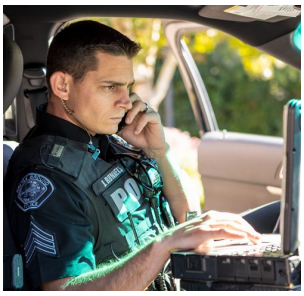
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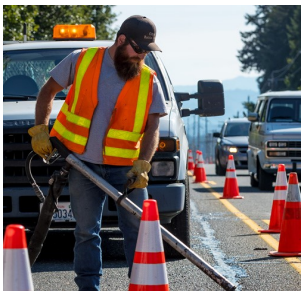
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City's Guiding Principles Center on Community Values

The Battle Ground City Council has adopted a set of Guiding Principles based on input from over 2,000 residents who participated in last year's Roadmap community visioning process. The Roadmap project resulted in Battle Ground's Community Vision and Strategic Action Plan.

City Council relied on the plan and its five community -identified focus areas of Well-Being, Community, Growth, Identity, and Prosperity to develop and adopt the city's Guiding Principles.

"We were very purposeful in our deliberations," noted Mayor Mike Dalesandro, "we listened to what is important to the community and we are applying those core community values to our policy-making decisions."

Over the next several months, City Manager Erin Erdman will lead staff in developing a draft 2020 city budget that reflects the Guiding Principles and ensures financial sustainability for the city.

The draft balanced budget will be presented to City Council who will provide opportunity for public input prior to their final adoption of the budget.

The budget cycle continues throughout the year with regular monitoring to ensure efficient and effective use of resources, to verify City Council objectives are being met, and to identify and address any changing economic indicators.

The City of Battle Ground is committed to accessible, accountable and transparent government practices. The current budget plan, financial reports (including financial and accountability audits), taxpayer information and the Community Vision & Strategic Plan are readily available on the city's website at www.cityofbg.org/35/Open-Government.

Guiding Principles

Public Safety
Continue to invest in public safety efforts maintaining or increasing level of services and community outreach programs to ensure community well-being.

Livability
Preserve city infrastructure and services, and promote livability through multimodal transportation and interconnected parks and trail networks.

Beautification
Protect and promote the City of Battle Ground by improving the presentation of city facilities and land to create a more welcoming environment for residents and visitors.

Efficiencies
Adopt financial initiatives that streamline government to ensure government services are delivered in a cost effective manner that is affordable and efficient.

Economic Development & Tourism
Put efforts towards expanding the city's economic base. Work on implementing the Community Vision by focusing on redevelopment of the downtown core, branding of the city, and targeting commercial and industrial sectors that will be successful in Battle Ground.

Managed Growth
Be strategic about future growth and annexation. Ensure a balance of housing types and services are provided. Continue to expand infrastructure needs to accommodate growth. Future growth should be balanced and diverse, including future housing development.

Strategic Planning/Partnerships
Implement Community Vision initiatives and continue planning and budgeting for the future need. Boost community partnerships to create cohesive programs and plans that are fiscally responsible and beneficial to the community as a whole.

Community Vision/Strategic Action Plan
Implement the Community Vision and Strategic Action plan that was adopted in January 2019. Ensure that council and staff revisit and update the Community Vision as needed and focus on initiatives identified for both the city and the community.

Fire/EMS Annexation Update

We want to thank community members who participated in the recent fire/EMS annexation survey. The results showed that residents want to maintain quality emergency services as our community grows. It also showed that they consider Clark County Fire District 3 to be a trusted provider.



Battle Ground is the only city that contracts for emergency services in our area. This means the City must fund the fire/EMS contract and other services (such as police, streets, planning, public works and parks) all through its property tax levy.

The current fire/EMS contract is not sustainable and will exceed the City's property tax collection revenues by 2021. Emergency service levels would have to be reduced for the City to maintain a balanced budget. That's why the City will be asking voters to annex to the Fire District in 2020.

Under annexation, property owners would pay the Fire District directly for fire and emergency medical service. All property owners in the City and Fire District would pay the same rate. (Next year, city property owners will pay slightly more.)

City residents also will be able to vote on fire commissioners, levies and bonds which they currently can't do. In addition, annexation would allow the Fire District to plan long-term for emergency services which it can't do under a contract relationship.

It is critical to protect quality emergency services for our community as it grows. In fact, community members identified public safety as a key focus area in a recent community visioning process.

In the next several months, we will share more information about annexation and welcome your questions. More information can be found on our web site at www.cityofbg.org/Emergency-Services.

Open House with Fire District 3

Clark County Fire District 3 invites Battle Ground residents to an Open House on Saturday, August 10 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at Station 35 located at 505 SW 1st Street. Come join us for a fun event of public safety demonstrations, agility courses for kids, and refreshments. Our annual Open House provides opportunities for you to see your tax dollars at work, and for us to say thank you for partnering with Fire District 3 to save lives and property!



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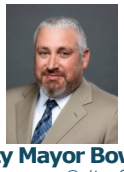

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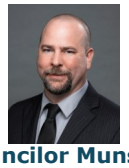
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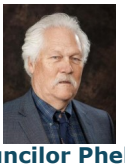
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