# CITY OF AUSTIN



# A Model for Thriving with Organizational Strategic Priorities

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### With strategic priorities in place...

#### Council

I see the "big picture" for policymaking and to ensure accountable government.

I also see my priorities reflected in the budget.

#### Public

I had no idea the City is working on so many issues and services on my behalf.

#### CMO

We are intentionally Best Managed and equipped with the right mix of information for important decisions.

### **Employees**

I know what is expected of me every day. I see how my work contributes to the global vision.

### **Directors**

I know where to focus my energy and the time of my talented employees.

# Strategic-Focused Organization

Vision



Values



Council Priorities

Strategic Plan Business
Plans
+
Goal Teams

Budget

Evaluate
Performance
& Improve

#### How might we operationalize strategic priorities?

# Adaptive Strategy-Performance Model

#### **Critical Elements**



Council Priority-Setting

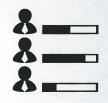


Sustained Informed "Stat" Conversations

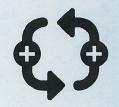
#### **Useful Components**



Data & Performance Tracking Dashboards



Clear Roles & Accountability



Feedback Loops with Council/Public



Employee Line of Sight



Integrated into City systems

#### Foundation in Place:

- ✓ Managing for Results
- ✓ Performance Measurement
- ✓ Performance Budgeting

#### **STRATEGIC GOALS**

- Financial sustainability
- Systematic infrastructure investment
- Service excellence
- Vibrant economy
- Inclusive and collaborative governance
- Talented and energized workforce

#### Short List to build on:

#### **Strategic Priority Goals**

- 4- to 5-year outlook
- Often cross-functional in nature
- Often Citywide in scope/impact

#### Objectives (2-5 max per goal)

Possible to accomplish and measure in one year

# Ideal output of a Council Retreat

#### Goal 1 - Financial Sustainability

- Objective 1.1 Contain costs and increase operational efficiency.
- Objective 1.2 Maintain adequate financial reserves.
- Objective 1.3 Develop and deploy a long range financial planning process.
- Objective 1.4 Establish appropriate equipment replacement funding levels.
- Objective 1.5 Manage long term pension liabilities.

#### Goal 2 - Systematic Infrastructure Investment

- Objective 2.1 Secure a reliable future water supply.
- Objective 2.2 Develop and fund an aggressive multi-year capital improvement program.
- Objective 2.3 Expand, extend and maintain the major thoroughfare network.
- Objective 2.4 Maintain and extend water, wastewater and storm water systems.
- Objective 2.5 Support strategic investments in city facilities.

#### Goal 3 - Vibrant Economy

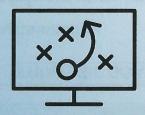
- Objective 3.1 Promote revitalization of targeted areas.
- Objective 3.2 Create a thriving downtown.
- Objective 3.3 Develop a comprehensive economic development strategy and funding model.
- Objective 3.4 Complete "signature projects."
  - Texas Stadium site.
  - o Heritage Center.
  - o Urban Center.
- Objective 3.5 Effectively plan and manage land use.
  - Complete the comprehensive plan update with extensive stakeholder engagement.
  - o Strengthen and observe development ordinances and standards.

# Long-Range Planning determining the vision



VS.

Strategic Planning
how organization will
achieve its vision





# Council Strategic Planning Components

- Facilitator conducts pre-retreat meetings with Councilmembers
- Vision, Mission, and Values
  - Discussion, confirmation
- Existing plans/framework
  - What decisions/documents are guiding us now?
- Environmental Scan
  - What are the current conditions impacting our ability to understand, plan, and deliver services?
- SWOT Analysis
  - What are the City's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats?
- Strategic Goals and Objectives
  - What actions and results will have the greatest impact on achieving our vision? Our future ideal state?
  - Strategic goal prioritization... importance and current performance
- Implementation
  - Alignment of department business plans and development of feedback mechanisms

# Timing and Frequency

- Conduct full strategic planning in Fall 2016 (October)
  - Results will guide next 4-5 years
- Annual review/confirmation each Fall... set the stage for department business planning, financial forecast, and policy work sessions
- Conduct next full strategic planning retreat in 4-5 years from now

## Importance of this retreat

 This retreat allows Council to develop strategic goals and establish strong foundation for future retreat