

## **City of Spokane 2015 Budget Priorities**

### **1. Public Safety – Improving community safety**

- Follow-up and fund Fire Task Team recommendations
- Continue to fund alternative response vehicles
- Support and ensure funding for implementation of precincts as part of community-oriented policing and continue building police staffing levels.
- Fund Fire Dept. front line staff at 2012 levels
- Begin implementation and funding of Criminal Justice Commission recommendations
- Sustain COPS program funding at 2014 level.
- Work with partner agencies/jurisdictions to reduce & respond more effectively to domestic violence, including co-location of city/county prosecutors and advocates

### **2. Jobs and Economic Growth – Supporting sustainable, targeted growth and economic opportunity**

- Provide ongoing financial and administrative support for the U District & Northeast PDAs
- Approve additional development incentives for Downtown Spokane and other targeted growth areas
- Fund additional positions in planning, either entry level planners or funding for project staff as needed to implement updated comprehensive plan policies
- Fund Integrated projects in East Sprague Targeted Investment Pilot area
- Fund update of Bicycle Master Plan and completion of Ped Master Plan

### **3. Budget – Promoting fiscal health and budget accountability**

- Fund replacement/training overlap when long time employees leave in all departments
- Fund recommended changes (8.25%) to SERS Pension System
- Work with administration to identify performance measures that link to priority-based budget
- Identify specific budget reserve level goals and create plan to meet those goals

### **4. Infrastructure Maintaining and improving public infrastructure in an affordable and integrated fashion**

- Fund the 1% for Arts with all CSO projects
- Fund CSO implementation with goal of meeting 2017 permit deadline
- Ensure that Utilities compensates Streets for use of right-of-way at minimum of \$2.5M
- Develop and fund a plan to run Waste to Energy Facility as a city run operation to capture cost and operational efficiencies
- Include funding for signage & monuments honoring Spokane Tribe in prominent Spokane River stormwater/CSO projects.

## **5. Quality of Life – Engaging citizens and improving the health, quality and character of our community**

- Maintain funding for the Arts Commission at 2014 levels
- Increased funding for Code Enforcement and/or Building Dept. to improve City's response to neighborhood blight, graffiti, substandard buildings, vacant properties and foreclosures.
- Continuing to address Downtown Spokane livability through targeted developer incentives, public safety policies, and infrastructure improvements
- Fund Human Services in an increasing amount of \$50,000 per year (end goal of 1% of GF)
- Funding for main floor City Hall display honoring Spokane Tribe homeland
- Increased funding to maintain basic capital needs at Community Centers