



2023 CITY OF THE DALLES COUNCIL GOALS

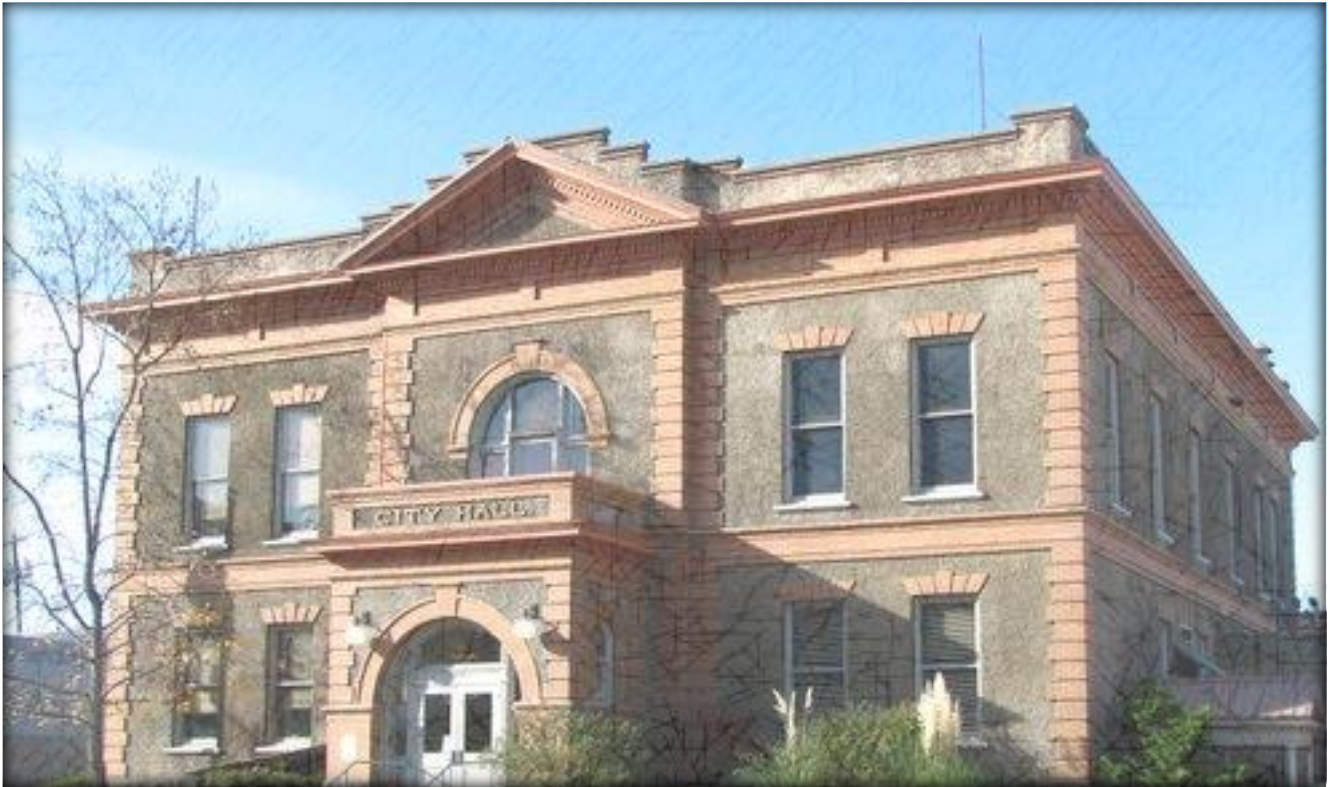
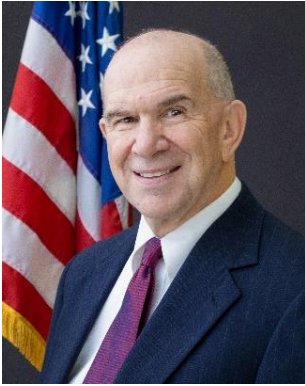


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Welcome

City Mayors Message:



This document reflects a new process instituted for Council and Staff collaboration on the future of The Dalles.

The date for setting goals was aligned with the budget process, giving staff more time to create proposed budgets aligned with the new Vision Action Plan, and Council Goals.

The Council is dedicated to creating an environment that encourages and helps facilitate housing needs, maintains infrastructure and invites economic development.

As your Mayor, I am enthusiastic about this new process and the future of The Dalles. We are “All Together The Dalles”.

City of The Dalles Mayor,
Richard A. Mays



City Councilors 2023-2024: Tim McGlothlin, Darcy Long, Dan Richardson, Scott Randall, Rod Runyon

The City Council is the governing body of the City of The Dalles. Its five voting members and the Mayor set the direction for the City, establishing policies and laws. Specific voter approved powers for the Council is contained in the City Charter, while Council's own administrative and operational policies are adopted by ordinance or resolution.

