



City of South Bend, Indiana
2017 Budget Kickoff
May 31, 2017

Cities are the heart of America. They are where people live, work, and play. They are where government is closest to the people and where real change is happening.

This is made even clearer when compared to the ongoing political gridlock in Washington.

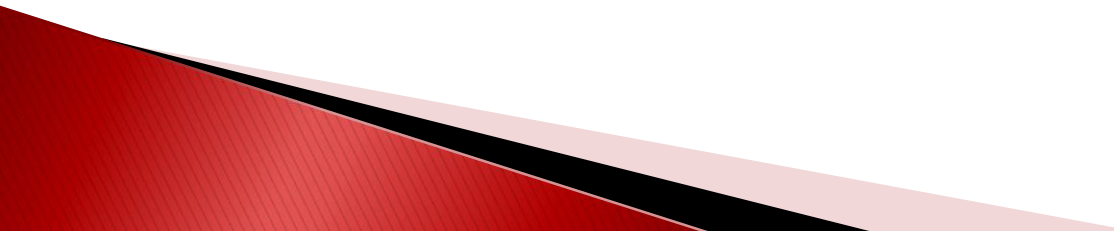
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Budgeting is always challenging work because there are typically more local needs than resources to fund them, and current economic conditions and state budget shortfalls make this task even more difficult.

In recent years, there has been a significant increase in the number of municipal governments looking for ways to share the task of budget decision making with citizens.

Many local governments have been moving beyond legal compliancy and provide platforms for citizens to consider, debate and make decisions about difficult trade-offs in the allocation of public resources.

The pre-budget meeting held on May 15, 2017 is an excellent first start.



2017 Administration Priorities

1. Economic Development
Jobs & Workforce Development
2. Smart Streets & Corridors
3. Vacant & Abandoned Housing
4. Group Violence Intervention
5. Performance Management
6. Information Technology
7. Parks & Recreation
8. Code Enforcement

2017 Council Priorities

1. Economic Development, Job Training
2. Public Safety & Traffic Patrols
3. Parks & Recreation
4. Infrastructure (Curbs, Sidewalks, Street, SCO)
5. City Corridors
6. Vacant & Abandoned Housing
7. Code Enforcement
8. Quality of Life & Neighborhoods
9. Diversity in the workforce

Administration & Council Priorities were closely aligned

What makes Great Neighborhoods?

Interactive Group Session with City Department Heads and Leadership
Led by Chairperson White and President Scott

- Communication between officials and residents
- Public spaces, parks, recs, and arts
- Diverse housing options
- Sewer systems that do not back up
- Various transportation options
- Diverse local shopping opportunities
- Education
- Diversity
- Better sidewalks
- Slow and efficient traffic
- Safety in neighborhoods
- Safe drinking water
- Opportunities for access to technology such as wifi and kiosks
- Adequate lighting in neighborhoods

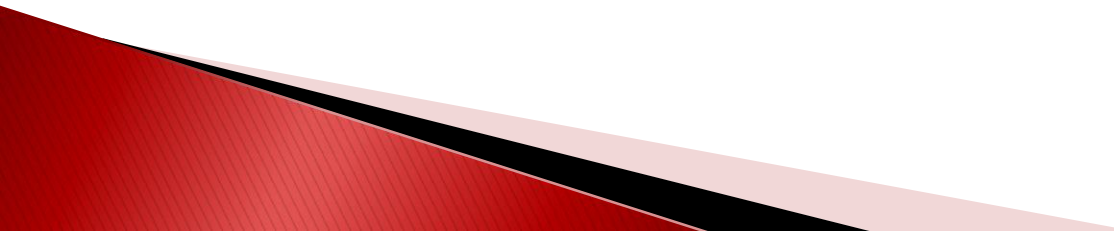
Strong neighborhoods make strong cities!

Common Council 2018 Budget Priorities



- Stronger Residential Development from Community Investment
 - Specifically in the most challenging Districts
- Economic Development, Job Training
- Public Safety & Traffic Patrols
- Parks & Recreation
- Infrastructure (Curbs, Sidewalks, Streets, SCO)
- City Corridors

Common Council 2018 Budget Priorities

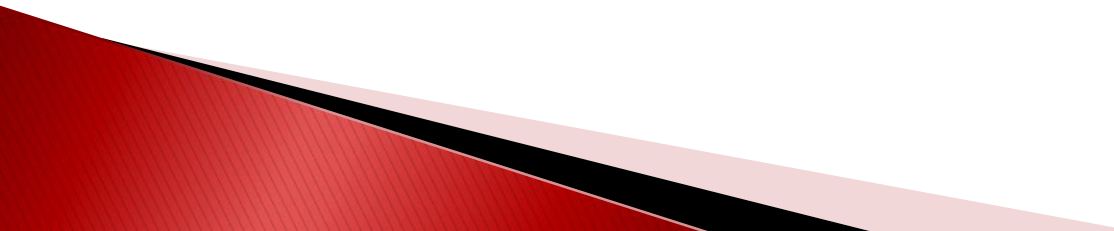
- Vacant and Abandoned Housing Phase Development Phase
 - Affordable Housing
 - Code Enforcement
 - Quality of Life & Neighborhoods
 - Diversity in the Workforce
 - Expansion of “Light Up South Bend” Initiative
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Prior to the time that the 2018 Budget is presented to the Council, there must be opportunities for the Council to discuss our Priorities with the Administration.

This will enhance communication and facilitate an effective budget process.

In the 2017 Budget Process, citizens indicated that they wanted more transparency, and earlier engagement in the budget process

The Council will identify ways to engage our citizens in the budget process. For example:

- Better inform residents about the budget, the budget process, and resources available to fund public services and facilities;
 - Give residents and local officials a more complete understanding of the many diverse community needs that a local budget must address;
 - Provide decision-makers with direct information and guidance from residents about which services and facilities they most value;
 - Highlight and address the trade-offs related to reconciling multiple demands with limited resources;
 - Other...
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There are multiple opportunities for our citizens to participate, including online and in person at public forums, to get involved.

Opportunities available:

- City Website
- 2018 Budget Hearing Schedule
- Social Media
- Updates in the Water Bills
- Budget Hearings in the Community
- Updates in the South Bend Tribune
- Link on the South Bend Common Council's Page
Email your top 5 budgets needs
- Others...

Questions?

