



2026 Louisville City Council Work Plan

Council Priorities

Economic Vitality • Core Services • Safety • Housing

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) and Sustainability are core values of the City of Louisville and should be used as lenses through which to view all actions on this work plan. Council directs staff to consider both EDI and Sustainability in their decision making and in options presented for council direction.

Guiding Documents:

- [Louisville City Charter](#)
- [Louisville City Code](#)
- [2025/2026 Louisville City Budget](#)
- [2024 Louisville Community Survey](#)
- [2012-2013 Comprehensive Plan](#), transitioning to the [2025 Comprehensive Plan](#) when adopted
- [EDI Task Force – Final Report](#)
- [Sustainability Action Plan](#)
- [Transportation Plan](#)

Capacity Considerations: The 2026 Council Work Plan oversubscribes the City on special projects above and beyond day-to-day work. As a result, this will be a living document, subject to change as priorities and resources adjust. In follow up discussions, Council should consider alignment of the work with core and day-to-day service priorities, urgency, and resource constraints.

The 2026 Louisville City Council Work Plan represents planned work on council priorities in 2026 above and beyond day-to-day services and anticipates updates to council throughout the year. Council may adjust this plan as needed, recognizing the scale of many of these initiatives and that adjustments such as additions or changes will impact items listed below. The following pages preliminarily define each of Council's four 2026 priorities.



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Economic Vitality

Economic Vitality, also known as Economic Prosperity, includes completion of current planning initiatives such as the Comprehensive Plan and Downtown Vision Plans, code updates to continue a business-friendly approach, and traditional economic development focuses such as business attraction and retention. In addition, financial sustainability is a key component of economic vitality. Not only does a thriving economic base support financial sustainability for the City, but the City must maintain a sustainable fiscal approach in order to support the economy and a vibrant community.

Additional Guiding Documents

- [Downtown Vision Plan for Streetscapes and Public Places](#)
- [Housing Plan](#)
- [McCaslin Parcel O Redevelopment Study](#)
- Urban Renewal Plans
 - [Highway 42 Urban Renewal Plan](#)
 - [550 South McCaslin Urban Renewal Plan](#)
- FUTURE: 2025 Business Survey (anticipated to launch Sept. 2025)

PROPOSED 2026 Priority Items

Item	Description	2026 Council Actions	Timing	B & C, C, TF
Comprehensive Plan (Lead: Community Development Director)	Update to 2013 Comprehensive Plan addressing community future growth and development, infrastructure, and a range of other topics including but not limited to Housing Plan implementation.	Anticipate City Council adoption early 2026.	Q1-Q2	All



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Downtown Vision Plan for Streetscapes and Public Places – Front and Center (Lead: Public Works Director)	The Downtown Vision Plan for Streetscapes and Public Places was adopted by the Louisville Revitalization Committee and City Council in 2024. The next steps focus on design and construction, being thoughtful to mitigate impacts for business and the community during this process.	Anticipate 1-2 meeting for review of final design and award of construction.	Q1-Q4	LRC
Economic Vitality Committee (EVC) Policy Recommendations (Lead: EVC, with Community Development staff support)	Evaluation of 2025 Business Survey Recommendations and potential policy recommendations for council consideration, including festival licensing.	Anticipate one or more meetings to review results of the 2025 Business Survey and evaluate recommendations for council consideration.	TBD	EVC
Targeted Development Code and Process Amendments (Lead: Community Development Director)	Identify near term, targeted, priority development code updates that should occur prior to the development code rewrite project.	Potential council actions include discussion and direction, if needed, as well as adoption of targeted code amendments.	Q1-Q2	TBD
Development Code Rewrite (Lead: Community Development Director)	A rewrite of Title 16 (Subdivisions) and Title 17 (Zoning) of the Louisville Municipal Code addressing development and design standards, procedures, land use, and other related topics. This project is estimated to take 18 months to complete and will require consultant support.	Council to review RFP and scope of work, approve consultant contract, and begin first phases of project in first half of 2026, with project continuing into 2027	Q1-Q4	TBD
Sundance Film Festival – (Lead: Cultural Services Director & Community Development Director)	Partner with neighboring communities to identify needs and opportunities. Bring forward council policy and resource	Potential council actions include discussion and direction, if needed, as	Q1-Q4	EVC