City Council is charged with the appointment of the City Manager, City Attorney and Municipal Judge. They adopt the annual budget and perform all other actions necessary to guide the government, while representing concerns of the citizens of The Dalles.

City of The Dalles

Boards, Commissions & Committees

City Appointments to Committees and Commissions are the responsibility of the Mayor of The City of The Dalles. The City Council concurs with the appointments through adoption of a resolution. If you have interest in becoming part of a board, commission or committee you can submit an application online or in person.

For more information regarding meeting times, visit our website at www.thedalles.org

City Budget Committee (3 Year Term)

- Meets with the City Council to review, make adjustments and approve the proposed annual budget for the City of The Dalles.

Columbia Gorge Regional Airport (2 Year Term)

- The City of The Dalles and Klickitat County serve as co-sponsor's of the airport. This partnership has resulted in numerous multi-million dollar projects focused on improving airport safety and infrastructure. Providing access to two states, three counties, multiple municipalities and over 72,000 citizens, CGRA serves as a gateway to the Columbia River Gorge with unparalleled opportunity for work and play!

Historic Landmarks Commission (4 Year Term)

- The Dalles Historic Landmarks Commission consists of six members five of which are from the citizens at large entitled to one vote, one City Counselor, and one member of The Dalles/Wasco County Museum Commission. The Commission designates historic landmarks; review alterations to designated historic landmarks; develop and periodically update written and graphic design guidelines; maintain current inventories of historic resources; and meet monthly to conduct business.

Fort Dalles Museum Commission (3 Year Term)

- This museum gives insight into daily life in Oregon during the mid 1800s to the early 20th century. It's not simply a fort in the typical sense. Fort Dalles and Anderson Homestead instead showcase two homes, a barn, sheds, tools, and personal items actually used by army officers living at the fort, and an area farming family.

Planning Commission (4 Year Term)

- The Commission consists of seven members who are not officials or employees of the City. The Planning Commission meets on a monthly basis to review The Dalles Municipal Code revisions, review active development applications, and conduct business.

QLife Agency Board

- QualityLife Intergovernmental Agency (QLife) is a collaborative effort of public entities in The Dalles, Oregon, that began in 2002, who created a 17-mile fiber optic loop through the city. The goal is to enhance the region's economic development efforts with a reliable, cost effective, open access link to the Bonneville Power Administration's fiber, which runs through The Dalles.

The Dalles Wasco Library Board (4 Year Term)

- The Dalles-Wasco County Public Library provides Wasco County citizens with free and equal access to materials relevant to their informational needs. The library serves as an unbiased source of information with opportunities provided for personal, educational, cultural, and recreational enrichment.

Traffic Safety Commission (4 Year Term)

- The Traffic Safety Commission was established in 1973 by the Mayor through Ordinance 909. The Commission consists of seven members, that are appointed by the Mayor.

Urban Renewal Agency

- The Urban Renewal Agency Board was created by a group of citizens and adopted by the City Council with General Ordinance No. 90-1106. The current configuration of the Board was updated in 2016 with General Ordinance No. 16-1346.

Urban Renewal Budget Committee

- The Budget Committee joins the Urban Renewal Board generally in mid April to review the proposed budget, approve the budget and refer it to the Agency for adoption.

Vision Action Plan

Watershed Opportunities

The visioning work identified two watershed opportunities that offer the greatest potential for positive impact and to help address near-term needs. Like many of the projects identified in this plan, these watershed opportunities are collaborations involving multiple community organizations.

Modern, State-of-the-Art School Facilities

Community members pointed to upgrading current school facilities as critical for youth and families, as well as local businesses. Potential strategies:

- Support get-out-the-vote for school bond to build modern, state-of-the-art facilities.
- Host community events at school facilities to increase awareness of current needs.
- Explore short-term strategies for current students and interim facilities.

Council Plan Purpose

Attainable, Affordable Housing Options

Community members identified attainable and affordable housing for a range of community needs as essential to support the local economy. Potential strategies:

- Update 2016 housing study to better understand current needs and opportunities.
- Explore west side area plan (e.g., W. 2nd Street redevelopment, Chenoweth Loop development).
- Continue vertical housing program, including redevelopment of downtown upper stories.

Community Engagement Summary

Community Survey: Vision Ideas

Initial outreach included an online community survey in English and Spanish to gather ideas for the future of The Dalles. In November and December 2021, 444 participants shared their input.

Community Town Hall and Survey: Vision Priorities

The next phase of outreach included an online community town hall followed by a second online community survey in English and Spanish. In March 2022, 138 town hall attendees provided input through live polling and facilitated breakout group discussions. Then in April 2022, 601 survey participants shared their input on the most important focus areas and top priorities for the community.

