2016 Year In Review and a Look Ahead
The Wichita City Council set several strategic priorities which serve as the guiding principles for City government.

They include:

» **Keeping Wichita Safe**

» **Building Dependable Infrastructure**

» **Growing Wichita’s Economy**

» **Living Well**

» **Wichita: A Well-Run City**

This report highlights the City of Wichita’s 2016 accomplishments in each of those areas and provides a look ahead at the City’s 2017 goals.
AIRPORT
- 4th Best Small Airport in the U.S. (national survey of 200,000 passengers)
- Ad Astra Outstanding Achievement Award, Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce
- Outstanding Engineering Achievement Award, WSPE

FINANCE
- Distinguished Budget Award (28th consecutive year), GFOA
- Certificate of Distinction for Performance Measurement, ICMA
- Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award (15 years), NPI
- Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting (43rd consecutive year), GFOA

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
- Digital Cities Award for Innovative Use of Technology
- What Works Cities Engagement Award, Bloomberg

LIBRARY
- Innovation Award for Customer Experience, ULC
- Friend of Education Award, CKPE Task Force

PARK & RECREATION
- Award of Excellence (Chinese Friendship Garden), AGCK
- New and Innovative Park Project Program Award (No Mow Native and Wildflower Zone), KRPA
- Outstanding New and Innovative Sports Program (Foot Golf), KRPA

PLANNING
- Pioneer Award (Wichita-Sedgwick County Community Investments Plan 2015-2035), APA Kansas Chapter

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES
- Notable Fleet Award, APWA and Government Fleet Magazine
- Gold Peak Performance Award (Wastewater Plants 2, 3 and 4), NACWA
- Best in Craft Award (Wastewater Plant 3) for Rehabilitation and Improvement, DBIA-MAR
- Concrete Construction Award (Market Street Parking Garage), ACI Kansas Chapter
- National Award of Merit (Equus Beds ASR Program), DBIA
- 3 Star Community (Environmental Health and CMO), STAR Communities
2016 Accomplishments

**AIRPORT**
- Installed new security gates and cameras at Eisenhower National Airport

**ARTS AND CULTURAL SERVICES**
- Completed security and fire improvements at Old Cowtown Museum including new fire alarms, motion detectors and security cameras
MUNICIPAL COURT
› Assisted 162 residents by removing 377 convictions from their records during Clean Slate Day
› Funded day reporting services for eligible defendants in lieu of jail, reducing crime and saving ~$52,000/month
› Implemented new screening tool to optimize supervision and treatment of defendants, reducing recidivism by 15%

PARK & RECREATION
› Installed security systems and cameras with IT support at McAdams, Edgemoor, Woodard, Evergreen, Linwood and Orchard recreation centers

PLANNING
› Completed the Wichita Street Safety Education initiative

POLICE
› Helped more than 200 homeless people find housing through Oct. 30, doubling the goal
› Launched Old Town safety plan to include cameras, staffing and other security enhancements
› Solved 30 of 31 homicides year to date
› Placed six officers in the South and North Broadway corridor to address crime and quality of life issues
› Initiated a volunteer program to help enforce handicapped parking violations

2017 Goals

AIRPORT
› Install additional security gates, cameras and a controlled-access entrance
› Install emergency call boxes in the parking garage and surface lots

FIRE
› Implement pilot program to improve response times for medical and other emergency calls

PARK & RECREATION
› Upgrade lighting at recreation center parking lots
› Install security systems and cameras at remaining recreation centers and O.J. Watson Park

POLICE
› Continue to work with partners to add more security cameras in Old Town
› Improve traffic enforcement to address problem locations, DUIs and fatalities
2016 Accomplishments

AIRPORT
- Installed additional sidewalks to improve pedestrian access and safety
- Completed the design and bidding for a new system to improve cell phone service within the terminal

LIBRARY
- Began construction of the Advanced Learning Library, opening 2018

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES
- Removed City-maintained lead pipes that previously provided water service
- Initiated Kellogg-Greenwich and I-35 interchange project, expanding Kellogg to a six-lane freeway, improving interchanges and driver safety
- Completed analysis of the stormwater drainage system
- Launched innovative project to optimize future water and sewer operations and resources
- Began new fleet maintenance model that focuses on the most efficient way to replace vehicles

2017 Goals

LIBRARY
- Initiate branch improvements based on updated master plan

PARK & RECREATION
- Develop and implement a long-term plan to update recreation centers
- Adopt aquatics master plan and complete design

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES
- Improve the condition of residential streets funded by Hyatt sale ($10M)
- Replace 20 miles of neighborhood water mains
- Conduct condition assessment of City buildings and facilities
- Complete biennial bridge inspection of nearly 280 bridges to develop long term repair and replacement plans
2016 Accomplishments

**AIRPORT**

- Sustained competitive air fares, dropping 6% in second quarter of 2016 (avg. fare lower than OKC and Tulsa)
- Secured contract for Alaska Air to provide non-stop service from Wichita to Seattle in 2017
- Managed project to build new Hampton Inn & Suites hotel on airport property
- Extended FlightSafety International lease for two major facilities

