



St. Helens

2020 State of the City

Saturday, January 11, 9:30 a.m.
St. Helens Middle School



City of St. Helens Mission

To provide quality, effective and efficient service to our citizens.

By doing so we will:

- Develop and preserve the highest possible quality of life for our residents, businesses, and visitors.
- Provide a safe and healthy environment within a sound economic framework.
- Provide leadership which is open and responsive to the needs of the community and works for the benefit of all.



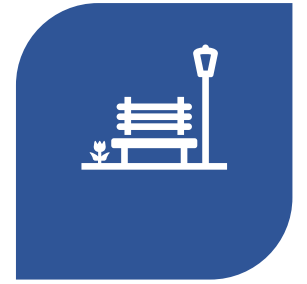
City Council Goals



**GOAL #1:
EFFECTIVE
ORGANIZATIONAL
STRUCTURE**



**GOAL #2:
ENHANCE
COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**



**GOAL #3:
SUPPORT AND
ENHANCE A SAFE
AND LIVABLE
ENVIRONMENT**



**GOAL #4:
ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**



**GOAL #5:
LONG-TERM
PLANNING**

Role of City Council

Council-Mayor Government

Mayor serves a two-year term

Four Council Members serve four-year terms.

Governed by City Charter

Council adopts ordinances forming St. Helens Municipal Code and resolutions that set policy or regulation.

The Mayor and Councilors are all non-partisan.

Represent all residents of the City.





Boards and Commissions

Community Volunteers, citizens like you, are a part of the vision. Members are appointed by the City Council and help set goals.

- Arts & Cultural Commission
- Budget Committee
- Library Board
- Parks & Trails Commission
- Planning Commission
- Youth Council



How do we deliver services?

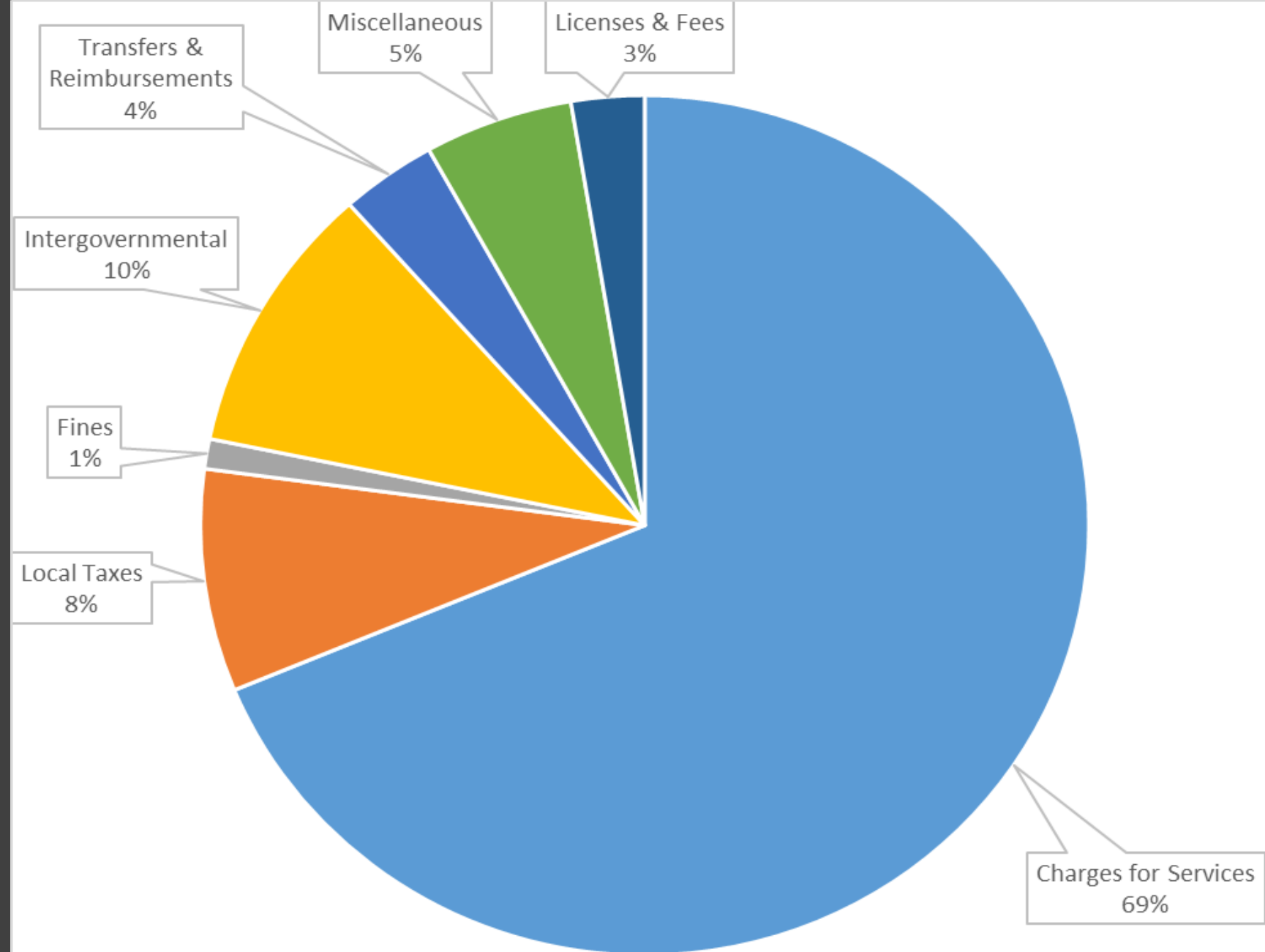
Our professional, talented staff of 84 along with Council, partners and volunteers provide:

