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communication and help in any way within our means. One of those initiatives was for the City to allow businesses to create "parklets" on City right of ways to help expand customer capacity.

I also need to mention the tremendous support our residents receive from the many nonprofit organizations that are active in Sisters. They are mostly volunteer organizations that do so many great things for our community, from youth-oriented programs to helping the disadvantaged and homeless. The City Council just this month awarded almost \$40,000 to 23 nonprofits to help promote their many initiatives.

In closing, you can be assured that the City will continue its hard work and focus on forward planning to ensure our inevitable growth is well-balanced with required infrastructure funding while preserving our small-town feel and quality of life that we cherish. I am so proud to have served as your Mayor for the past four years and am incredibly proud of our City Council and City staff.

PARKS Oregon Parks and Recreation Department and the City partnered to fund and build a new play structure at Village Green Park. One of the important features of the new structure is ADA accessibility. A second park improvement project will take place at Creekside Park to retrofit the pedestrian bridge ramp to meet ADA requirements.



LAW ENFORCEMENT

In 2020 the City entered a five-year contract with the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office to provide law enforcement services to the City. Sisters will now have three permanent deputies and a lieutenant assigned to the City.

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COUNCIL GOALS



Livability and Growth

Projects aim to ensure there are adequate supplies of buildable land within the City and preserve the small-town feel of the community.

An update to the Comprehensive Plan will begin this fall. This project is a large undertaking that will update the City's guiding legal document for growth and development for a 20-year timeframe. The project builds on the 2019 Community Vision and will explore topics related to housing, the economy, natural resources, and community character among other topics.

Public Safety

Strategies include expanded service for law enforcement, improving traffic safety, particularly around bicycle and pedestrian amenities, and building on past wildfire resiliency planning.

A Traffic Safety Study is currently underway in the City to identify intersection and roadway issues. The City's Traffic Engineer will analyze the traffic data and provide recommendations for the best ways to invest future capital funds to improve vehicle, pedestrian, and bike safety throughout the City.



Essential Infrastructure

This strategy is focused on investing in water, wastewater, streets and parks as the foundation of our community.

The City is in the process of developing a fourth municipal groundwater supply (Well 4). The new well will produce 2.15 cfs or approximately 950 gallons per minute. Phase I is the development of the actual well with drilling anticipated to be completed by December 2020. Phase II is the construction of the pumpstation and associated piping with project completion scheduled for spring 2021. This project is funded with water System Development Charges collected from new development to offset their impact to the water system.



Good Governance

These initiatives support a fiscally responsible, transparent, and responsive local government organization for the community both now and strategically into the future. The City has six boards to help guide staff and the City Council. They include the City Parks Advisory Board, Planning Commission, Urban Forestry Board, Housing Policy Advisory Board, Budget Committee and a new Public Works Advisory Board.



Economic Development

This goal builds on past successes to maintain Sisters as a tourist destination and attract traded-sector businesses for a diverse, sustainable economy that supports the community's creative culture while spurring investment and adding living-wage jobs.

