

2020/2021 Team Accomplishments:

1. Doubled General Fund (GF) fund balance amount. For the first time since 2010, GF began to see a very committed fund balance that equals two-months' expenses.
2. Held an election and welcomed three new council members. The City Clerk was reelected.
3. Continued our nimble approaches in response to the COVID-19 emergency: adopt emergency measures to protect residents, utility shut-off moratorium, design and implement programs to provide financial relieves to businesses, adjust city operations to continue essential services safely, monitor and follow rapid changing guidelines, obtain PPEs, install city hall glass barrier, enable remote work quickly, enforce State and County "stay-at-home" orders in a sensible way, city wide process improvement and accountability check to reach cost savings, apply and secure COVID funds, implement safety measures, focuses on employees mental health needs, modify zoning regulations to allow food pickup and outdoor dining.
4. Police responded to a total of 10,701 incidents in 2020. Approximately 856 incidents were transient related.
5. Fire responded to a total of 1,609 incidents; many were medical calls and COVID patients. Fire Department created a Battalion Chief (volunteer position) as a step towards sustainability.
6. Led County wide Measure M discussions.
7. Received state and county CARES funds and provided timely reports.
8. Kicked off the General Plan process amid COVID challenges; the process started with a successful campaign to drive public participation, including a well-responded survey.
9. Completed reorganization of the Sutter Street Extension project. Conducted a number of public outreach meetings and arrived at a project design concept that received significant public support
10. Completed majority of the PSPS-money funded infrastructure improvements: including Argonaut lift station improvement with generator upgrades, reservoirs redundancy measures, communication tower, redundancy safety communication means. More to come in FY 21/22.
11. Installed a number of infrastructure improvements to City Hall facilities: updated civic center meeting technology to conduct virtual meetings; installed auto doors; purchased message board; fire department technology upgrade (CARES county funding). The improvements responded to COVID needs and provide easier access for persons with disabilities.
12. Revised and prepared the scope of work for the civic center improvement and issued request for bids. Work is expected to begin in FY 21/22.
13. Road improvement projects funded by SB1 and Local Transportation Fund including additional work on Hoffman, Court St., Summit St., Stasal St.
14. Secured the Park-per-capita grant application (changing requirements since the 2020 work); received award commitment for \$168,000.
15. Recruitment of the new Public Works Superintendent.
16. Training and onboarding of new positions city wide, including police officers, fire captains, accounting clerks, maintenance workers, and a WWTP operator trainee.

17. Completed five (5) sewer lateral projects. Those projects significantly improved the collection system.
18. No violation at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
19. Settled a three-party sewer collection penalty order with Caltrans and a contractor. The penalty was originally issued by the Regional Board.
20. Wastewater Treatment Plant capacity restoration efforts
21. Water reservoir grant process.
22. Completed a critical waterline improvement project off Main St. The waterline serves a shopping center, county library, and park, swimming pool and residences. This project also provides for fire safety needs.
23. Completed initial research to update the payroll process. More work is yet to come.
24. Organized state mandated training and filing calendars.
25. Coordinated with US EPA regarding the superfund site and housed public update meetings.
26. Cemetery sign making and completed some improvement to cemetery ground.
27. Continue to make progress on French Bar, South Ave., and Pitt St. bridge projects. French Bar design completed and waiting for Caltrans fund to begin construction. Acquired ROW for Pitt St. bridge. Reimbursement requests have been submitted timely to Caltrans (as a result, city receives funds back on time and keeps a cleaner accounting records).
28. Prepared and adopted a critical infrastructure ordinance to keep encampment away from critical infrastructures.
29. Prepared and adopted a weed abatement ordinance for fire prevention needs.
30. Prepared and adopted an ordinance to regulate the length of temporary non-commercial signs.
31. Kicked off a highway lighting improvement project upon securing a HSIP fund. This project will improve safety on a dangerous section on SR49.
32. Continue to address challenges related to homelessness: participation in regional discussions, conducting crisis intervention and enforcement activities, seeking funding, updating policies.
33. Acquired and received grants (HEAP part 2 and ESC) to fund a first ever “homeless outreach coordinator” position. The program has been successful in connecting unsheltered individuals with housing options and reduce call volumes related to homelessness.
34. Hosted a cooling center during heat waves amidst COVID restrictions that were in full swing.
35. Recruited a firm for Hearing Officer services to strengthen the code enforcement process.
36. Acquired the city’s first “green” vehicle to the fleet; it was funded completely by grants.
37. Assisted with a variety of state-wide campaigns, including census participation, earthquake awareness, and rental assistance.