- Safe, Clean Drinking Water
- Library and Cultural programs and resources for youth and adults
- Sewage Treatment
- Public Safety and Accountability
- Storm Water Management
- Road Maintenance
- Fiscal, Legal and Administrative oversight
- City Planning and Land Use
- Building Safety Administration
- Parks that are safe and well maintained
- Business Licensing and Economic Development Services
- Recreation Programs for the community



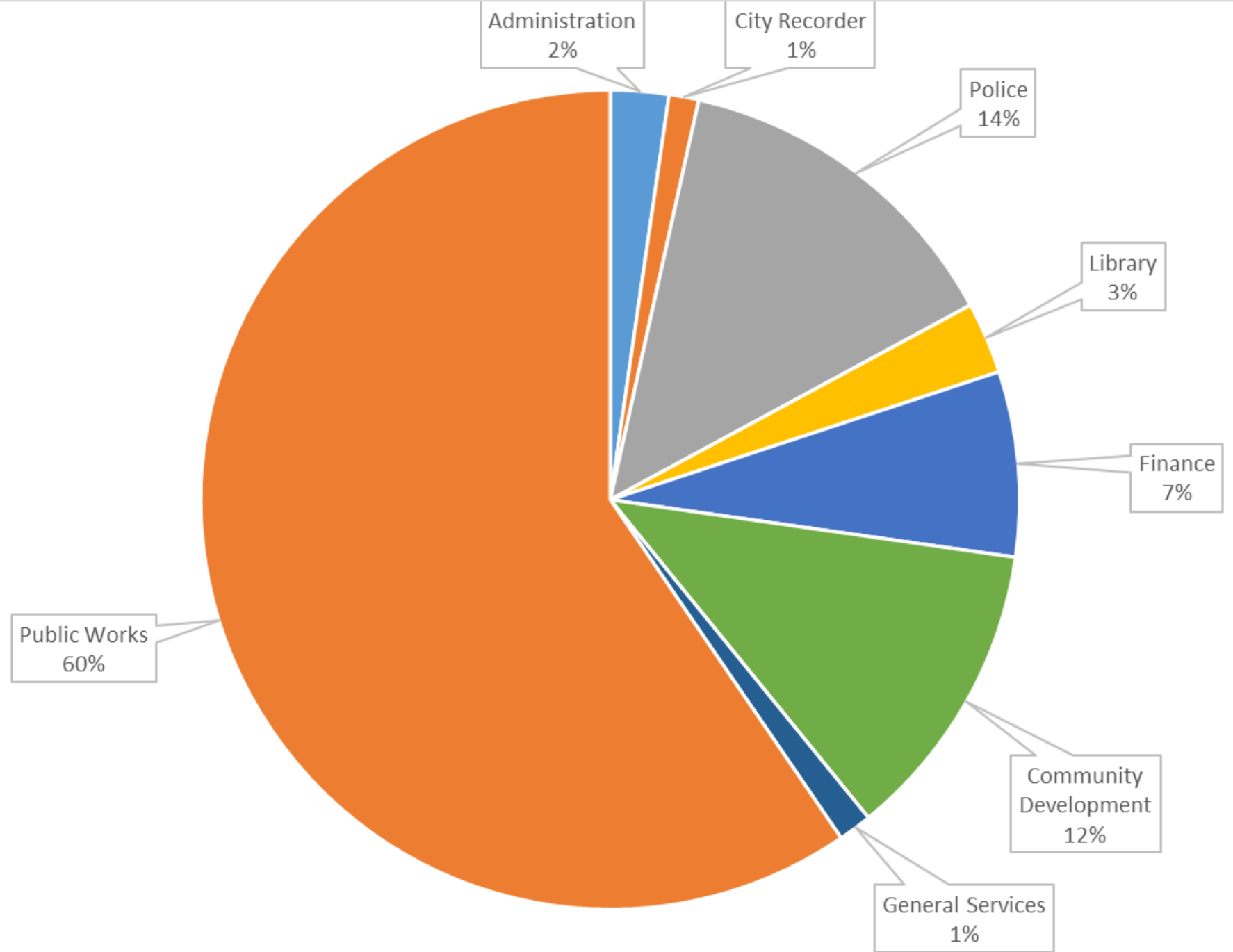
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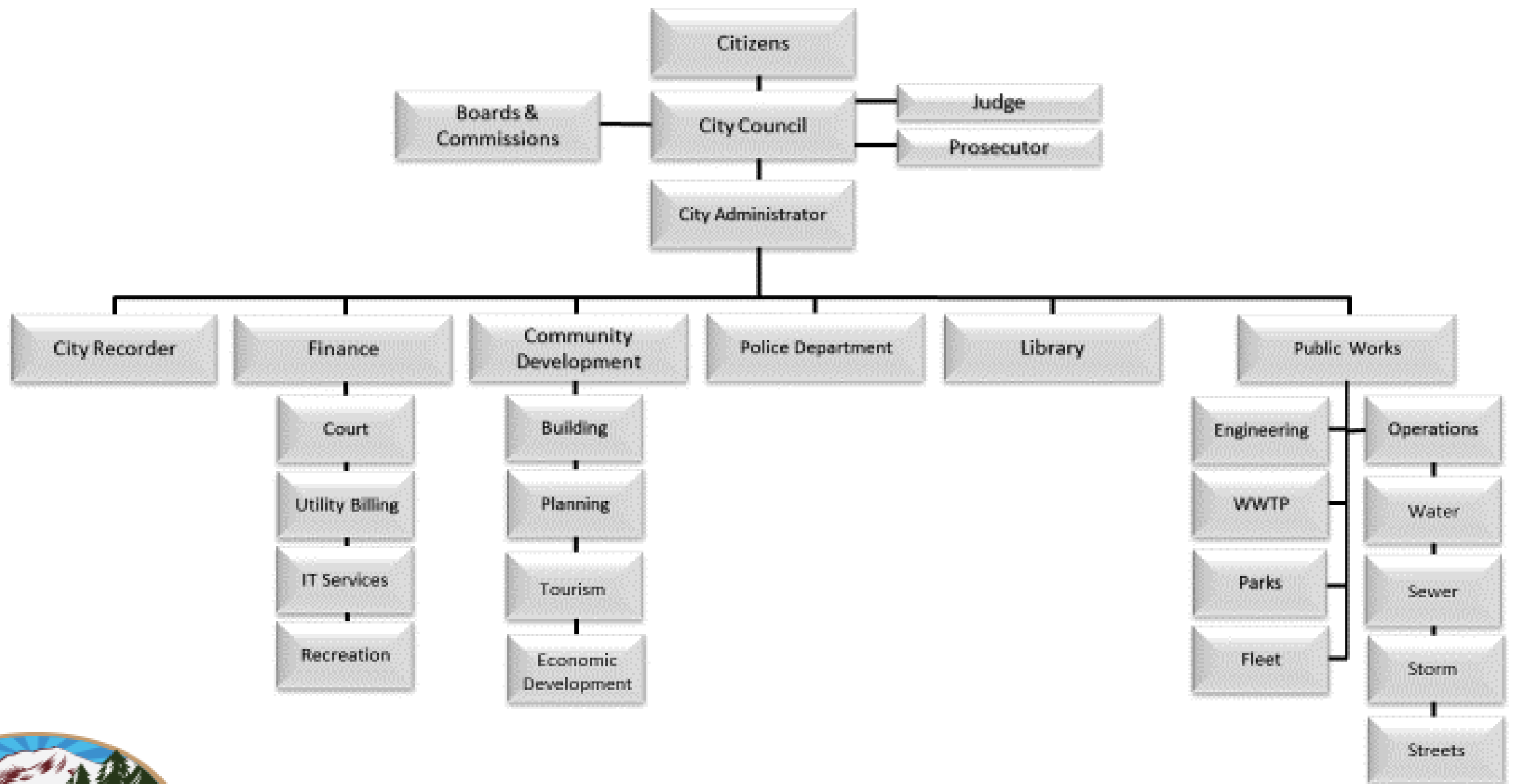
Total= \$24.5M



