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Town Manager Goals: 2021

This is a most comprehensive list which outlines all that must be attended to over the next 5 years. I feel secure knowing that all of these items are on the Town Manager's radar screen.

All of these issues and projects are important and should be on a timeline, but I want to focus on specific areas achievable by the end of 2021 into 2022. To that end I choose the following broad area as a place to begin an enormous undertaking but one which I believe to be most important in securing our quality of life.

1. Community Standards, Regulations, Quality of Life. Special emphasis on code reform, public engagement and mitigation of growth in West Palm Beach. I think we ought to move ahead with this.

2. Environment and Resiliency. Special emphasis on the Woods Hole recommendations to mitigate the effects of storm events and sea level rise.

3. Financial Sustainability with special emphasis on the Water Feasibility Study from KH. We need to know our options and to pick one and then plan for it. This dovetails with the first item, “develop financial policies and plans to address the future needs of the town.

4. Capital Improvement. Complete the Town Marina and get it up and running. UUTF is well on its way but we need to identify more strategies to obtain easements.

5. Communications & Community Engagement. Whatever we can do to improve outreach to the community.

The Home Visit Model will require more data for us to determine the cost and benefit. It may be a terrific idea. We need more time to explore the need and the use. Also I would be very selective about the NP hired.

Top Five Priorities

All 16 items listed by staff are important and many are ongoing items begun in previous budget cycles. Below are my top 5 for this coming year:

1. Complete Town Marina on time and on budget, including South Lake Drive Park improvements, traffic calming, and pedestrian safety upgrades. Provide monthly updates on marina, park improvements, traffic & parking, water main replacement, and undergrounding progress on South Lake Drive to M&TC. Receive input from M&TC on key decisions related to design elements, budget, and operations, particularly marina and park items that are visible and have aesthetic or operational impacts. Implement strategic marketing plan for marina and report performance.
2. Review Town code or develop and devise a plan to address most pressing Town Code reform needs. **A year ago, the TC unanimously requested that staff consider whether the current fill method being used to achieve required FEMA regulations for raising new buildings is appropriate. Staff's analysis and recommendation on this item remains the top issue for Code Reform.**
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