

GOAL 4: DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A STRATEGY TO ADDRESS THE CITY'S AGING PUBLIC FACILITIES

Objective: Public facilities and buildings that ensures municipal and community services are delivered in an efficient and effective manner, while helping to create and maintain a community identity and community pride.

Action Strategies:

- Develop and implement a Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for all city public facilities (i.e., City Hall, Library, Senior/Community Center, Recreation Pavilion, Public Safety, Fire Station #18, Ballinger Lake Golf Course Clubhouse, Parks Maintenance, Public Works, etc.)
- Evaluate green building practices and technologies in the design and construction of the City's buildings, showing the City's commitment to creating healthy, high quality structures in a manner that is both fiscally and environmentally responsible. This approach results in "green" buildings that enhance occupants' health and well-being, cost less to operate and require fewer resources to build and maintain.
- Identify options that incorporate public facilities not only as an anchor for the community, but also as a catalyst for economic development (e.g., downtown redevelopment and revitalization)
- Evaluate public/private and public/public partnerships (e.g., Senior/Community Center, Library, City Hall, etc.)

Workplan (not inclusive):

- Develop a services and space needs assessment to determine the appropriate size and characteristics for Civic Center, City Hall, Library, Senior/Community Center, Recreation Pavilion, Public Safety, Fire Station #18, Ballinger Lake Golf Course Clubhouse, Parks Maintenance, Public Works, Arts, Youth, etc.
- Identify site alternatives and conceptual design options for city public facilities
- Identify financing options and alternatives including potential partnerships (i.e., state, public/private, public/public, etc.)
- Appoint a Civic Center Advisory Task Force to facilitate the review and development of options and a recommendation to the City Council
- Review options and alternatives to expand ownership share of Public Works Shop to accommodate parks maintenance facility and decant station
- Develop a community outreach program to educate and inform citizens on condition of aging public facilities and seek input and feedback
- Evaluate broadband opportunities (e.g., partnership with City of Edmonds)