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	allocation considerations, such as Festival Lodging Licenses.	well as adoption of related policies.		
McCaslin Corridor – (Lead: Community Development Director)	Revitalization initiatives related to the McCaslin Corridor.	Anticipate one or more meetings to receive and implement Council direction. May be combined with other items on this Work Plan.	TBD	TBD

Potential Partners

- Louisville Chamber
- Louisville Downtown Business Association (DBA)
- Louisville Revitalization Commission (LRC)



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Core Services

Core Services are broad ranging with a 2026 focus on defining core services, such as maintaining existing infrastructure and assets, including utilities, parks, open space, and sustainable asset management, as well as city communications. The proposed 2026 priority items are not a full list of core services. They are the areas of core services where council anticipates providing policy direction in 2026.

Additional Guiding Documents

- [Boulder County Community Wildfire Protection Plan](#)
- [Coal Creek Golf Course Facility Improvement Feasibility Study](#)
- [Digital Accessibility Guidance](#) (state guidance)
- [Historic Preservation Plan](#)
- [Open Space Vegetation Survey](#)
- Parks General Maintenance Management Plan
- [Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Trails Plan](#)
- [Police Department 2025-2028 Guiding Document](#)
- Utility Plan (coming for adoption in 2025)
- [Wildfire Risk Assessment](#)

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PROS Long-Range Plan & Trails Plan (Lead: PROS Director)	The 10-year PROS(G) department strategic plan will be completed in concert with the City's first Trails Plan.	Anticipate one or more status update meetings and/or requests to attend Open Houses or Public Engagement meetings. Anticipate adoption in 2026.	Q1-Q3	Mult.
Website Update (Lead: Deputy City Manager)	Revision of the City's website.	Anticipate one or more meetings with council.	Q1-Q3	N/A



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Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) Expansion (Lead: Public Works Director)	Expansion of WWTP to service Redtail Ridge.	Approve Redtail Ridge WWTP Expansion Construction contract.	TBD	TBD
Transportation Infrastructure (Lead: Public Works Director)	Receive an overview of current transportation and transportation infrastructure strategies and priorities, such as the Transportation Plan, rail, multi-modal, regional efforts, and impact fees.	Review current transportation strategy and priorities. Provide feedback on future strategic work if desired.	TBD	TBD
Advocacy (Lead: City Council, with City Manager's Office staff support)	Core services rely on supportive legislation, regional partnerships, and are benefited by grant funding and incentives. Support of and active advocacy around the legislative agenda, especially on items such as transit, is imperative.	Anticipate 1-2 meetings on the legislative agenda. Additional agenda items, such as resolutions in support or opposition of legislation, as needed.	Q1-Q2, Q4	TBD
2027-28 Biennial Budget and Capital Improvement Program (CIP) (Lead: Finance Director)	Funding is crucial for core services.	Anticipate 3 or more meetings to set and adopt the 2027-28 biennial budget.	Q1-Q4	TBD
Xcel Franchise Agreement (Lead: Public Works)	Xcel, due in 2027.	Anticipate one or more meetings to review and approve the agreement.	TBD	TBD
Core Services (Lead: City Manager)	Define core services for the City of Louisville, including corresponding service levels, and align with current and future demands for fiscal sustainability.	Anticipate meetings as needed to receive and implement Council's direction.	TBD	TBD
Strategic Planning (Lead: City Manager)	City-wide strategic planning for long-term effective use of City	2026 Council Actions include defining core services (above),	TBD	TBD



