

CITY OF CHEHALIS

STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT

JANUARY 19, 2018



MISSION STATEMENT

While honoring the past and preparing for the future, the City of Chehalis provides municipal services and programs for the benefit of residents, businesses and visitors in our community.

THREE-YEAR GOALS

*2018-2021 * Not in priority order*

- **Improve and maintain infrastructure**
 - **Enhance and modernize technology**
 - **Increase and optimize staffing levels**
 - **Maintain and enhance financial stability**
 - **Enhance and maintain facilities (Recreation Park, Dispatch Center, Fire Station)**
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STRENGTHS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF PAST YEAR

Hired new financial officer

Great staff

Supportive community

Helped several new businesses come into airport

Developed facilities maintenance program

Council gets along well, which is noticed by public

City Council supports staff

Accomplished a lot in past year due to efforts and hard work of staff and City Council

Sales tax revenues up

Completed pump station project which has protected levees and commercial areas

Completed a couple major sewer projects

Clean audit for 2016

Public likes Christmas lights

STRENGTHS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF PAST YEAR

Development Review Committee process appreciated by developers; good reputation in the area

Strong recreation program

Summer Music in the Park Program

City Wellness Program

Good working relationships among neighboring communities for police and fire

Completed apron rehabilitation project at airport

High quality general aviation airport,; operated solely by Chehalis

Chehalis serves as regional shopping area

Highly respected police department

City Council is supportive of partnerships

Low level of blight

Low crime rate

STRENGTHS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF PAST YEAR

Replaced antique chip spreader

Established protocols for water rescue, working with Sheriff's Office to create a team

Replaced unreliable city vehicles

New K-9 Program

Annual ChehalisFest last Saturday in July

Approved new contract for solid waste collection

Funded the Transportation Benefit District

Convinced DOT to rebuild Chamber Way Overpass over I-5

Longevity of staff

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Long-term Council members

City Council is professional in their demeanor with each other

STRENGTHS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF PAST YEAR

More proactive in budget trying to address projects that need to be done

Completed two major water projects – replacement of high level reservoir and flocculation basin at water filter plant

City Council named a street after Orin Smith

Improvements to Flood Management Program

Improved fire service training

Fire Services improved emergency response with neighboring communities

Hosted a number of sports tournaments for youth throughout the year

A new Airport Emergency Response Plan

Fire station repairs

The city is financially stable

Water and sewer rates are stable

When there are problems, public comes to City Council/City Manager to resolve them, which the city does

Each Council member is involved in community activities

NEXT STEPS

For City Council and Management Team

- **Monthly – Monitor progress on the goals and objectives and revise objectives (add, amend and/or delete), as needed.**

- **August 30 – Strategic Planning Retreat to:**
 - * **more thoroughly assess progress on the goals and Strategic Objectives.**
 - * **identify Core Values for the City.**
 - * **develop objectives for the next six months.**