



Lowell City Council Planning Session - Budget Retreat #1

January 29th 8:30am – 3:30pm

Lowell City Hall - 101 W. First Street Lowell, NC 28098

Meeting Objectives:

1. Continue to build Council relationships to aid decision-making;
2. Affirm the City's strategic plan foundation and discuss options for a plan update in FY25
3. Update Council on key projects and seek out guidance or decision points

The session will include a variety of presentations, discussion, and participant engagement activities. Centralina staff will facilitate to draw out all perspectives and voices while keeping participants on track.

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Agenda will include a lunch break and several stretch breaks

Welcome and Opening Remarks

- Mayor Simonds & Scott Attaway, City Manager

Getting Started: Agenda Review and Ground Rules

- Geraldine Gardner, Executive Director, Centralina Regional Council

Strategic Plan Review and Discussion of FY25-27 Update Process

- Council will review and affirm the City's current vision, mission and values and also discuss options for updating the plan for the next three-year period.

I-85 Improvements Discussion

- Randi Gates from the GCLMPO will share an update on this important project.

Opportunity Site Discussion: Chemical Plant/Brownfield

- Joselyn Harriger from NCDEQ Brownfield and Greg Icenhour from Mid Atlantic Environmental will share the background, current state and future plans for this site as a City public works facility and riverfront park.

Grant Project Updates

- Amanda Whitaker and Chris Rosenboom from Withers Ravenel will share project updates.
- City Manager and Michael Supino of Creech Architecture will also share updates on selected grants/projects and projects with NC budget appropriations.





Manager's Report: FY24 Accomplishments and FY25 Outlook

- Council will hear a presentation from the City Manager on accomplishments of the current fiscal year and what's ahead for FY25.

Financial Outlook

- Council will hear presentations from the City Manager and Mitch Brigulio of Davenport Public Finance on the City's fiscal outlook, CIF Fund, General Fund CIP, and fund balance.

YMCA Discussion about Possible Partnership

- Council will discuss potential City partnership with Sharon Padgett, CEO of the Gaston Family YMCA.

Stormwater Fee Discussion

- The City Manager will present Council will scenarios and info related to the stormwater fee.

Closing Remarks & March 1st Meeting Preview