

1. Recommend priorities for public safety:

Proactive law enforcement and fire/emergency response preparedness with robust community engagement. Focus on root cause issues with an emphasis on mental health and crisis response teams.

Fund additional police municipal court recommendations in near term through cost savings elsewhere (see Library 7 mill recommendation).

2. Recommend priorities for Police, Fire, Court and Legal departments

(1) Police: 1 - Add 2 investigators 2- Add 2 dispatchers 3 - Add patrol officers as budget allows

(2) Municipal Court: 1 - Add one jury clerk 2 – Add one courtroom clerk

(3) GFFR: Fund 2nd downtown company – Plan for future additional fire station

3. Recommend strategies for funding public safety priorities

Foster a pro-business and pro-growth environment with minimal regulations to increase property tax base long term

While respecting voters expressed desire for a properly funded library pursue (up to) 7 mill library funding drawback in current negotiations

Exercise increased discretion in utilizing/renewing TIFF districts and tax abatements

Separate any future levy requests made. Significantly reduce amounts made in “ask.” Prioritize a fire levy with GFPD/Municipal Court being funded nearer term in budget

4. Recommend strategies to engage a broad spectrum of community members and businesses

Form a committee to create/organize/execute a volunteer “direct to the community door knocking” survey or to interface with non tax payer funded community organizations who can fund a more formal poll/survey. The committee may also be charged to organize community organizations in support of any potential future funding requests.