

**City Council Goals
For
Fiscal Year 2005-2006**

- Establish Dixon Energy District

Energy costs constitute a substantial and growing portion of homeowner and business budgets. This broad goal would have the City take a leadership role in exploring development of alternative energy sources and alternative energy provider arrangements aimed at lowering the cost of energy for the City's own operations and for its residential and business constituents. A first step would be to position the City to avoid any exit surcharges if an alternative provider, such as through an aggregation arrangement, is selected.

Responsible Department: City Manager/City Attorney

- Improve the Aesthetic Character of North First Street from the Railroad Crossing to "H" Street

This roughly four block segment of the Historic Highway 113 Corridor was not upgraded when the northern portion of Highway 113/North First Street was improved in the late 1990's, and it was not part of the general improvements which were conducted in the core downtown area. Additionally, this area is characterized by older, mixed land-use with varying degrees of street frontage improvements and frontage landscaping. This goal would focus on improving the quality and visual appearance of the public right-of-way and the view from the street of individual properties.

Responsible Department: Engineering/Community Development/Economic Development

- New Aquatic Facility

The intent of this goal would be to expedite design and development of the second City Aquatic Facility which is proposed for the future Southwest Community Park near the intersection of West A Street and Evans Road.

Responsible Department: Recreation and Community Services/Community Development

- Public Safety Staffing Levels

The already proposed Fire Department Strategic Plan will identify Fire Department staffing level requirements, whereas the already completed Police Department Strategic Plan has identified staffing levels which have, and will continue to be implemented through the budget process. The Fire Department Strategic Plan will be completed in 2006-07.

Responsible Department: Fire/Human Resources/Police

- Nuisance Abatement Policies/Priorities

As is evidenced by complaints about a variety of topics from land uses to vehicles and sidewalk obstructions, the community is expressing more concern about “quality of life” issues. As a division of the Fire Department, the Code Compliance activities will be evaluated as part of the Fire Department Strategic Plan which can suggest opportunities to more proactively address nuisance complaints and for revising policies and or priorities for nuisance abatement.

Responsible Department: Fire/Human Resources

- Police/Community Relations

A central theme of the 2004-05 Police Department Strategic Plan, community relations is an ongoing concern of the City Council and staff. Adherence to the Strategic Plan and implementation of its policies and programs should insure continued improvement in police/community relations. In accord with the Strategic Plan, the Police Department will prepare a Community Outreach/Workshop Program for City Council approval and implementation by the Department during FY 2005-06.

Responsible Department: Police

- Storm Drainage Ponds: Habitat/Public Access

The City has developed two storm drainage ponds and is in the process of designing a third. The reconstruction of Pond A provided significant habitat enhancement and created the opportunity for public access if additional improvements are made. Preliminary design of the Pond C project, likewise, will include habitat enhancement and create opportunities for public access.

Responsible Department: Engineering/Recreation & Community Services

- Apprenticeship Language in Local Contracts for Public Projects

Apprenticeship training is an important part of the overall effort to encourage employment in skilled construction trades. Standard language in City construction contracts and bid documents could be used to encourage/require inclusion of apprentice programs.

Responsible Department: Engineering/City Attorney

- Downtown Transit Village

The City and its Redevelopment Agency have focused planning and economic resources in and around the downtown area to promote development of the multi-modal facility and rejuvenate the City's core area. Additional emphasis would be placed on promoting development of more intense residential, commercial and institutional land uses, specifically in the vicinity of the multi-modal facility and generally in the downtown area, to take advantage of and reinforce the transportation/land use relationships. A specific opportunity exists with the Dixon Library Commission to explore joint-use and development opportunities.

Responsible Department: City Manager/Community Development/Economic Development

- Agricultural Land Mitigation Program

The City has, in recent years, required ag land mitigation for major project development. Mitigation has taken the form of very flexible requirements to secure easements or fee title to land for agricultural or habitat mitigation usage in the general Dixon region. Formalization of a mitigation policy and creation of an impact fee would provide a more "level playing field" for developers and create improved opportunities for the City to guide and maximize investment leverage for open space and agricultural preservation.

Responsible Department: Finance/Economic Development

- Public Facility Defibrillator Program

Representatives of the School District have encouraged the City to collaborate in seeking grants to provide portable defibrillator units at key public facilities, including: schools, City Hall, Senior Center, library, etc. This goal would memorialize the City's interest in cooperating.

Responsible Department: Fire