



# 2023 Legislative Priorities

November 9, 2022



## What is a Legislative Priority?

- Policy positions and bonding requests the city supports at the state level
  - Priorities help steer the City's legislative advocacy, outreach and partnership in the coming year
  - Legislative priorities may change based on bonding vs. non-bonding year
  - Best practice- City Council formally adopt

# Mission, Vision and Core Values

**Vision:** A resilient, purposeful, and forward-thinking community where all are connected and can thrive.

**Mission:** To create equitable systems, infrastructure and services that make our community better.



## Lead the way

The City of Richfield seeks to continuously improve the services it provides to residents through innovative and creative solutions. The city cultivates an environment of growth for its staff and residents.



## Responsive

The City of Richfield listens and responds to feedback from residents. New projects undertaken by the city will reflect the needs of residents. Both elected officials and city staff will provide friendly, timely, knowledgeable customer service to residents at all times.



## Stewardship

The City of Richfield manages all of its resources, whether it be human, natural or financial, in a responsible manner. The city aims to provide services that promote a prosperous and healthy community in the most fiscally responsible and sustainable way.



## Community Centered

The City of Richfield celebrates and takes pride in its community. The city is resident-focused and makes tailored decisions based on what is best for current and future residents. Richfield is constantly seeking opportunities to collaborate with residents to set goals and accomplish objectives.



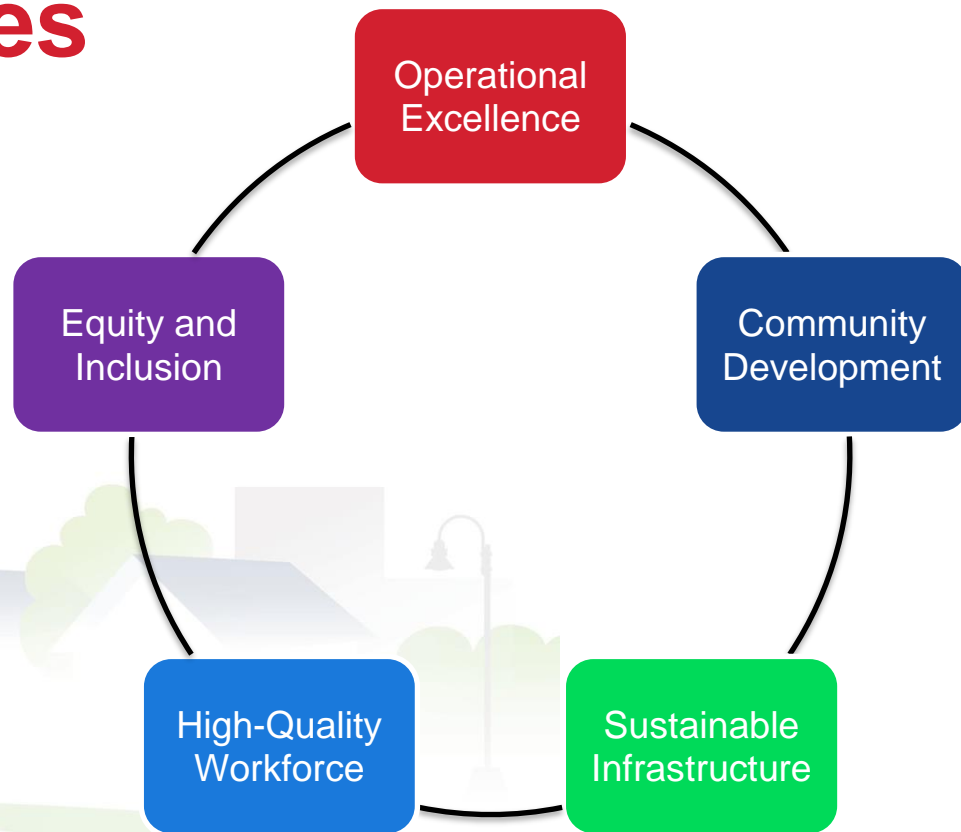
## Equitable

The City of Richfield is dedicated to building a diverse, inclusive and thriving hometown. The city seeks to understand barriers and connects all residents with opportunities. Richfield will reduce inequity by focusing on the areas of greatest disparities.