Expenses by Department 2019-2020

Total= \$25.7M





Public Works



Mission Statement

The mission of the Public Works Department is to enhance and sustain the livability and quality of life for citizens in the community of St. Helens by working efficiently and effectively to fulfill the goals as set by the City Council and Public Works Director.



GOAL #1
Effective
organizational
structure



GOAL #3
Enhance a
safe and
livable
environment



GOAL #5
Long term
planning

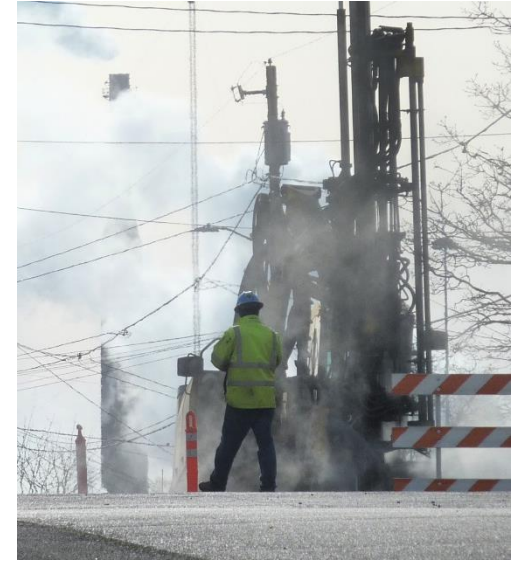
Public Works

- Every day, an average of 1.5 million gallons of drinking water flow through over 82 miles of pipe
- Waste is removed from our citizen's homes and businesses through 60 miles of sanitary sewer line
- In our 5.86 square mile area, there are close to 56 miles of City-maintained streets
- We maintain 50 miles of storm drainage with 2,662 structures like manholes and catch basins



Public Works 2019 Highlights

- 2019 major investments in storm drainage systems
- Large project on S 10th Street to alleviate seasonal flooding, over 1,000 feet of new pipe
- Plymouth Street storm pipe replaced
- Roadway crack sealing covered 11,442 linear feet
- Branding and Wayfinding sign installation began with Phase I vehicular, and pedestrian & bike signs



Public Works 2020 Projects

- 3,500 linear feet of Sidewalks coming to N Vernonia Road connecting safely to Campbell Park
- Intersection work at S First and St Helens Streets to improve safety and link the Riverfront District
- Complete Gable Road improvements
- Safe Routes to School upgrades near McBride Elementary School
- Update master plans for storm and sanitary sewer



Parks Department Parks and Trails Commission

Mission Statement:

Strengthen community by providing safe, well-maintained parks and public spaces, preserving open spaces, protecting environmental and historic resources, and enhancing the quality of life for residents and visitors of all ages.



