



COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION
Public Safety Bldg—Training Room, 825 41st Ave NE
February 9 & 16, 2023
2:00 PM

Mayor
Amáda Márquez Simula
Councilmembers
Connie Buesgens
Kt Jacobs
Rachel James
Justice Spriggs
City Manager
Kelli Bourgeois

Strategic Planning Sessions

On February 9 and 16 2023, the Columbia Heights City Council and Department Heads convened in special sessions to review its vision, core strategies, and establish goals to guide the organization in the coming years. Facilitator Phil Kerns led the process that involved revisiting work completed on these key city priorities from 2020 and a present-day assessment to determine the needs of the community and organization moving forward. The session included Mayor Márquez Simula, Councilmembers Buesgens, Jacobs, James and Spriggs. City Manager Kelli Bourgeois, Police Chief Lenny Austin, Community Development Director Aaron Chirpich, Library Director Renee Dougherty, Public Works Director Kevin Hansen, IT Director Jesse Hauf, City Clerk Sara Ion, Finance Director Joe Kloiber, Communications Coordinator Ben Sandell, Fire Chief Charlie Thompson, and Recreation Director Keith Windschitl.

Next Steps

Facilitator Phil Kerns will review the 2023 Strategic Planning and Goal Setting Report at the March 27, 2023 Council Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Ion, City Clerk/Council Secretary