



# CITY OF CONCORD

## REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Byron O. Champlin  
Mayor

**DATE:** February 23, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Calendar Year 2026-2027 City Council Priorities

### **Recommendation**

Review, approve and adopt the City Council Priorities as developed by Mayor Champlin and members of City Council at their February 19, 2026 City Council Priority Setting Session.

### **Background/Discussion**

Members of City Council met on February 19, 2026 to discuss and set priorities for 2026-2027. The following items are the top priorities members of Council chose for 2026-2027.

#### **1) Fiscal Responsibility and Communications**

The City will adopt a balanced budget that minimizes impact on the tax rate, while following a policy that maintains Concord's AA+ bond rating, complies with fiscal policy goals and makes maximum use of federal and state funding.

#### **Focus Areas:**

- Help the community understand the revaluation process and changes, and fiscal policies. Prioritize efforts to reduce tax rate increases through strategic planning of out-year capital projects. Publicize options for tax relief and exemptions.
- Update communication procedures to better leverage digital media and reach a wider array of constituents. Create proactive materials, visual media, etc. for broad dissemination.

#### **2) Economic & Community Development**

Establish Concord as a welcoming destination for businesses and families with vibrant arts and events in downtown centers. Expand the tax base by responsibly investing in key infrastructure such as water, sewer and roads in targeted areas of the city. Protect neighborhoods from blight and deterioration that negatively impact area property values, encourage historic preservation, and encourage residents and business owners' efforts to maintain the physical environment through standards set in local ordinances.

**Focus Areas:**

- Remove barriers to commercial and residential development through regulatory and administrative reform.
- Implement Master Plan Initiatives.

**3) Infrastructure Investment & Asset Management**

Protect, maintain and improve critical city infrastructure, including streets, sidewalks, parks, trails, recreational facilities and utilities to support economic growth and improve quality of life in the City. These goals should support safety, mobility, economic activity and service reliability.

**Focus Area:**

- Enhance quality of life through a range of accessible recreational, cultural and civic spaces.

**4) Housing Stability & Human Services Coordination**

Support housing availability across the continuum and improve coordinated responses to community vulnerability including the impact of housing issues on renters.

**Focus Area:**

- Measurably reduce homelessness in Concord by growing a coordinated, quantified, public-private partnership approach with regular public updates.

**2026-2027 Priority Subcategories**

**1) Public Safety, Health & Community Well-Being**

Maintain a safe, healthy and resilient community through proactive and adaptive public safety services.

**2) Environmental Responsibility & Renewable Energy Management**

Advance sustainability, resilience and responsible resource management to economic advantage.

**3) High Performing Organization**

Support an environment of transparency, clear public communication, collaboration and teamwork. Enable the City to recruit, retain and compete for talent and high-performing employees and ensure institutional knowledge is retained.