

RESOLUTION #080
(Series of 2025)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASPEN,
COLORADO, ADOPTING THE 2025-2027 CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY
PROJECTS AND GOALS.

WHEREAS, the City Council has a long history of establishing goals to direct priorities of the city; and,

WHEREAS, the goals of City Council guide the actions of City Council and the City Administration in budgeting and programming initiatives; and

WHEREAS, City Council desires to formally adopt goals for the period from 2025-2027 to guide the city in shaping its future; and

WHEREAS, many of the priorities identified by Council during the goal setting session held on May 19-20, 2025, are long-term projects which may take years of meaningful work to effect change; and

WHEREAS, the Aspen City Council desires to initiate these long-term efforts during the 2025-2027 timeframe; and

WHEREAS, the Aspen City Council identified three priority projects that will have generational impacts for the community; and

WHEREAS, Aspen has been a leader for decades in acknowledging the need for affordable housing to maintain the community's sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the importance of the affordable housing issue demands meaningful actions that best leverage the resources of the city of Aspen in meeting this critical community need; and

WHEREAS, the Luminary project responds to the urgent need for affordable housing in the Aspen area through the construction of 100% affordable housing units in three, four-story buildings;

WHEREAS, community connections are a fundamental component of a healthy and vibrant city; and

WHEREAS, strengthening the quality of life and well-being of residents, and promoting affordability is important for the community's success; and

WHEREAS, the Armory Hall redevelopment project is designed to create a place to gather and the provision of affordable food; and

WHEREAS, the Aspen City Council is committed to working toward the best transportation solutions to improve safety, traffic flow, and multi-modal transportation; and

WHEREAS, Aspen also commits to continuing leadership in the deployment of transportation demand management strategies; and

WHEREAS, the global climate crisis has direct impacts to regional ecology, economics, communities, and the resiliency of essential systems, services and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Aspen is facing an existential threat from climate change, with higher temperatures being recorded across all seasons, more precipitation arriving as rain rather than snow, and the annual frost-free period extending by over one month since 1980; and

WHEREAS, more frequent wildfire events both locally and nationally threaten the wilderness, private and public property, community health and safety, including the risk of landslides and increased days of impaired air quality; and

WHEREAS, to continue to provide efficient and reliable water, stormwater and electrical services; safe roads and bridges; and ADA accessible pedestrian improvements for the community, the city commits to prioritizing and advancing infrastructure projects, and

WHEREAS, governmental and community services can be improved through additional focus on community needs, customers, and effective, responsive delivery of services; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has identified these areas of critical importance to the continued success of the city of Aspen.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASPEN, COLORADO,

Section 1. That the City Council of the City of Aspen hereby adopts the following City of Aspen 2025-2027 Council Priority Projects, Council Goals and principles to address these matters, and does hereby authorize the City Manager to pursue said priorities and goals.

2025-2027 Priority Projects Council Goals and Council Goals

Council Priority Projects:

- Armory Hall
- Luminaryard Affordable Housing
- Entrance to Aspen

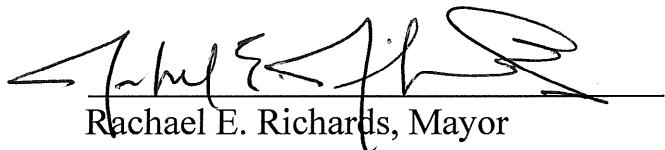
Council Goals:

- Early Childhood Education programmatic enhancement and optimization
- Resource and infrastructure resilience, including fire safety
- Traffic flow/congestion relief

These will be reviewed and accomplished through the following principles:

- Improvement of core service delivery through process improvement with the customer in mind
- Staff support and retention
- Outcome focus

INTRODUCED, READ AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Aspen on the 27th day of May 2025.



Rachael E. Richards, Mayor

I, Nicole Henning, duly appointed and acting City Clerk do certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of that resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Aspen, Colorado, at a meeting held on May 27, 2025.



Nicole Henning, City Clerk