



# CITY OF BLAINE

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# MEMORANDUM

**Date:** August 12, 2019  
**To:** City Council  
**From:** Samuel Crawford, City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager and  
Michael Jones, City Manager

**Re:** City Council Retreat – Topics for Review

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On May 23, 2019, City Council and City staff held a City Council Retreat. During this retreat, several priority areas and goals for 2019-2020 were brought forth by City Council. These goals include:

1. Green practices
2. Housing
3. Continued and controlled growth in housing, business, and population
4. Revitalize downtown
5. Community health
6. Public Works maintenance plan
7. Communication plan and transparency
8. Fiscal responsibility

For the **August 12, 2019**, City Council Study Session, the following topics will be discussed:

- 1. Utilities and Facilities Maintenance Planning**
- 2. Community Health**
- 3. Communication Plan and Transparency**

Over the next few months, all the items noted above will be discussed during Study Sessions prior to regular City Council meetings. The objective of these meetings will be to establish the parameters and scope of these goals, as well as point out how these goals affect prior recommendations from City Council.

The aim is for City Council to clarify these objectives and for there to be a consensus among City Council as to this intent. Staff will then research and develop alternatives for policy direction that will be presented to Council.

Please be prepared to outline your position on **utilities and facilities maintenance planning, community health, and communication plan and transparency**. What does it mean to you? What are some examples or projects or initiatives? What is your understanding of what we should try to achieve?