

RESOLUTION R-5462

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND
SETTING PRIORITY GOALS FOR 2021-2022 AND ADOPTING THE 2021-
2022 CITY WORK PROGRAM.

1 WHEREAS, in 2011 and 2012 the City Council approved annual
2 City Work Programs, but determined that subsequent City Work
3 Programs be adopted as biennial initiatives to better align with the
4 biennial budget process; and

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6 WHEREAS, the City Council has adopted Council goals for the
7 City that articulate key policy and service priorities and guide the
8 allocation of resources for Kirkland through the budget and capital
9 improvement programs; and

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11 WHEREAS, due to economic cycles and fiscal constraints, equal
12 progress cannot always be made on all City goals and the City Council
13 must prioritize certain goals at certain times; and

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15 WHEREAS, in 2021-2022 the City Council desires to help the
16 community and the economy recover from COVID-19, help eliminate
17 systemic racism, ensure the safety and respect of Black residents, create
18 more affordable housing, increase parks and open space, improve multi-
19 modal transportation options, improve fire and emergency medical
20 services throughout the city, retain a high quality of life in Kirkland, and
21 provide efficient, cost-effective City services to an informed and
22 engaged public; and

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24 WHEREAS, to help achieve these purposes in 2021-2022, the
25 Council is prioritizing all Council goals; Inclusive and Equitable
26 Community, Community Safety, Balanced Transportation, Dependable
27 Infrastructure, Thriving Economy, Sustainable Environment, Financial
28 Stability, Attainable Housing, Supportive Human Services, Vibrant
29 Neighborhoods, and Abundant Parks, Open Spaces and Recreational
30 Services; and

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32 WHEREAS, the City Council believes it is appropriate to adopt
33 the 2021-2022 City Work Program to help implement these priority
34 goals, identify the priority focus of the City of Kirkland's staff and
35 resources, and enable the public to measure the City's success in
36 accomplishing its major policy and administrative goals; and

37 WHEREAS, in 2021 the City Council determined to also identify
38 the major policy plans, master plans and resolutions that are
39 implemented by the City Work Program in the enacting resolution; and
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41 WHEREAS, the 2021-2022 City Work Program is a list of high
42 priority, major cross-departmental efforts, involving significant financial
43 resources designed to maintain community safety and quality of life in
44 Kirkland, as well as an effective and efficient City government; and
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46 WHEREAS, since over the course of two years new issues may
47 arise that require substantial City resources and City Council review, the
48 adopted 2021-2022 City Work Program will be evaluated during the mid-
49 biennial budget process to proactively determine whether emerging
50 items can be accommodated, deferred, or if the City Work Program must
51 be revised or reprioritized;
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53 NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City
54 of Kirkland as follows:
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56 Section 1. The 2021-2022 City Work Program consisting of the
57 following initiatives is adopted:
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- 59 1. Implement R-5434 elements such as non-commissioned
60 emergency responders, police transparency and accountability
61 measures, and community-wide equity and inclusion programs
62 to create a safer and more equitable Kirkland that increases
63 the safety and respect of Black people and reduces systemic
64 racism and poverty to implement R-5240 and R-5434 and to
65 further the goals of **Inclusive and Equitable Community,**
66 **Community Safety, Vibrant Neighborhoods,** and
67 **Supportive Human Services;**
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- 69 2. Complete construction and open Fire Station 24 in Juanita with
70 a cross-staffed crew of three firefighter/emergency medical
71 technicians (EMTs) to implement the Fire Strategic Plan and
72 further the goal of **Community Safety;**
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- 74 3. Adopt a Fire and Emergency Medical Services ballot measure
75 implementation plan, stockpile pandemic personal protective
76 equipment, initiate hiring of new and diverse firefighter/EMTs,
77 complete design of the new Fire Station 27 in Totem Lake,
78 complete design of the renovation of Fire Station 22 in
79 Houghton, and locate and complete a temporary fire station to
80 implement the Fire Strategic Plan and further the goals of
81 **Community Safety** and **Vibrant Neighborhoods;**
- 82 4. Initiate a supportive housing project in Kirkland, implement
83 significant affordable housing projects at the Kingsgate Park
84 and Ride and in the Totem Lake Urban Center, develop
85 affordable housing priorities for the NE 85th Street Station Area
86 Plan, and adopt and track affordable housing targets for low-
87 income and moderate income residents as determined by the

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Area Median Income (AMI) for the City to implement the Housing Strategy Plan and further the goals of **Attainable Housing** and **Vibrant Neighborhoods**;

5. Complete actions and investments necessary to keep Kirkland residents, City staff and City facilities safe during the COVID-19 pandemic, support renewed economic activity, and prepare the City organization and the Kirkland community for recovery to implement the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP), Continuity of Government (COG) Plan, and Continuity of Operations (COOP) Plan and further the goals of **Community Safety, Supportive Human Services, Vibrant Neighborhoods, Dependable Infrastructure** and **Financial Stability**;
6. Complete design and initiate construction of the Juanita Drive, 100th Avenue NE, and 124th Avenue NE multi-modal transportation projects to implement the Transportation Master Plan and further the goals of **Balanced Transportation** and **Dependable Infrastructure**;
7. Complete the Totem Lake Connector, Totem Lake Park, 132nd Square Park and continue capital investments to support growth throughout the City and the Totem Lake Urban Center to implement the Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan, the Cross Kirkland Corridor Master Plan and further the goals of **Thriving Economy, Balanced Transportation, and Abundant Parks, Open Spaces and Recreational Services**;
8. Continue to Partner with Sound Transit, the State Department of Transportation and King County Metro Transit to ensure that investments along I-405 serve Kirkland’s mobility needs to implement the Transportation Master Plan and the Transit Implementation Plan and further the goals of **Balanced Transportation** and **Thriving Economy**;
9. Complete work for designation of Greater Downtown Kirkland as a Regional Center. Complete a vision statement and placemaking name for the NE 85th St. Station Area Plan that integrates with surrounding neighborhoods and connects with downtown. Complete a Level of Service Benefit and Impact Analysis to inform Council decisions regarding Station Area Plan options and the Plan’s potential environmental impacts to

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implement the Comprehensive Plan and further **all Council goals;**

10. Initiate city-wide outreach and planning efforts to update the Comprehensive Plan, the Transportation Master Plan, the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan and related documents to maintain the quality of life in Kirkland and further **all Council goals;**

11. Develop an equitable, cost effective 2023-2024 balanced budget that improves the City's future financial outlook while investing in community priorities and retaining Kirkland's AAA credit rating to further the goals of **Financial Stability** and **all council goals.**

Section 2. The City organization shall demonstrate the operational values of civic engagement, regional partnerships, efficiency and accountability as the 2021-2022 City Work Plan is implemented.

Section 3. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to develop implementation steps and benchmarks for each initiative in the 2021-2022 City Work Program, prioritize resources and efforts to achieve those benchmarks, and periodically update the Council regarding progress on these efforts.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 16 day of March, 2021.

Signed in authentication thereof this 16 day of March, 2021.


Penny Sweet, Mayor

Attest:


Kathi Anderson, City Clerk