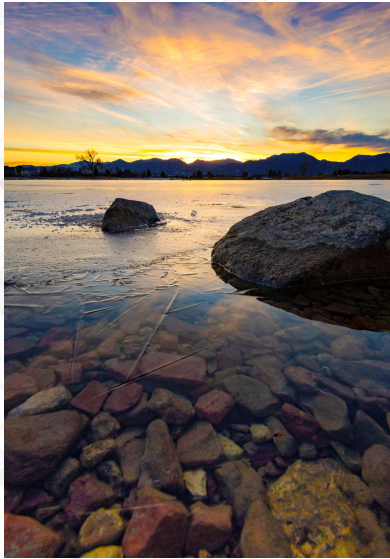
- Example – Reduce acceptable pavement condition index?
- 2026 Priority Action Items
 - Economic Vitality
 - Simplifying/streamlining our processes (building, development, etc.) to make things clearer and easy to accomplish in the community.
 - Utilization of AI for review?
 - Development Code rewrite, including design guidelines
 - Administrative approval of projects
 - Simple, speedy, consistent, inexpensive, certain, and competitive
 - Complete and adopt the Comp Plan this year
 - McCaslin Revitalization Task Force
 - Guide how recent and upcoming developments will help to revitalize the McCaslin corridor
 - Sundance Film Festival
 - Short-term rentals in January?
 - Infrastructure needs?
 - Transportation dollars?
 - Staff coordination with regional partners and the business community
 - Safety
 - Lack of cell coverage
 - Shutoff of power
 - E-Bike safety – push more on what we are able to do
 - Traffic safety for pedestrians and bikes
 - Additional use and promotion of text notification
 - Strategic Planning for Resilience and Adaptation
 - Resilience and LFPD Study – Allocate time and resources
 - What is the next phase for resilience?
 - Core Services
 - Fiscal Sustainability
 - How do we make sure our existing core services are sustainable?
 - How are we looking at service expansions – level of interest but no funding available?

- Coordination and collaboration with neighboring jurisdictions?
 - Public/private partnerships?
 - 1% arts contribution – capital projects
- Historic Preservation Tax – expiring in 2028
 - Success would be considering expansion to include benefits for ADA's (accessibility), deed restricted, building materials, etc.
 - Deep dive around issues of equity and how the money is spent
 - There are a lot of cases where people that can afford to do the work they are doing have the means to pay for it.
 - Broaden the scope of what can be covered (e.g. hvac units)
 - Consider increasing award amounts
 - Modify process to allow more to be approved administratively, or at the very least be placed on consent?
- Parks & Open Space
 - How to pay for parks maintenance and improvements?
 - How to get developers to pay for maintenance of new parks?
 - Add a multi-use field
 - Park in the north end
 - Add bike racks at every city facility and events
 - Open Space – Water rights for Hecla and Coal Creek
 - PROS Plan – Consultants interview Councilmembers
- Maintenance of existing core services
 - Integrated Weed Management Plan Review and Update
 - Universal recycling ordinance
 - EV Charging stations at city facilities for cars and bikes
 - Underpasses
 - City Hall Work Space
 - Xcel Franchise Agreement – Incorporate a carbon tax (residents and businesses)

- *City-wide educational campaign on residential and commercial electrification (submitted via email by Councilmember Cooperman on 5/28/25)*
- *Phasing out the sale and use of gasoline-powered landscaping equipment including a grant program for Louisville-based landscaping companies (submitted via email by Councilmember Cooperman on 5/28/25)*
- Housing
 - Simplify the process for people that want to build affordable housing to get a rezone from non-residential to residential
 - Evaluate smart stair concept – single stair concept
 - Identify barriers that make development expensive
 - Reduce construction and rezoning costs
 - Hire a consultant, budget for a person, or collaborate with other agencies for shared resources to assist with affordable housing/housing implementation
 - Evaluate and rewrite, as applicable, “anti-affordable housing” elements of code
 - Inclusionary Housing Ordinance – Council did previously discuss – combine with efforts for code rewrite
 - Intent is to do the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance this year
 - Intersection of affordable housing and historic preservation
 - Affordable and attainable housing – senior-focused, have main floor accessibility
 - Different terms – affordable, attainable, workforce, mixed income
- Lenses
 - Continue to view everything through the lenses of EDI and Sustainability

Next Steps:

1. What problem are we trying to solve?
2. What is the measure of success?
3. What is the measure of progress?
4. Graphic – connections between priorities and lenses
- 5.



Discussion & Direction

2026 Council Work Plan

November 10, 2025

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Purpose and Expectations

- To refine the 2026 Council Work Plan
- The Council Work Plan reflects Council related work only, and is above and beyond day-to-day core services
- The 2026 Council Work Plan should be achievable
- Maintain alignment with the Resident Survey, Comprehensive Plan, and 2026 Budget



Agenda

- Review of Draft 2026 Council Work Plan
- Next Steps

2026 Approach

- MAY
 - Reviewed Progress on 2025 Council Work Plan
 - Council confirmed continuing the priorities and lenses in 2062
 - Council Identified - Adjustments to Priorities, If Needed
- JULY
 - Presentations from each department, challenges and opportunities
- Staff used Council direction to draft the work plan
- Council Reviews, Provides Feedback, & Adopts

Considerations

- Reminder, this is not representative of everything the City does
- Consider the presentations from the Directors in July
- Consider the level of effort, time, and energy in each item
- Not representative of internal initiatives such as organizational development, culture, strategy work, and core services

