



Strategic Goals for the City of Port Angeles

Budget preparation allows the City the opportunity to reassess goals and objectives and the means for accomplishing them. The budget document is the method of presenting, in financial terms, the overall plan for the 2012 fiscal year. This plan sets the direction of activity for the various departments during the year.

In 2010, City Council and staff began a three phase implementation of a new budget process referred to as Budgeting for Priorities. Budgeting for Priorities is defined

as a priority driven budget process to allocate resources to programs or services that achieve the goals and objectives that are of greatest value to the community. To begin this process, the Mayor and City Council met with Staff on several occasions in order to develop both long and short term strategic plans. Six community vision elements, or priority results, were developed and adopted for use in preparing the 2012 budget.

Financially Responsible Government

Provide consistent and quality municipal services that maximize return on investments, leverage of outside sources, are equitable for local taxpayers, and increase opportunity for economic development.

- Provide consistent and quality services which are cost effective and sustainable, responsive to community needs, and valued by citizens.
- Adhere to sound debt, reserve, and investment policies.
- Develop and maintain a long-term financial approach to ensure financial stability.
- Enhance and facilitate transparency, accountability, efficiencies, and best practices.
- Conservative approach to budgeting and forecasting.

Public Safety

Our community is recognized as a safe place to live, work and play. We are known for excellent public safety services that are provided by well-trained, highly competent personnel.

- All calls for assistance are responded to in a timely manner by highly trained personnel and with necessary resources that are properly deployed.
- Appropriate disaster preparedness planning and training is provided for all levels of City government.
- Complete interoperability is achieved through the appropriate provision of equipment and technology that enhances agency effectiveness and employee safety.
- Prevention and volunteer programs are an integral part of the public safety mission.
- Public, private, and intergovernmental partnerships are actively pursued to maximize the effectiveness of public safety resources.



Plan for a Sustainable Community

Strive to provide a diversity of attractive neighborhoods and commercial districts that foster affordable living, walkable environments, and a strong sense of place.

- Ensure the Comprehensive Plan and local development codes are proactive, clear, and balanced.
- Provide functional and aesthetically pleasing community design as the expected standard for developers, ensuring optimum use of City infrastructure.
- Foster distinctive, attractive neighborhoods with a strong sense of place and identity, while preserving open space, natural beauty, and critical environmental areas.
- Create pedestrian-friendly neighborhoods by reducing vehicular travel to services and amenities.
- Promote the Port Angeles Downtown and Waterfront as a desirable place to live, work, and visit.

Economic Development

Strive to create a balanced and diverse local economy, maximizing employment and educational opportunities for the entire community with a well maintained infrastructure designed for future growth.

- Facilitate the creation of an educated and skilled workforce that generates leadership, entrepreneurship, and sustainable business models.
- Leverage and enhance existing infrastructure to ensure future opportunities for placement and retention of job generating businesses.
- Seek emerging opportunities for new economic drivers, such as alternative energy generation and technology based innovation.
- Prioritize municipal investments to maximize local economic benefits and job growth while securing public/private partnerships that revitalize the local and regional economy.
- Recognize the importance of environmental stewardship to economic development and promote an exemplary quality of life while protecting private property rights.



A little substation repair.



Excellence in Government

Strive for government that is predictable, accountable and honest, actively seeks citizen involvement, incorporates a clear and achievable goal, and is committed to success.

- Be objective, unbiased, and fair with defined long-term goals that serve the best interests of the community.
- City Council and employees will hold themselves to high ethical standards and be committed to their duties with respect and courtesy, striving for excellence everyday.
- Provide high quality basic services such as utilities, fire and police protection, street maintenance, and community development, in an efficient and effective manner.
- Communicate with the community the activities, goals, and achievements of City government.
- Port Angeles City government is committed to demonstrating proactive leadership in developing partnerships with other agencies and the public, to advance mutual interests.

Our Unique Community

Our community enjoys a superior quality of life composed of abundant recreational resources, a unique natural setting, thriving cultural opportunities, and a balanced economic base.

- Develop and encourage community involvement, participation, and pride.
- Diverse attainable housing and job opportunities for multiple generations and varied income levels.
- Broad spectrum of cultural and recreational opportunities for residents and visitors.
- Facilitates sustainable economic opportunities that complements our regional assets and natural features.
- Promote excellence in life-long education with K-12 systems, Peninsula College, and private resources, to create future leaders and improve workforce.



You can sit on the pier and watch the ships come in.