

City of Rapid City  
 Council Budget Priorities  
 FY2015

Key:

- Non-budget item
- Not in current budget
- Taken into account for current budget

Transparency to board appointments	Rehab Robbinsdale Park	Clean up old Fairmont recycling site		
Based on projected reductions in tax revenue collections to the GF due to reconstruction of Mt Rushmore Rd, suggest no increases to current subsidized entities.	Suggest no increases for subsidized entities which cannot demonstrate significant revenue generation efforts to become more self-supporting.	Earmark funds from the Drainage Utility to fund a study and ultimate construction of an interruption/drainage ditch between Centennial St and Nebraska St in Robbinsdale east of Parkview Dr to remove affected residences added to the flood zone by the recent FEMA floodplain changes.	Continue funding efforts for the proposed expansion and repair of the Civic Center	Seek funding for two more Code Compliance Officers. As we hear people request a clean, safe city to attract business and provide a better quality of life, we need sufficient staff to enforce the code infractions that detract from a model city. Three enforcement officers are not enough to adequately cover the entire city.
Street repair & reconstruction - add 6% to CIP	Add'l FTE's/or study - Fire Prevention-2; Govt Blds maintenance supervisor (energy saver/building maintenance); IT Dept staff-2?, business analyst, nonsafety PR - not just PW	City Park Study Citywide - need park for Copperfield subdivision	Reexamine Animal Shelter needs/should do	Downtown Parking study/BID District parking and environs
City Infrastructure	Public Safety/Police/Fire	Streamlining processes to better service citizens (i.e. personnel, equipment, software, etc to complete their jobs)	Continuing to find change/repeal/create necessary ordinances and processes hampering private business creation	
Pavement & Street Maintenance - Adequate repair of aging concrete arterial streets; scheduled replacement of our concrete arterial streets	Equipment replaced based on actual need, fully funded & include new additions	Personnel needs by department and priority	Utility needs for infrastructure and funding	Drainage utility master plan for annual maintenance and contract construction; in a major program approach, not piecemeal
Infrastructure - streets, water, sewer	Not taking CPI	Staffing levels and adding FTE's (Finance, Engineering, P&R)	Mountain View WTF	Start shifting costs of recreational watering fees to the general fund
Huge improvement in communications and reporting	Define and correct (if needed) based on definition of interdepartmental charges	Top 5 priorities from Council retreat		

<p>Infrastructure - streets, sewer, painting stripes especially turn lanes</p>	<p>Increase law enforcement community efforts to identify and clean up drug areas</p>	<p>Strengthen code enforcement efforts</p>	<p>Increase and direct funding for affordable and sustainable housing and -- helping Barb Garcia efforts. There is a poverty initiative that John Vucherivich Foundation is funding - we need to increase our dollars toward those causes. Provide match dollars, etc do it smart. Barb has the ideas, we need to back her. Ask more of developers that ask for a TIF to give back to the community.</p>	<p>Radioactivity detection monitors for the landfill</p>
<p>Cash Flow/P&amp;L statements for agencies the City gives money to; income &amp; expense reports for prior year, current YTD as compared to current year budget and proposed upcoming budget; arts, Journey, animal shelter, etc</p>				
<p>Create a plan to stabilize the Summer Nights location so they don't have to move every year. Then, direct the Summer Nights committee to improve their relations with the downtown businesses. As far as I can tell, the businesses and the Summer Nights committee have never really sat down to work on solutions to problems. Summer Nights is a resounding success, but the businesses want to be heard. This does not have to continue to be a contentious relationship.</p>	<p>Make attending and presenting at the Council meetings easier for the public with way finding signage or perhaps a pamphlet explaining the process. If you haven't been to Council, it is not apparent what to do and there isn't any explanation on how to do it. We can make this a less intimidating experience for our constituents.</p>	<p>Improve communication between City construction projects and impacted communities. Many of the citizens, not directly on the road being repaired but still in the neighborhood, feel left out of the process. I believe there are announcements on the City TV channel about upcoming projects, but very few people see these ads. Perhaps a Department Head or Engineer could make a short PSA (Public Service Announcement) for TV and radio about an upcoming project explaining the project ramifications on a particular neighborhood. We should use the electronic billboards to help citizens understand projects, including the billboard at the Civic Center.</p>	<p>I would like to see the Council more involved with affordable housing. I would support working with Barb Garcia.</p>	<p>Invite the Black Hills Economic Development and Business Incubator innovators to talk to the City Council about work being done to expand the economic impact of the Bakken on Rapid City and the surrounding area.</p>