

WORK SESSION AGENDA

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Council Work Session Summary

Meeting: Work Session - Jun 27 2022

TITLE: GO BOND 2022 UPDATE.

PURPOSE(S) OF DISCUSSION: ☒ Inform/Update ☐ Direction/Guidance ☐ Legislative
Development/Policy

BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

This work session item concerns the continued discussion of the 2022 GO Bond initiative. On June 13, 2022, the City Council was presented information related to public engagement efforts and potential projects for a new GO Bond issuance. In addition to public engagement efforts to date, the City recently completed an additional survey related to GO Bonds. The results of this second survey will be presented to the City Council. It is also anticipated that the City Council will continue to provide direction related to projects for a GO Bond issuance.

SUPPORT INFORMATION:

[ATTACHMENT "A" - 2022 City of Las Cruces GO Bond Survey Report](#)

PLAN(S):

None

COMMITTEE/BOARD REVIEW:

None

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2022 CITY OF LAS CRUCES GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND SURVEY RESULTS

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Introduction

This report presents the findings from the 2022 City of Las Cruces General Obligation Bond (GO Bond) Survey. The city contracted with Southwest Planning & Marketing (SWPM) to identify research objectives, develop a survey instrument and administration methodology, administer the survey, and to process, analyze and summarize the data. The purpose of the survey was to gather input from voters to assist with prioritizing potential GO Bond projects and gauge the likelihood of voters' support of the projects at the polls this fall.

The findings from the survey are presented in the following sections: 1) Methodology, 2) Summary of Key Findings, 3) Data Tables, 4) Appendix A: Survey Instrument, and 5) Appendix B: Unedited Responses to Open-Ended Question.

Methodology

The survey was administered in June 2022 via email invitation and four follow up email reminders to the city's utility database.¹ The city also published a link to the survey on its website and via social media. Both English and Spanish versions of the survey were available. The survey instrument was designed by SWPM in collaboration with city staff, with final approval provided by executive city leadership.

A total of 2,533 completed surveys were received from registered voters that reside within the city limits.² The data presented in this report are for these 2,533 respondents.

¹ Email database provided by the city.

² Respondents self-identified their voter status and whether or not they lived within the city limits.

The overall data for the entire sample is accurate to plus or minus 1.9% at the 95% confidence level.³ That means that 95% of the time the data for the entire population (registered voters in Las Cruces) would not vary by more than 1.9% from the results obtained from the sample in this survey.

Upon completion of surveying, SWPM processed and analyzed the data, and created this report.

³ Based on the number of registered voters in the city.

Summary of Key Findings

- ✓ 98.5% of the respondents stated that they definitely will or probably will vote in the general election this November.
- ✓ The highest priority potential GO Bond projects as ranked by the respondents were 1) Neighborhood Reinvestment and Improvements (streets, sidewalks, public lighting, etc.), 2) Affordable Housing Initiatives for Low, Moderate and Middle Income Families, 3) Rehabilitation of Existing City Parks, and 4) New Fire Station #9 in District 5.
- ✓ Respondents were asked how they would vote on each potential project if the election was held today. For the four highest priority projects, 86.7% indicated they would vote "In Favor of" Neighborhood Reinvestment and Improvements (streets, sidewalks, public lighting, etc.), 63.8% would vote for Affordable Housing Initiatives for Low, Moderate and Middle Income Families, 83.7% would vote for Rehabilitation of Existing City Parks, and 65.0% would vote for a New Fire Station #9 in District 5.
- ✓ For all potential projects, respondents generally indicated a willingness to vote "In Favor Of" the project (would vote "In Favor Of" percentage of sixty or higher), with the exceptions being Continued Development of the East Mesa Public Recreation Complex (48.9% would vote for) and New City Parks (52.3% would vote for).
- ✓ An abundance of qualitative data can be found in the verbatim responses to the open-ended request for additional recommendations or comments about potential GO Bond projects (Appendix B).

