

Portland City Council 2021 Goal Setting Workshop - December 16, 2020

Outcomes Summary

Agreed-Upon Operating Principles

- Communication: Anticipating needs – our own and one another’s - All are responsible for:
 - Ensuring adequate information flows to and from fellow councilors, city staff, and the community) while honoring FOAA requirements
 - Communicating known, substantive amendments in advance of meetings, and building in enough time for drafting, sharing and posting proposed amendments, utilizing committees for drafting amendments whenever feasible, while simultaneously recognizing the importance of real-time in-session proposals
 - Postponing discussion items rather than running meetings well beyond customary end times
- Factoring in the highest and best use of the municipal role
- Engaging respectfully – always starting with the benefit of the doubt and good intentions
- Consider conflict as an opportunity to learn, focus and achieve the best outcome, and to deepen relationships
- Embracing “WAIT” (Why am I talking?) as a self-check tool
- Making agreed upon Council Goals the focus and driver of our collective work

Goals

- 1) Continue effort to reduce **homelessness**, assist people experiencing homelessness through city, regional and state efforts.
- 2) Increase access to **rental and home ownership** that is safe, affordable, and accessible, with emphasis on elders and covid-related market conditions.
- 3) Address the high **property tax** burden in Portland by passing an affordable combined school/city budget and pursuing other revenue sources, with economic stability and small business survival as key considerations.
- 4) Make **human dignity** a top priority by establishing policies, practices and partnerships within the city and at the state and regional levels.
 - Encourage widespread adoption of anti-racism, anti-bias, anti-discrimination practices.
 - Build awareness about the importance of mental health for people of all ages and support community agency efforts to reach those in need of services.

- Work collaboratively to establish harm reduction strategies for those experiencing substance use disorder.
- 5) Showcase and advance the **climate change and sustainability** efforts underway in the city.
- Increase public transit infrastructure and capacity in the city.

The Role of Committees in Achieving Council Goals

- Committees will use the agreed upon Council Goals as pillars for committee work - alignment of efforts is a priority in order to achieve shared goals.
- The agreed upon Council Goals will serve as 'committee litmus tests' for defining the year's work plans.
- Liaise with the Mayor and Manager to enhance communication and coordination across Council committees.