Partner Work Session: Vision Actions

After collecting input from community members, The City of The Dalles hosted a partner organization work session in September 2022 to discuss projects and initiatives to help achieve community priorities.



Notable 2022 City Projects

Dog River Pipeline Replacement Project

The City of The Dalles is replacing 3.5 miles of aging wooden water supply pipeline in the Mt. Hood National Forest with new pipeline being designed to last 100 years or more. After serving The Dalles since the early 1900s, the current pipeline now leaks about 1 million gallons of water in the spring when Dog River runs high.



The Dog River Pipeline Replacement Project is the culmination of many years of City effort to improve reliability and resilience of the water system and will support the City's goal of delivering the highest quality water to the community.



Along with replacing the pipeline, the project also includes new fish screening and passage facilities, and interpretive signage for historic features.



Project Milestones

Construction of the new pipeline will be completed over two seasons, beginning in summer 2022.

March 2022: Design Complete

April-July 2022: Site Preparation

July-November 2022: Construction Season One

April-November 2023: Construction Season Two

December 2023: Project Complete

Other Notable Accomplishments



Hiring a new City Manager, Matthew Klebes who is excited to for the opportunity to work with such a talented and passionate team who has been, and continues to be, hard at work on projects and initiatives of all sizes.



Jonathan Kara has served as the City's Legal Counsel for almost two years. On July 5th he began his tenure as the City Attorney for the City. City Council determined an in-house attorney would better suit the needs of the City.

Executive Summary – The Plan

City of The Dalles Vision

A community that has involved citizens of all ages, strong local collaboration, green spaces, a revitalized downtown, efficient government, is a commercial hub, honors our cultural diversity, has a proactive education system, has compatible neighborhoods, a far ranging transportation system, and a comprehensive medical system. (Compiled summary of VAP)

City of The Dalles Mission

“By working together, we will provide services that enhance the vitality of The Dalles”

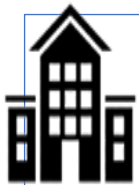
City of The Dalles Goals



Provide City-wide infrastructure to support safe and well maintained streets and reliable utility systems for the citizens of The Dalles.



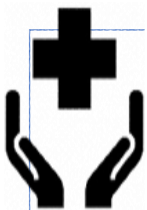
Work and partner with governmental agencies and non-profits to improve coordination of services and open communication.



Promote economic development opportunities which will provide jobs and enhance community livability.



Maintain a sustainable budget that will support City operations and capital improvements, while assuring an adequate contingency fund.



Encourage civic responsibility and promote health and public safety through programs, partnerships, plans and policies.



Provide transparent and efficient administration of City government.

*City Goals were condensed in order to fit on the following chart.








2023 Council Goals

Priority Projects: Plans the City aims to accomplish within the next one-two years.

Desirable Projects: Developments the City would like to undertake in the next three-five years.

Opportunity Driven Projects: Projects the City will work on when time allows.

Parking Lot: Ideas and issues that were put on hold pending additional discussion.

	 Provide Infrastructure to Support Safe Streets & Utility Systems	 Improve Coordination of Service & Open Communication with Partners	 Promote Economic Development Opportunities	 Maintain a Sustainable Budget	 Encourage Civic Responsibility and Promote Health & Public Safety	 Provide Transparent & Efficient Administration
Priority Projects						
Active Participation in Strategic Planning with MCCAC to Address Houselessness		■			■	■
Promote Housing Development	■	■	■			
Spectrum Franchise Agreement		■		■		■
Google Funds Allocation	■	■	■	■		■
Promote Retail Business Coming To/Staying in The Dalles	■		■			
Code Enforcement		■			■	
911 Modernization		■		■	■	
Desirable Projects						
Downtown Odor		■	■		■	
City Downtown Wifi	■	■	■	■	■	
Transit Room Tax Funds (TRT)	■	■	■	■		■

Council 2023 Goals Cont.



Provide Infrastructure to Support Safe Streets & Utility Systems



Improve Coordination of Service & Open Communication with Partners



Promote Economic Development Opportunities



Maintain a Sustainable Budget



Encourage Civic Responsibility and Promote Health & Public Safety



Provide Transparent & Efficient Administration

Opportunity Driven Projects

Street Spending Philosophy/Policies	■			■		
Downtown Parking			■	■		
Gitchell Building			■			
Shopping Cart Theft					■	
Tree Plan	■	■	■			
Climate Resiliency		■	■	■	■	
Formal 5-10 Year Plan	■	■	■	■	■	■

Parking Lot

Mental Health		■		■	■	
Centralized Camera System	■	■		■		
Mill Creek Trail		■	■	■	■	
1 st Street Plaza Project	■		■	■		