



Strategic Action Plan



Find Your Florida



City Council

Mayor - Jon Netts (center)

Council Members (left to right)

District 3 - Jason DeLorenzo, District 2 - Heidi Shipley (Vice Mayor),
District 4 - Steven Nobile, District 1 - Robert Cuff

Appointed Officials

City Manager - Jim Landon

City Attorney - William E. Reischmann, Jr.

City Clerk - Virginia Smith

Admin. Services & Economic Development Director - Beau Falgout

Finance Director - Christopher M. Quinn

Information Technology Director - Steve Viscardi

Utility Director - Richard Adams

Public Works Director - Nestor Abreu

Fire Chief - Michael C. Beadle

Parks & Recreation Director - Alex Boyer

Community Development Director - Steve Flanagan

Human Resources Director - Wendy Cullen

Overview and Background

Over the course of five (5) months, the City of Palm Coast City Council participated in interviews and workshop events to reaffirm a City-wide Mission, Values and Long-term Vision. To ensure the City's pursuit of this Vision, six (6) Goals with Objectives and Strategies were established as part of the Strategic Action Plan process to guide staff with implementing City Council's direction. Through Approaches (projects), City staff will track activities, budget, performance and overall accountability of implementing the Vision of City Council.



This document dually serves as a tool for City Council to reflect on this process and track progress throughout the year. Each member is encouraged to utilize this document to record activity, deficiencies, thoughts and ideas to aid this process in subsequent years.

our vision

To be recognized as one of Florida's premier cities in which to live, work and play

our mission

To provide our residents, visitors, and business community with exceptional government services in order to improve the quality of life, grow the local economy, and protect the natural environment through a planned, integrative approach using available technology

our values

Pride - Passion in working together for a better tomorrow Accountability - Accept responsibility for our actions and decisions **Leadership** - Courage to shape our City today and into the future in a transparent manner Motivated - Seek continuous improvement in all services Collaborative -Dedicated to building partnerships that address community concerns and needs Ownership - Responsible for our actions and inactions Achievement - Seek excellence in all that we do Stewardship -Protectors of our natural environment Trust -Mindful of our responsibility, we pledge to use taxpayer resources (time, talent, money) efficiently

Goal 1 - Expansion

To anticipate the need for additional services and infrastructure to provide opportunities for mixed use development with goods, services, and employment

Goal 2 - Economic

To develop and maintain a strong economy by supporting the growth and development of new and existing businesses while creating an environment to attract new companies that align with our values

Goal 3 - Finance

To leverage our financial strengths while ensuring the City remains committed to fiscal responsibility in delivering value-added services to residents and businesses

Goal 4 - Environmental

To blend our residential and commercial properties with our "City of Parks and Trails" image to create a sustainable framework of visual appeal while caring for our land, water, air, and wildlife

Goal 5 - Quality of Life

To enhance the quality of life for our citizens by providing safe, affordable, and enjoyable options for cultural, educational, recreational, and leisure-time events

Goal 6 - Workforce Talent

To develop and implement a comprehensive plan to improve City employee skills and performance through education and training; performance management; and personal development opportunities

Goal 1: Expansion

To anticipate the need for additional services and infrastructure to provide opportunities for mixed use development with goods, services, and employment

Objective 1.1: To enhance infrastructure in order to maintain quality neighborhoods and business districts

Strategy 1.1.1: Projects targeted as highest priority for replacement shall be evaluated for potential upgrade or enhancement

Objective 1.2: To assess the need to expand infrastructure for sustainable growth

Strategy 1.2.1: Maintain an inventory of the condition and priority rating of infrastructure projects

Strategy 1.2.2: Coordinate facility capacity upgrades to meet the City's growth needs appropriately

Strategy 1.2.3: Keeping older neighborhoods attractive and relevant



Goal 2: Economic

To develop and maintain a strong economy by supporting the growth and development of new and existing businesses while creating an environment to attract new companies that align with our values

Objective 2.1: To develop an evaluation matrix to assess the implementation of Prosperity 2021

<u>Strategy 2.1.1:</u> Inventory progress to date and update projects and programs

Objective 2.2: To develop a "branding and marketing strategy" and establish criteria to measure success

Strategy 2.2.1: Expand the use of "Find Your Florida" Expand the use of "Find Your Florida"

Strategy 2.2.2: Develop a campaign to highlight the City's economic strengths and opportunities

<u>Strategy 2.2.3:</u> Support event activities that provide positive economic impact for the community



Goal 2: Economic

To develop and maintain a strong economy by supporting the growth and development of new and existing businesses while creating an environment to attract new companies that align with our values

Objective 2.3: To promote the Palm Coast Business Assistance Center as the destination center for small business training and support in Flagler County

<u>Strategy 2.3.1:</u> Develop a branding strategy which supports strengths of the SBDC / BAC partnership and resources and programs available

<u>Strategy 2.3.2:</u> To create programs which assist small businesses in improving sales and profits

Strategy 2.3.3: To develop education programs which encourage a broader participation rate for all businesses in Flagler County and across Florida

Strategy 2.3.4: To strengthen the BAC partner effort in order to provide a unified approach to helping existing Flagler County businesses

<u>Strategy 2.3.5:</u> To increase Private sector financial support for BAC activities



Goal 3: Financial

To leverage our financial strengths while ensuring the City remains committed to fiscal responsibility in delivering value-added services to residents and businesses