City Council Goal 3: Continue to support and enhance a physical environment that promotes livability and safety for the community.



Parks and Trails 2019

- Grey Cliffs Park non-motorized launch upgrades, restroom installation, and parking improvements
- Active “Friends” group events at Nob Hill Nature Park and Dalton Lake Nature Preserve
- Veterans Memorial Plaza expansion including a new monument installation
- Successful and fun 3rd Annual Citizen’s Day in the Park



2020 Park and Trail Projects

- Godfrey Park upgrades to include new equipment including a nature playground
- Improvements begin in Campbell Park including court replacements (pickleball coming soon!), new picnic area, improved ADA access, and expanded parking
- Urban trail and boardwalk construction connecting Nob Hill Nature Park to Tualatin Street in partnership with Columbia River Youth Corps
- Dalton Lake Nature Preserve designated; Phase I work to include a kiosk, trail markers, interpretive signs and bike racks

****Most work done with grant funds****



Public Safety

Our Mission

The mission of the St. Helens Police Department is to work with all citizens to make our city a place where people live safely and to promote individual responsibility and community commitment.

Our Values

Professionalism: Through strong leadership and continuous training we will strive to serve as role models for the community.

Integrity: Our actions will demonstrate the highest ethical standards, and we will accept full responsibility for our actions.



GOAL #1: FOSTER AN EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE THAT RESPONDS TO COMMUNITY NEEDS.



GOAL #3: CONTINUE TO SUPPORT AND ENHANCE A PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT THAT PROMOTES LIVABILITY AND SAFETY FOR THE COMMUNITY.



GOAL #5: REVIEW, SUPPORT AND IMPLEMENT LONG-TERM PLANS THAT IDENTIFY THE COMMUNITY'S PREFERRED VISION AND SUSTAINABLE REVENUES.



Public Safety

Your Police Department by the numbers:

- 20 sworn officers (1 Lieutenant, 4 Sergeants, 2 School Resource Officers)
- 3 non-sworn personnel
- Fielded 17,953 calls for service in 2018 (6.5% increase from 2017)
- Most calls are handled informally. When a police report is necessary a case number is assigned.
- There were 1,125 cases opened in 2018.
- Officers made 743 arrests of adult offenders
- During 2018, force was used in 35 of the 743 arrests or just 4.7% of the time.
- Active traffic enforcement, making 2,658 stops and issuing 633 citations in 2018.



Code Enforcement

- Animal Facility License Inspections
- Abandoned Vehicles
- Parking Violations
- Tall Grass Violations
- Garbage/Junk Violations
- City Dock Moorage Time Limits
- Nuisances Related to Vacant Properties
- Animal Control

WHAT IS THE PROCESS?

- Community reports
- Officers attempt to gain voluntary compliance
- Citation issued and abatement process begins
- City Council may declare a nuisance



Inter-Agency Partnerships

2019 Process Improvements and Cost Savings

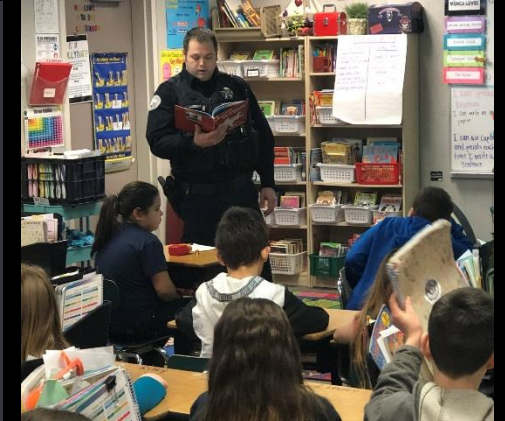
- New system to communicate with C-COM and other local Law Enforcement Agencies.
- Implemented video conference system between the courts and Columbia County Jail.
- Response plan to active shooter incidents with St. Helens School District and Columbia River Fire & Rescue
- Partner with the Columbia County Sheriffs Officer to use local training range
- Partner with Portland Police Bureau to train Sergeants in Critical Incident Management and for officers for train at no cost.
- Worked with the District Attorney to revamp our county-wide Deadly Force Plan.



