
Administration/Council Leadership Meeting Summary for 7/25

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Hello Colleagues -

FYI and for your reference ... a summary of topics discussed at today's meeting of Administration and Council Leadership ...

2024 Budget

- As indicated in an earlier email from Stephen Lucas, the upcoming budget process will take place in a tight time window, with presentations set for the week of August 28th and final numbers due to the State on September 15th. Please be prepared to submit budget questions and comments as soon as possible so the Administration can provide timely responses.
- ARPA funds must be appropriated/encumbered by the end of 2024 (and spent by the end of 2026). The 2024 budget will include recommendations from the Administration for substantial expenditures of these one-time funds.

Capital Improvement Board/Convention Center

- Appointments are forthcoming from the Office of the Mayor and the City Council.
- At Council's 7/26 meeting, Sue will announce the formation of a Special Committee that will be charged with reviewing applications, and bringing a recommendation to Council by September 6th.

Transit

- Mayor Hamilton may call a caucus in the coming weeks to discuss political strategy around the expansion of BT services to areas in the County.

Billboards

- In the coming weeks, the Administration plans to bring legislation to Council related to grandfathered billboards and how long they are permitted (or the timeframe over which they could be phased out.)

Parks

- Parks staff and the Parks Board are working with Heading Home and relevant service providers to explore possible regulations that would prohibit the use of closed tents in city parks. (Would not apply to sunshades, canopies and other "open" types of shelters.)
- The Administration would like to see legislation initiated by Council to permanently convert the road in Lower Cascades to a multi-use path.

Showers West

- Work continues on Shower West and its redesign for Bloomington Public Safety. Options are being explored for connecting the east and west atria.

Beacon

- As many have heard, Beacon is in the planning/fundraising stages for a new, multi-story facility that will likely include a day shelter, an overnight shelter, and permanent supportive housing. The project may come to Council as a zoning question in the next year.

Isabel, please chime in if I've missed or misstated anything!

- Sue -



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