

## 2010 Budget Process - Priority Setting

<b>1.</b>	<b>Arts &amp; Culture</b>
<i>Arts &amp; culture resources, artist &amp; institutions are accessible to all, are supported by the community &amp; provide a rich network of creative opportunities.</i>	
<b>Staff Issues</b>	<b>Council Priority</b>
	Recreation & cultural facilities (medium)

<b>2.</b>	<b>Community Character</b>
<i>Columbia protects &amp; encourages the expression of its historic &amp; natural character, uniting the community with sustainable, healthy planning &amp; design, beautifying the streets &amp; lives of its citizens.</i>	
<b>Staff Issues</b>	<b>Council Priority</b>
	Planning infrastructure & implementation (high) Environmental stewardship (high)

<b>3.</b>	<b>Community Facilities &amp; Service</b>
<i>High level, comprehensive, responsive services - from library, to police, emergency, substance abuse, and public works - keep the city clean, safe &amp; beautiful, and citizens informed &amp; knowledgeable; provide equitable treatment to all; incorporate input from citizens; and support the high quality of life of the community.</i>	
<b>Staff Issues</b>	<b>Council Priority</b>
Police staffing levels	Planning infrastructure & implementation (high) Public safety (high) Social service & health (medium)

<b>4.</b>	<b>Community Pride &amp; Human Relations</b>
<i>Our vision of Columbia's future is one where we all embrace &amp; help create a welcoming, just, responsive, proactive, understanding &amp; respectful environment for residents &amp; visitors alike - celebrating, rather than denigrating our collective diversity.</i>	
<b>Staff Issues</b>	<b>Council Priority</b>

<b>5.</b>	<b>Development</b>
<i>Columbia, Boone County and the surrounding region protect &amp; preserve the natural environment, agricultural areas, &amp; cultural resources; provide adequate infrastructure; include diverse, mixed-use, walkable and bicycle-friendly neighborhoods; &amp; develop in ways that positively contribute to &amp; sustain community culture, heritage &amp; character. Our community accomplishes these ends through an open, inclusive, transparent, predictable &amp; accountable planning process with fair allocation of costs.</i>	
<b>Staff Issues</b>	<b>Council Priority</b>
	Planning infrastructure & implementation (high) Economic opportunity & development (high)

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<b>6.</b>	<b>Downtown</b>
<i>Downtown Columbia is a hip &amp; vibrant district with a diversity of easily accessible businesses, residences, attractions &amp; institutions; it is an exciting gathering place for all types of people.</i>	
<b>Staff Issues</b>	<b>Council Priority</b>
	Economic opportunity & development (high)

<b>7.</b>	<b>Economic Development</b>
<i>Columbia will attract, retain &amp; encourage business growth by establishing a business-friendly climate, enhancing regional economic partnerships &amp; fostering a digital infrastructure.</i>	
<b>Staff Issues</b>	<b>Council Priority</b>
	Planning infrastructure & implementation (high) Economic opportunity & development (high)

<b>8.</b>	<b>Education</b>
<i>Excellent education programs &amp; facilities are available to students of all ages in a variety of programs that both support each individual's goals &amp; address the diverse social, economic &amp; environmental needs of the community.</i>	
<b>Staff Issues</b>	<b>Council Priority</b>

<b>9.</b>	<b>Environment</b>
<i>Columbia residents &amp; businesses conserve all the community's natural resources, work cooperatively to apply best planning practices, model energy efficiency, transition to renewable energy &amp; approach zero waste generation.</i>	
<b>Staff Issues</b>	<b>Council Priority</b>
	Environmental stewardship (high)

<b>10.</b>	<b>Governance &amp; Decision Making</b>
<i>Columbia's governance is a model of transparency, efficiency &amp; citizen participation that enjoys the strong confidence of its residents.</i>	
<b>Staff Issues</b>	<b>Council Priority</b>
	Public governance (unrated) Fiscal responsibility (unrated)

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<b>11.</b>	<b>Health, Social Services &amp; Affordable Housing</b>	
<i>Columbia is a supportive, compassionate, healthy community with high quality social services, a first-rate health care system &amp; safe, quality affordable housing that are accessible to all.</i>		
<b>Staff Issues</b>		<b>Council Priority</b>
Declining federal/state grants		Social service & health (medium)

<b>12.</b>	<b>Parks, Recreation &amp; Greenways</b>	
<i>A network of attractive &amp; safe parks &amp; recreational amenities are connected by trails &amp; greenways that provide area residents with access to nature, recreation &amp; facilities for active play both indoors &amp; out.</i>		
<b>Staff Issues</b>		<b>Council Priority</b>
Declining Parks Sales Tax revenues		Recreation & cultural facilities (medium)

<b>13.</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	
<i>Columbia &amp; central Missouri, a growing urban community, will have a modern transportation system, which allows its citizens to move about freely within the region using whatever means are desired - automobile, bus, bicycle, walking - and to do so safely, within a reasonable time frame &amp; without encountering needless congestion.</i>		
<b>Staff Issues</b>		<b>Council Priority</b>
Declining Transportation Sales Tax revenues Federal funding for equipment replacement		Planning infrastructure & implementation (high)