Community partnerships



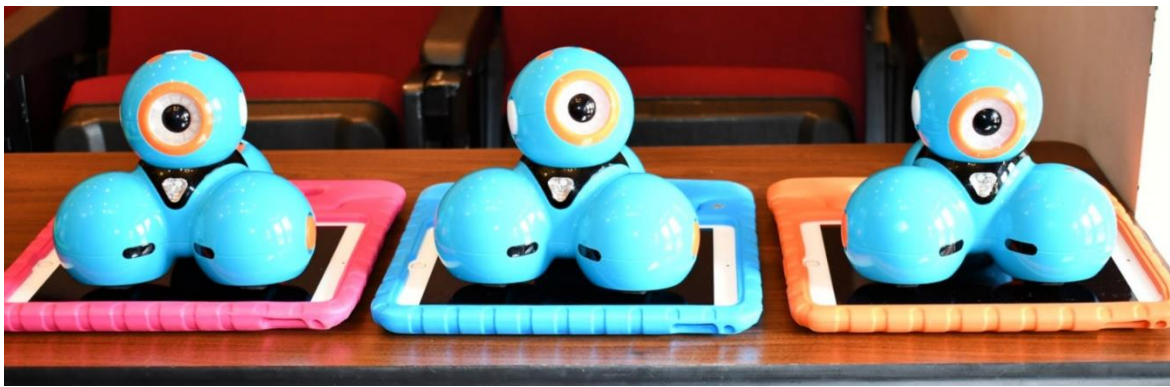
- Monthly First Thursday
- Cocoa with a Cop
- Citizens Day in the Park
- Bike Fair & Safety Rodeo
- National Night Out
- Trunk or Treat
- Donut Day
- SHSD Back to School event



Goals and Projects for 2020

- New Police Station Planning
- Training of employees
- Attract, Hire and Retain the best employees for SHPD
- Reduce crime by 5% within our community
- Continue to partner with the community.
- Increase traffic safety and reduce traffic accidents by 5%





Your St. Helens Public Library

Access to the best information for lifelong learning, self-development and life enhancement.

- Last year, an average of thirty people per hour walked in – That's 67,477 visits
- 2,029 people attended 208 programs for adults
- 7,935 people attended 321 youth programs
- The library's collection includes non-traditional items such as WiFi hotspots, ukuleles, cultural passes, and science kits