2026 Work Plan- Discussion/Direction

- Reference the DRAFT 2026 Council Work Plan in the packet
- Note
 - Proposed Items = Believed to have Council consensus in support
 - Discussion Items = Identified by Council members for further consideration
- Staff team available for questions

Economic Vitality – Proposed Items

- Comprehensive Plan
- Front and Center
- EVC Policy Recommendations
- Targeted Development Code & Process Amendments
- Development Code Rewrite
- Sundance Film Festival
- McCaslin Corridor

Economic Vitality – Discussion Items

- Reconsideration of local minimum wages (submitted by Councilmember Cooperman)

Core Services – Proposed Items

- PROS Long0Range Plan & Trails Master Plan
- Website Update
- WWTP Expansion
- Advocacy
- 2027-2028 Biennial Budget and CIP
- Xcel Franchise Agreement
- Core Services
- Strategic Planning
- Historic Preservation Tax
- Parks and Open Space Initiatives
- Environmental Sustainability Initiatives
- Cultural Services Strategic planning Initiative

Core Services – Discussion Items

- Fees
- EDI Task Force
- 1% dedicated arts contribution from the capital fund
- Determine how to have developers pay for maintenance of new parks
- Add multi-use field(s)
- Park in the north end
- Add bike racks at every city facility, including parks, and events
- Water rights for Hecla and Coal Creek
- Universal Recycling Ordinance
- EV Charging Stations at City Facilities
- City Hall Workspace
- City-wide educational campaign on electrification
- Gasoline-powered landscape equipment phase out and grant
- Legal protections for mature trees (submitted by Councilmember Cooperman)
- Funding options for significant capital projects like underpasses and playing fields (submitted by Councilmember Cooperman)
- Creation of more community garden plots (submitted by Councilmember Cooperman)
- Climate adaptation planning (submitted by Councilmember Cooperman)
- Consideration of potential Charter Updates (submitted by Mayor Leh)

Safety – Proposed Items

- Building the Foundation Study Sessions
- Preparedness
- ODM Implementation
- Cell Coverage
- Traffic Safety

Safety – Discussion Items

- Power shutoff support
- Additional use of text communications
- Determining the next phase for resilience
- LFPD Wildfire and Conflagration Risk Assessment (WCRA)
- A land acknowledgement from the City (submitted by Councilmember Cooperman)
- Pedestrian and bicyclists improvements to the intersection of South Boulder Road and Main Street (submitted by Councilmember Cooperman)

Housing – Proposed Items

- Potential City Initiated rezoning
- Potential Property Acquisition or Project Contribution for the Creation of Affordable Housing
- Prop. 123 Compliance
- Development Process Updates
- Housing Plan Implementation

Housing – Discussion Items

- Evaluate smart stair (aka single stair) concept
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- A more substantive affordable ADU program (submitted by Councilmember Cooperman)

B&C Submissions

- **Louisville Sustainability Advisory Board:**

- Climate resilience fund or tax to support local climate adaptation and mitigation efforts
- Water conservation through smart technology via rate structure adjustments to incentivize conservation
- Universal recycling or zero waste ordinance

- **Open Space Advisory Board:**

- Bird City designation (*Resolution scheduled to go to Council for consideration on October 7th*)
- Collaborate with neighboring communities on wildlife and environmental conservation goals
- Rodenticide ordinance

- Plan for a 2028 vote to make the 2C sales tax permanent

- Dark sky designation near open spaces
- Volunteer and education coordinator staff position
- Mobile education trailer
- Water rights for Coal Creek and Hecla Lake

- **Parks and Public Landscape Advisory Board:**

- Integrated Weed Management Plan
- Pesticide usage

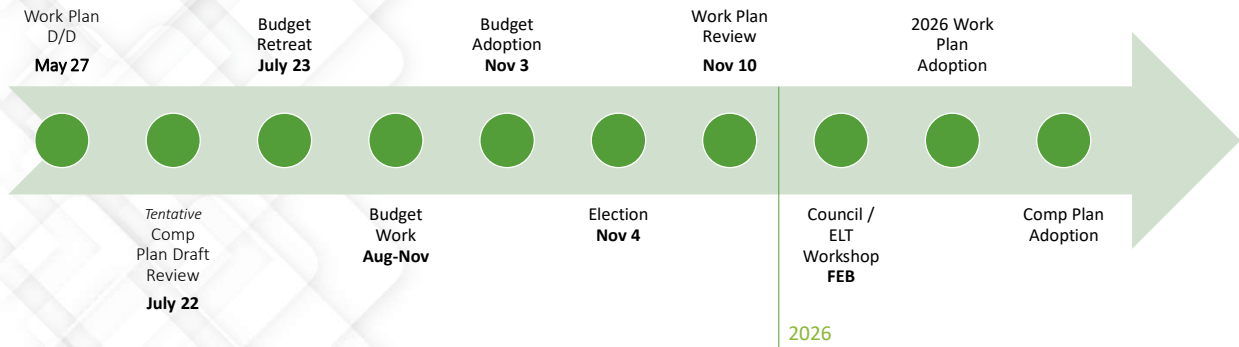
- **Recreation Advisory Board:**

- Clubhouse/Community Facility at Coal Creek Golf Course

Reflection & Wrap Up

- Is council supportive of the draft work plan?
- Is this achievable?

Timeline



Next Steps

- Council / ELT Workshop – February 9th
- Comprehensive Plan Adoption
- 2026 Council Work Plan Finalization & Adoption