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CITY COMMISSION FOCUSED ON ACHIEVING PRIORITIES

At its annual goal-setting retreat on Jan. 13, the City Commission reaffirmed its commitment to achieving the community's priorities as outlined in the City of Tallahassee five-year Strategic Plan, with an emphasis on continued community engagement to meet the evolving needs of residents. The high-level priority areas include economic development, impact on poverty, organizational effectiveness, public infrastructure, public safety, public trust and quality of life.

The retreat began with one of the most pressing community issues – COVID-19. According to the CDC, data on the two COVID-19 vaccines that have been approved for emergency use by the FDA (as of Jan. 14) "demonstrate that the known and potential benefits of this vaccine outweigh the known and potential harms of becoming infected with" COVID-19. To get information about the current status of vaccine availability locally, visit Leon.FloridaHealth.gov.

With health safety at the forefront, the Commission unanimously approved moving forward with consideration of special event requests for this spring, pending the applications include COVID-19 protocol plans. More information is available at Talgov.com/Parks.

The day's discussions also included an overview of local infrastructure. Over the course of 2020, the City significantly advanced and completed milestone projects, including roadways, sidewalks, sewer pipes replacement and more. In 2021, the City will continue to work on meeting the needs of the growing community, while seeking to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on the economy through strategic infrastructure investments. This includes water, sewer and stormwater improvements in locations throughout the city; two comprehensive Pedestrian and Street Safety (PASS) projects; and electric and gas utility projects focused on furthering the City's clean energy goals.

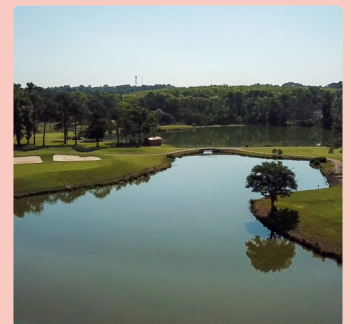
The Commission also discussed the Southern Strategy Area, which is defined in the Tallahassee-Leon County Comprehensive Plan, and voted unanimously to rename it the Southside Action Plan, pending concurrence of the Leon County Board of County Commissioners.

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MEETINGS IN MARCH

Visit Talgov.com for the current list of Tallahassee City Commission, Community Redevelopment Agency, Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency and Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency meetings and workshops.

Call the Department of Communications at 850-891-8533 for more information and view the current meeting agendas online at Talgov.com. Follow @CityofTLH on Twitter for City news.



ENJOY GOLF AT GAITHER

Jake Gaither Golf Course is upping its game, so you can focus on yours! With a recently completed cart path project and new golf carts, along with landscaping and practice area projects in the works, there are a lot of great things happening at Jake Gaither Golf Course. Come check it out at 801 Bragg Drive.



HELP PROTECT LOCAL LAKES

The storm drains you see on the side of the road are designed to prevent flooding and convey excess rainwater (runoff) to surface waters, including lakes, rivers and streams. Unlike the water that flows down the drains inside your home, which goes to sewage treatment facilities, the storm drain system is completely separate. Keeping these drains free of pollutants is vital to the health of our waterways, which is why dumping anything, solid or liquid, into a storm drain, culvert, ditch or stormwater pond is prohibited by City ordinance.

If you see anyone spilling, dumping, discharging or connecting to the stormwater system, please help the environment by calling the City's Customer Operations Department at 850-891-4968 or report it using the DigiTally app. For more information on pollutants and ways you can help protect our waterways, visit TAPPwater.org.

Sustainability Tip

Wear your winter wardrobe indoors. For every degree you drop your thermostat, you save energy and money. Let your clothes help keep you warm.

Get the Facts About the COVID Vaccines!

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PROJECTS PROGRESS ACROSS THE CITY

2021 will see several key infrastructure projects take shape as the City works toward the goals outlined in its five-year strategic plan.

Betton Hills area projects include drainage system improvements to address erosion, maintenance access and localized flooding issues near the McCord Pond drainage ditch and Lee Avenue; water utility upgrades to replace aging and undersized infrastructure near Hickory and Spruce avenues; and roadway enhancements along Betton Road to improve pedestrian safety and connectivity, while also calming traffic. Stay informed at Talgov.com/Betton.

Years in the making, construction on the final phase of roadway work for the FAMU Way Extension Project is underway. This project is creating a beautiful new east-west connection between Wahnish Way and Lake Bradford Road. Residents can expect to see similar amenities along this portion of the road, including on-street bicycle lanes, an off-street trail and beautiful landscaping. The project is anticipated to be complete this year. Stay informed at Talgov.com/FAMUWay.

The Market District has long been characterized by a mixture of strong local businesses and engaged neighborhoods. To keep pace with growth and to improve the quality of stormwater flowing to Lake Jackson, upgrades to the area's stormwater system are underway. Building on Sense of Place efforts, roadways will be upgraded to provide beautification and improve mobility. A new park is also being planned as part of this project in coordination with Blueprint. Stay informed at Talgov.com/MarketDistrict.

Construction is underway on the new Southeast Park, located on a 62-acre parcel bordered by Tram Road, School House Road and Four Oaks Blvd. Multipurpose athletic fields, sand volleyball courts, a picnic pavilion and more are planned for the site. Stay informed at Talgov.com/TwoNewParks.

Travelling west of this site, design work in underway on the Zillah Street Pedestrian and Street Safety (PASS) project, which will enclose the open ditch and improve pedestrian connectivity. Stay informed at Talgov.com/Zillah.

These are a few of the many impactful infrastructure projects planned throughout the city. Check Talgov.com regularly for more information about projects near you.