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	resources and alignment of service levels in service of the City's Vision.	adopting the Vision, and continuing to build readiness as well as providing policy direction.		
Historic Preservation Tax (Lead: Community Development Director & Cultural Services Director)	Consideration of alternatives and potential next steps ahead of the Historic Preservation Tax expiring in 2028.	Anticipate one or more meetings to receive and implement Council direction.	Q1-Q4	HPB, HMAB
Parks & Open Space Initiatives – Scope TBD (Lead: PROS Director)	Consideration of initiatives and policies such as an updated review of the Integrated Weed Management Plan.	Anticipate 1-3 meetings for Council consideration and potential adoption of policies. May be combined with other items on this Work Plan.	TBD	PPLAB, OSAB
Environmental Sustainability Initiatives (Lead: Deputy City Manager)	Consideration of sustainability priorities and alignment with core services (such as reducing water usage), the 2026 Sustainability Work Plan, or new items such as Sustainable Neighborhood Networks.	Anticipate one or more meetings to receive Council direction.	TBD	LSAB
Cultural Services Strategic Planning Initiative (Lead: Cultural Services Director)	The Cultural Services Strategic Plan will serve as the department's inaugural comprehensive plan encompassing all three divisions: Library, Historical Museum, and Arts & Events. The plan will establish shared goals, guide priorities, and align resources across the department to strengthen community access to learning, creativity, history, and connection.	Anticipate 2-4 status update meetings in 2026. May also include requests to attend focus groups and stakeholder interviews. Anticipate plan completion in 2026 with implementation in 2027.	TBD	CAB LBOT HMAB



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Consideration of Potential Charter Amendments	Consideration of potential ballot questions to amend the City of Louisville Charter. If directed by Council, this could include an election, polling, and or informational campaign.	Anticipate at least 1-3 meetings for Council consideration, with an additional 2-3 meetings should Council send any questions to the ballot.	Q1-Q4	N/A
Image & Video Capture Policy	Consideration of a policy relating to the capture and use of images and videos including people and personally identifying information.	Anticipate 1-3 meetings to refine Council direction and if directed, to develop the policy and for Council adoption.	TBD	N/A
Funding Options	Discussion of funding opportunities for significant capital projects like underpasses and playing fields.	Anticipate 1-3 meetings to refine Council direction and if directed, to follow through on Council direction.	Q3	TBD
Impact Fee Evaluation	Includes re-evaluation of impact fees.	Anticipate 2-3 meetings to refine Council direction and if directed, to develop the policy and for Council adoption.	Q1-Q3	N/A
Community Engagement Framework	A framework outlining Council expectations for community engagement and providing consistency for the community.	Anticipate 1-3 meetings to refine Council direction and if directed, to develop the policy and for Council adoption.	TBD	N/A

Potential Partners

- Boulder Valley School District
- Colorado Municipal League
- Comcast
- Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG)
- Developer
- Metro Mayor's Caucus
- Neighboring Jurisdictions
- Northwest Mayors and Commissioners Coalition
- Xcel



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Safety

Safety is a core priority for council with a desire for residents to feel safe being in our community and a 2025 focus on bike and pedestrian safety, traffic safety, disaster and emergency preparedness.

Additional Guiding Documents

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

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Item	Description	2026 Council Actions	Timing	B & C, C, TF
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.	TBD	TBD
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.	Q1-Q4	TBD



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	together resources and work done in these areas.			
WUI and Fire Risk Reduction Initiatives	Implementation of the Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code (CWRC), including adoption of a WUI Map. Partnership with regional efforts including the Louisville Fire Department's Wildfire and Conflagration Risk Assessment. Consideration of other strategies, such as defensible space and juniper bans.	Anticipate 3 or more Council meetings to receive updates, provide direction, and adopt.	Q1-TBD	N/A
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.	Q1	N/A
Cell Coverage (Lead: City Manager)	Pursue opportunities to increase cell coverage and reliability.	Anticipate one or more meetings, depending on Council's direction.	TBD	TBD
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.	TBD	TBD

Potential Partners

- Boulder Valley School District
- Boulder County (including Office of Disaster Management)
- Homeowners Associations
- Louisville Fire District
- Neighboring Jurisdictions
- Resilience Groups (such as Marshall Together)



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- Telecommunications Providers
- 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](#)

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Item	Description	2026 Council Actions	Timing	B & C, C, TF
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.	TBD	TBD
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 consultants.	TBD	TBD



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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.	TBD	TBD
Development - Building Permit Process for Affordable Housing (Lead: Community Development Director)	Consider expedited building permit review, an update to the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance, and/or 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.	TBD	TBD
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.	TBD	TBD
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.	TBD	TBD

Potential Partners

- Boulder County
- Boulder County Housing Authority
- Neighboring Jurisdictions
- Nonprofits



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- Private Sector Developers
- Regional Housing Partnership
- The State of Colorado - Department of Local Affairs (DOLA), Colorado Housing and Finance Authority (CHFA)