Objective 3.1: Diversify our revenue sources

Strategy 3.1.1: Evaluate and target diversification of funding sources

Strategy 3.1.2: Seek private / public partnerships

Objective 3.2: Increase efficiency through enhanced operations and technological advancements

<u>Strategy 3.2.1:</u> Review existing operational procedures and policies

<u>Strategy 3.2.2:</u> Evaluate current technological opportunities to reduce operational cost

<u>Strategy 3.2.3:</u> Continue and enhance unique volunteer opportunities that offset operational service and enhance investment in the community

<u>Strategy 3.2.4:</u> Seek in-house alternative to external services while maintaining high-quality services

Objective 3.3: Establish system to continually evaluate and enhance internal financial controls

<u>Strategy 3.3.1:</u> Create an anonymous reporting program to alert of potential financial improprieties

<u>Strategy 3.3.2:</u> Annual evaluation and risk assessment to target opportunities to strengthen controls throughout the organization



Goal 4: Environmental

To blend our residential and commercial properties with our "City of Parks and Trails" image to create a sustainable framework of visual appeal while caring for our land, water, air, and wildlife

Objective 4.1: To develop programs to enhance our water conservation strategies

<u>Strategy 4.1.1:</u> Utilize nature's water supply resources effectively for water supply

<u>Strategy 4.1.2:</u> Target expansion opportunities to utilize reclaimed water through established City processes

Objective 4.2: To evaluate the evolution of City of Palm Coast Recreation and Parks Facilities Master Plan projects

<u>Strategy 4.2.1:</u> Develop a phased approach to financing and constructing the Long Creek Nature Preserve Concept

Strategy 4.2.2: Build future bicycle / pedestrian connections to unique destinations

Strategy 4.2.3: Identify unique user experiences through technological enhancements and innovative design principles



Goal 4: Environmental

To blend our residential and commercial properties with our "City of Parks and Trails" image to create a sustainable framework of visual appeal while caring for our land, water, air, and wildlife

Objective 4.3: Evaluate current "Green" initiatives and targeted projects that are sustainable

Strategy 4.3.1: Reduce waste through sustainable practices

Strategy 4.3.2: Staying in the forefront of sustainable communities in the State of Florida

Strategy 4.3.3: Develop Alternative Energy Strategy

Strategy 4.3.4: Implement City-wide energy savings program

Objective 4.4: Protect the environment through appropriate development strategies

<u>Strategy 4.4.1:</u> Protect natural green spaces to ensure a balance between the natural environment and development



Goal 5: Quality of Life

To enhance the quality of life for our citizens by providing safe, affordable, and enjoyable options for cultural, educational, recreational, and leisure-time events

Objective 5.1: Enhance community and visitors' recreational opportunities and experiences at community events

Strategy 5.1.1: Identify fun and interactive elements to incorporate into community events

Strategy 5.1.2: Promote the variety of local leisure and recreational activities

Objective 5.2: Enhance safety measures throughout the community

Strategy 5.2.1: Identify enhancements within park facilities to reduce hazards

Strategy 5.2.2: Continue to enhance safety improvements at intersections and along roadways

Strategy 5.2.3: Seek partnerships to educate the public on safety concerns

Strategy 5.2.4: ISO standard improvement throughout the Organization

Strategy 5.2.5: Target natural hazard mitigation opportunities

Strategy 5.2.6: Create, maintain and conduct staff training with implementation of the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan



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To enhance the quality of life for our citizens by providing safe, affordable, and enjoyable options for cultural, educational, recreational, and leisure-time events

Objective 5.3: Seek partnerships with educational institutions to expand community educational and cultural opportunities

<u>Strategy 5.3.1:</u> Share resources between organizations to broaden citizen experiences

<u>Strategy 5.3.2:</u> Expand outreach opportunities to identify and network resources



Goal 6: Workforce Talent

To develop and implement a comprehensive plan to improve City employee skills and performance through education and training; performance management; and personal development opportunities

Objective 6.1: To develop a program to improve staff retention and recognize individual skills and talents

<u>Strategy 6.1.1:</u> A program to identify individual skills and foster improvement of professional skills

Strategy 6.1.2: Assess pay rates and benefits to remain competitive with market

Strategy 6.1.3: Develop an Employee Motivation and Reward Program

Objective 6.2: To develop in-house and identify external training opportunities for employees

Strategy 6.2.1: Create a comprehensive training program

Strategy 6.2.2: Assess staff position descriptions, training, certification, public policy needs that benefit the Organization and the Community



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To develop and implement a comprehensive plan to improve City employee skills and performance through education and training; performance management; and personal development opportunities

Objective 6.3: To enhance awareness of customer service and relationships with our citizens

Strategy 6.3.1: Establish a program that solicits customer feedback and ensure follow-up consultation

Strategy 6.3.2: Develop a reach-out initiative to enhance community awareness of City services

<u>Strategy 6.3.3:</u> Create a customer service element to City-wide employee training program

Objective 6.4: To coordinate with regional public and private educational institutions to identify partnership opportunities which benefit both parties

Strategy 6.4.1: Seek and solicit student internship opportunities with educational institutions

Strategy 6.4.2: Enhance faculty relationship and partnership opportunities

<u>Strategy 6.4.3:</u> Assist with curriculum development to develop future City employees