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URBAN DEVELOPMENT

- Led efforts to retain and expand Cargill, a major employer in downtown Wichita
- Spearheaded development on the west bank of the Arkansas River including a planned pedestrian bridge and major improvements to the Lawrence Dumont Stadium area
- Supported the expansion and financing of the Stryker soccer complex into a year-round multisport attraction
- Guided redevelopment of Douglas & Hillside and Delano Catalyst sites which feature more than 10 acres of new, mixed-use space, resulting in more than $70M in capital investment
- Negotiated service agreements to develop economic development opportunities for Wichita businesses in Mexico

2017 Goals

URBAN DEVELOPMENT

- Support regional economic development efforts including Blueprint for Regional Economic Growth, Wichita State University Innovation Campus and Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce
2016 Accomplishments

LAW
- Revised ordinances regulating the Big Arkansas River in preparation for further development and recreational activity
- Drafted new ordinance to better regulate food trucks operating in the city

LIBRARY
- Upgraded library computer systems to enable new features such as “amount saved” receipts and e-book integration
- Implemented online reading program registration and tracking system

PARK & RECREATION
- Replaced iconic train at O.J. Watson Park
- Resurfaced tennis and athletic courts, added a new turf baseball field and repaired dugouts and bleachers at McAdams Park
- Resurfaced tennis and athletic courts in Fairmount and Friendship Park; added Futsol court at Fairmount Park
- Constructed an interactive water feature/splash pad at Buffalo Park
- Installed a perimeter exercise and walking path at Orchard Park

PLANNING
- Constructed 6.4 miles of bicycle paths (Woodchuck bikeway; Market and Topeka bike lanes from Kellogg to Mt. Vernon)
- Completed bicycle wayfinding plan to ease navigation

POLICE
- Hosted the nationally recognized First Steps Cookout at McAdams Park, a citywide event designed to improve community relations
- Spearheaded approval of an ordinance to give residents and police a more effective tool to combat repeated property violations

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PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES
» Maintained compliance with federal clean air requirements through the regional Ozone Advance Program
» Reduced dust near schools through a series of dust mitigation activities
» Renovated Keeper of the Plains to enhance aesthetics and safety

TRANSIT
» Implemented a new route and fare structure to simplify the system and promote prepaid long-term passes
» Introduced a new, cost-effective paratransit model
» Launched the MyStop Mobile transit app and a mobile-friendly website, connecting riders to real-time route information
» Partnered with Envision to install Bluetooth beacons on each bus stop sign, a first-of-its-kind project enabling the visually impaired to find the correct bus stop

HOUSING
» Installed 1,200 bus stop signs across the community to transition to a designated stop system
» Purchased nine new buses to replace an aging fleet

2017 Goals

AIRPORT
» Work with TSA and others to locate a pre-check enrollment area
» Build a service animal and pet relief area in the terminal
» Solicit sponsorship to install a nursing station in the terminal
» Partner with Doc’s Friends toward construction of a permanent home for the historic B-29 aircraft

HOUSING
» Reduce urban blight through rehabilitating commercial space and assisting business owners
» Maintain housing affordability for residents earning 80 percent or less of the area’s median income

LIBRARY
» Partner with Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas to increase employment services in designated library locations
» Implement a new early literacy initiative to enhance school readiness
» Coordinate a federal grant focused on the history of race and ethnicity, in partnership with the Wichita Police Department and the Urban League
PARK & RECREATION
» Support the growth of recreation and sports activities, working with partners

PLANNING
» Support infill development within the core area of the city
» Update Delano Neighborhood Revitalization Plan (2001)

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES
» Improve drought resiliency with improvement to the City’s water rights permits

TRANSIT
» Identify a sustainable long-term funding source for transit services
» Collaborate with businesses, educational institutions, and others to promote transit, paratransit and ridership
» Improve routes, and add benches and shelters to improve customer experience
» Expand Q-Line service to meet community needs and maximize ridership

2016 Accomplishments

FINANCE
» Saved more than $57.6 million by continuing to refinance City debt
» Enhanced customer service by expanding online licensing options for garage sales, certain business licenses and dog license renewals
» Engaged the public during the annual social media town hall, generating more than 194,000 page views and 600 comments

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
» Launched the open data policy to support transparency, efficiency and engagement

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LAW
- Updated fire, sign, alcohol, and Old Town entertainment codes to ensure compliance and public safety
- Partnered with WPD to regulate massage businesses and combat human trafficking
- Updated telecommunication franchise agreements, recovering revenue

2017 Goals

FINANCE
- Manage new zero-based budgeting process focusing on core services, efficiencies and accountability

FIRE
- Implement a modern payroll and budget system
- Establish performance-based contracting in new areas including right-of-way and park mowing

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
- Spearhead the redesign of wichita.gov to better serve customers

LAWS
- Move to more efficient and cost-effective electronic records system
- Develop system to more effectively track claims
- Update panhandling ordinance to comply with current case law

MUNICIPAL COURT
- Implement technology enhancements to provide better customer service