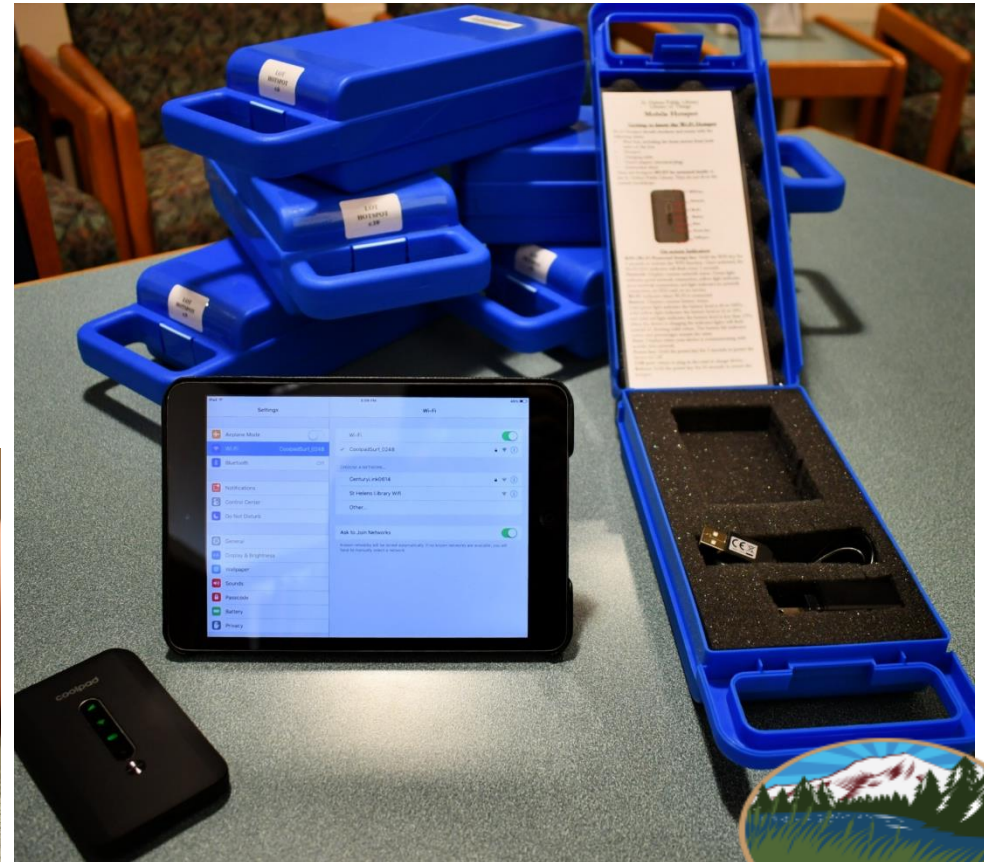
A Sample of Programs and Services

- Storytimes for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers
- Outreach to Head Start and visits to K-12 classrooms
- Make It! – our STEM program for youth
- Summer Library Challenge
- The St. Helens Public Library Ukulele Orchestra
- Genial Genealogists, Writers' Guild, Arts Guild, Fiber Fanatics, Focus Photo Club, Book Group, and Author Visits
- Test Proctoring Services



Highlights 2019

- \$20,000 grant from the Northwest STEM Hub to expand after-school science programs for youth ages 7-12
- Merged library catalogs with the Scappoose Public Library to increase access to materials, improve infrastructure, and reduce costs
- Hosted full-day genealogy conference, “Bridges to the Past”
- Created the “Library of Things” which includes WiFi hotspots, 3-D pens, robots, science kits, ukuleles, cultural passes, and more!



Library Goals for 2020

- Find options and funding for a courier service between the St. Helens and the Scappoose Public Libraries
- Explore the creation of a maker lab for continued hands-on science and technology programs and equipment
- Continue to offer a broad array of programs and services to meet the needs and interests of the community





Community Development - Building

- 250 New units under construction in 2019
- Increasing mix of detached and attached housing
- New St. Helens Middle School completed
- New Plymouth High School completed
- Columbia Community Mental Health expansions
- Modular building added to SH Police Station



