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Based on discussions at the City Council's February 7, 2015 retreat.

- Improve the city's infrastructure to meet current standards and provide for managed future growth
- Build the city's tax base by supporting and expanding the business community
- Manage growth pressure through careful planning
- Build on the city's superb quality of life
- Ensure our city is a safe place for our residents and visitors
- Other goals/projects

Improve the city's infrastructure to meet current standards and provide for managed future growth

This Year

- Explore and implement new funding for transportation needs.
- Conduct sidewalk inventory each year to improve pedestrian safety.

Next Two Years

- As funding becomes available, implement plan for 362nd extension.
- Implement a phased approach to connecting multiple dwelling units and business community to fiber optics.
- Complete a facility assessment for long-term needs.
- Expand City Hall frontage and include upgrades to security and accessibility.

Long Range

- Explore solutions to traffic problems at the library crosswalk, pending availability of funds for the long term solution identified in the Transportation Systems Plan. Work with ODOT to improve signal timing on Hwy 26.
- Identify a strategy to fund and build a landscaped median in Hwy 26 east of 362nd.
- Pursue a transfer of jurisdiction of Hwy 211 within the city limits to the City of Sandy as a step toward creating a safe pedestrian connection.
- Continue to work toward expansion of fiber optic network in the business community.
- Look for opportunities to purchase land that can be used for community purposes in the future.

Build the city's tax base by supporting and expanding the business community

This Year

- Continue installation of signs per the downtown "wayfinding" plan.
- Continue the Urban Renewal "facade" program.
- Maintain and build on the downtown community events (First Fridays, Trick or Treat Trail, Christmas Tree Lighting)

Next Two Years

- Explore incentives to promote new business construction on vacant land and underdeveloped properties.

Long Range

- Encourage location or development of a brew pub/restaurant.
- Encourage development of other dining opportunities to complement the offerings of existing businesses.
- Continue to seek hospital facility that provide 24-hour service.
- Encourage development of a destination hotel/restaurant/conference center.
- Incorporate Pleasant Street into urban renewal improvements.
- Encourage development of apartments and condominiums on the top floors of downtown commercial buildings.

Manage growth pressure through careful planning

This Year

- Expand the urban growth boundary to increase the potential supply of larger residential lots.
- Identify ways to provide more "move up" home opportunities for Sandy residents.
- Fine tune zoning; e.g., consolidation of I-3 and I-2 zones.
- Finalize implementation of new system software with the eventual goal to reduce turnaround time for development applications.

Next Two Years

- Annex islands (properties surrounded by city limits) into the city.

Build on the city's superb quality of life

This Year

- Improve communication for neighborhood events.
- Look for ways for the city to recognize notable achievements and people in the community.
- Complete the update of the park master plan.
- Work with other agencies on the long-term economic viability of a public pool in Sandy.

Next Two Years

- Finish existing dog park and construct the 2nd planned dog park.
- In cooperation with other agencies, develop a mountain bike trail in Sandy.
- Explore options to promote the development of "smart homes" with in new subdivisions.

Long Range

- Continue to seek funding for the bike/ped connection to the Springwater Trail.

- Plan for a loop trail system within the city and develop a strategy for funding it.
- Seek options for an RV park and camping for short-term stays.
- Build or acquire a new multi-generational community center.

Ensure our city is a safe place for our residents and visitors

This Year

- Increase communication of resources for neighborhood watch programs.

Next Two Years

- Increase police resources (personnel, equipment, etc.)

Other goals/projects

This Year

- Continue to build relationships between the City Council and other local governments and community organizations.
- Continue to explore ways to encourage the city's growing Spanish-speaking population to participate in city government, educational resources, and community activities. Examine ways that city facilities could be used for educational purposes.
- Identify strategies for eliminating the "digital divide" in Sandy.
- Update and implement a branding strategy. Identify funding mechanism for a branding plan.
- Create a special service contract program.

Next Two Years

- Encourage multi-cultural training among city staff.
- Identify new grant opportunities for city projects.



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