# Strategic Priorities

## 2023-2026 Strategic Initiatives

- Develop long-term financial plans for capital and operations
- Create organization-wide continuous improvement plan
- Develop organization-wide tech plan
- Establish essential service delivery plan
- Develop a downtown strategy
- Establish strategy for pooled TIF funds
- Create community affordability strategy
- Develop comprehensive HRA redevelopment plan
- Update development review process and procedures
- Create comprehensive capital funding strategy
- Create comprehensive asset management plan
- Implement prioritized CAP initiatives
- Create CAP education strategy for staff and public
- Develop recruitment strategy
- Conduct salary & classification study
- Establish departmental succession plans
- Enhance professional development plan
- Develop Council-staff relationship/workplan process
- Develop strategy to hire DEI Coordinator
- Create Equity Plan
- Create customer service rating increase strategy





# As the City of Richfield we....

- Support legislation that addresses the widening existing economic, racial, health and education gaps, and the adverse impacts a warming climate will have on our most vulnerable communities.
- Support local officials who know what tools and programs best support our residents.
- Oppose the imposition of legislative mandates that increase local costs without a corresponding state appropriation or funding mechanism.



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- Legislative platform includes 3 top city priorities
- Council formally adopts legislative platform
- Within the City's scope of influence





# Top 2023 Legislative Priorities

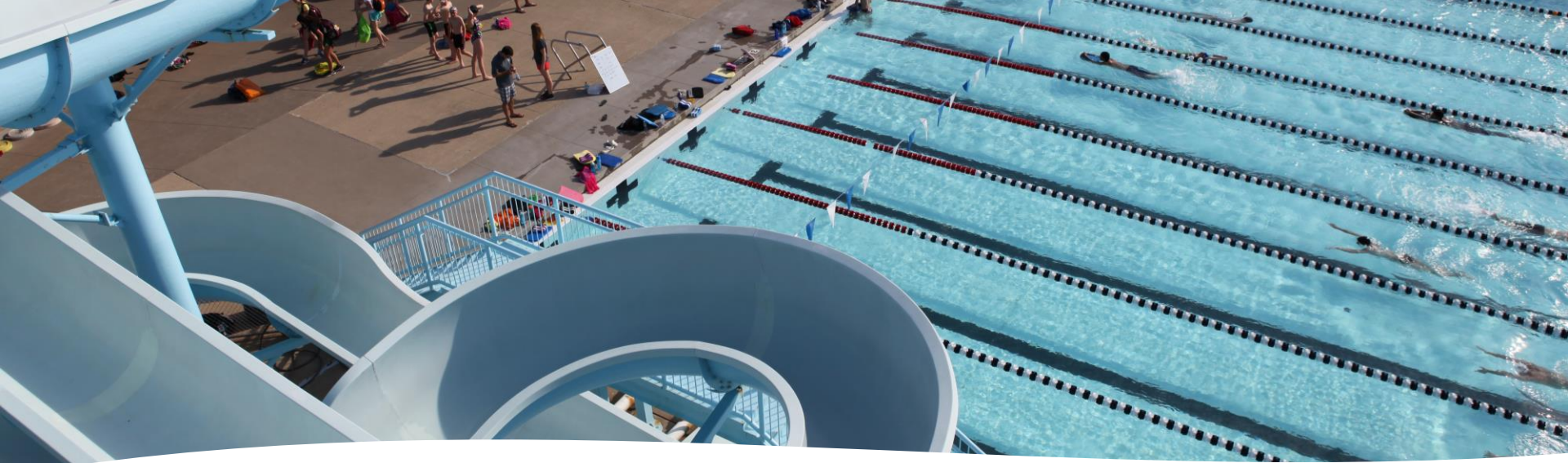
1. **Support** a bonding bill for a new Wood Lake Nature Center facility
2. **Support** legislation which would provide the City of Richfield the authorization to propose a local sales tax (LST) to support regionally significant park projects.
3. **Support** local control of Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

# 1. Support a bonding bill that appropriates \$10,000,000 towards a new Wood Lake Nature Center facility

- This beloved and vital regional asset is turning 52 years old in 2023
- Center needs a new building and improved trail system
- 22,500+ people attend programs each year
- Serves people from all areas of the Twin Cities metro including visitors from greater Minnesota







## 2. Support legislation which allows Richfield the authorization to propose a local sales tax (LST)

- LST funds would support regionally significant park projects.
- The projects must also include the length of time the funding will be in effect
- Will be discussed further at a work session on December 8, 2022
- Provides additional long-term funding for future large-scale public projects
  - 2022 half cent sales tax estimate is \$2.8- \$3.4 million annually

### 3. Support local control of Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

- Allow local units of government to designate which licensed ambulance service or provider(s) may serve their communities to ensure the appropriate level of service
- Local units of government should be provided with tools and authority to ensure transparency and responsiveness by EMS providers





## Additional Legislative Positions

- Each department has identified additional priorities to be part of the city's complete legislative platform
- The final legislative platform will be sent to our state representatives and posted to our website.





# Next Steps

- The final legislative priorities will go to the City Council for adoption at the December 13 council meeting
- Adopted legislative platform will be presented to elected representatives at the annual legislative breakfast
- Breakfast scheduled at 7:45 a.m on December 20 at the WLNC



Questions?