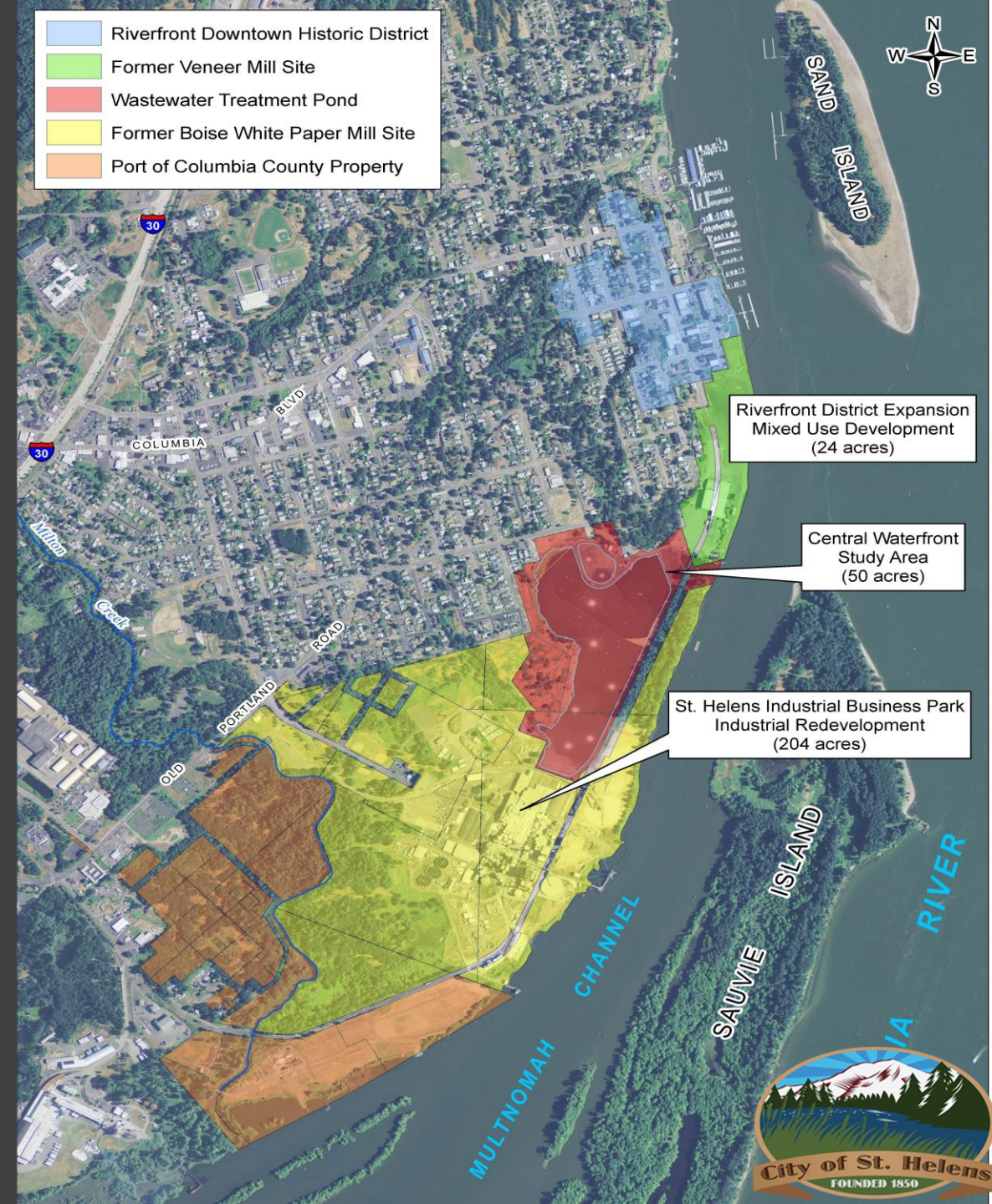
Community Development - Planning

- Riverfront Connector Plan Adopted
- Housing Needs Analysis Completed
- Framework Plan for Riverfront Redevelopment



Community Development – Riverfront Redevelopment

- EPA City Wide Assessment Program
- Central Waterfront Investigation
- Industrial Park Planning





Community Development – City Properties





Community Development - Tourism





Recreation Program

Our Mission: Building Community Through Activity.
Guiding commitment to providing low-cost activities to the community

2018 Program Highlights:

- SHARP After School Program - 73 youth
- Community Game Nights - 84 people
- Youth Basketball ***2019*** - **375 sign-ups**
- Movie in the Park Night - 250 people
- 33 Youth Activities last three seasons
- 43 Adult Activities last three seasons
- 8 High School Students Employed



2020 Program Goals

- Increase quality partnerships with local organizations
- Expand after school care program
- Collaborate with local sports leagues
- Retain and develop talented staff
- Develop a Strategic Plan working with the City Parks Department







2020 Goals – City wide



1. Effective Organizational Structure –
 - Recruit & retain talented staff
 - Sustainable Budgeting
 - Continue Council training
 - Recruit and Support Board and Commission members



2. Enhance Community Engagement – Educate, invite survey input, encourage participation
3. Enhance Safe and Livable Environment –
 - Continue Parks Investments
 - Plan for new Police Station
 - Grow Recreation Program
 - Library as the cultural resource for youth and adults



4. Economic Development -
 - Permit and fee structure review
 - Activate Business Industrial Park
 - Riverfront Redevelopment



5. Long Term Planning –
 - Facilities planning to accommodate growth
 - Program Planning to serve all residents
 - Public Works Masterplan Updates
 - Long Term economic development strategy



Thank you for coming!

Please take the survey – your input is very important and appreciated. See our website.

Visit the tables for help with specific issues and to chat with City leaders.