Project Ranking		Potential GO Bond Projects
Rank	Mean	
1	2.8	Neighborhood Reinvestment and Improvements (streets, sidewalks, public lighting, etc.)
2	3.6	Affordable Housing Initiatives for Low, Moderate and Middle Income Families
3	3.9	Rehabilitation of Existing City Parks
4	4.3	New Fire Station #9 in District 5
5	4.5	Trail and Multi-Use Path Development/Rehabilitation
6	4.5	Additional Recreational Fields/Courts/Facilities (e.g. athletic fields/courts, dog park, skate park, bike park, disc golf, etc.)
7	4.5	New Multipurpose Community Facility/Recreation Complex (indoor facility for senior center, library, and fitness/recreation area)
8	5.0	Library System Expansion/Renovation
9	5.1	Continue Development of East Mesa Public Recreation Complex
10	6.1	New City Parks

Potential GO Bond Projects	If the election was today, would you vote in favor of or against each of the following:		
	In Favor Of	Against	Abstain/ No Opinion
Neighborhood Reinvestment and Improvements (streets, sidewalks, public lighting, etc.)	86.7%	6.9%	6.5%
Affordable Housing Initiatives for Low, Moderate and Middle Income Families	63.8%	22.9%	13.3%
Rehabilitation of Existing City Parks	83.7%	8.2%	8.2%
New Fire Station #9 in District 5	65.0%	13.3%	21.6%
Trail and Multi-Use Path Development/Rehabilitation	66.8%	17.6%	15.6%
Additional Recreational Fields/Courts/Facilities (e.g. athletic fields/courts, dog park, skate park, bike park, disc golf, etc.)	60.1%	22.9%	16.9%
New Multipurpose Community Facility/Recreation Complex (indoor facility for senior center, library, and fitness/recreation area)	63.8%	20.4%	15.8%
Library System Expansion/Renovation	60.8%	20.7%	18.5%
Continue Development of East Mesa Public Recreation Complex	48.9%	25.0%	26.1%
New City Parks	52.3%	29.2%	18.6%

Data Tables

Do you reside within the city limits of the City of Las Cruces?

Response	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%	Frequency
Yes						88.1%
No						10.8%
Don't know						1.1%

Are you a registered voter?

Data are for those respondents that reside within the city limits.

Response	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%	Frequency
Yes						94.4%
No						4.7%
Don't know						1.0%

How likely are you to vote in the general election this November?

Data are for those respondents that reside within the city limits and are registered voters.

Response	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%	Frequency
Definitely will vote						87.4%
Probably will vote						11.1%
Probably will not vote						1.1%
Definitely will not vote						0.4%

Please rank the following potential GO Bond projects in order from most to least important to you: (respondents had to select at least three priorities)

Data are for those respondents that reside within the city limits and are registered voters.

The lower the mean, the higher the priority.

Rank	Potential GO Bond Projects	Mean	Ranking Percentages									
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	Neighborhood Reinvestment and Improvements (streets, sidewalks, public lighting, etc.)	2.8	29.3%	27.2%	18.0%	9.1%	5.2%	3.7%	2.5%	1.7%	2.1%	1.2%
2	Affordable Housing Initiatives for Low, Moderate and Middle Income Families	3.6	33.5%	18.0%	14.1%	6.0%	4.3%	3.6%	4.1%	4.2%	4.1%	8.0%
3	Rehabilitation of Existing City Parks	3.9	8.6%	17.8%	25.9%	15.4%	12.0%	8.2%	5.6%	3.8%	1.4%	1.3%
4	New Fire Station #9 in District 5	4.3	19.2%	17.6%	14.4%	9.2%	7.3%	5.9%	6.1%	6.3%	6.9%	7.1%
5	Trail and Multi-Use Path Development/Rehabilitation	4.5	12.8%	15.3%	16.5%	10.7%	10.3%	9.4%	8.3%	7.5%	6.0%	3.2%
6	Additional Recreational Fields/Courts/Facilities (e.g. athletic fields/courts, dog park, skate park, bike park, disc golf, etc.)	4.5	12.0%	16.9%	17.3%	9.4%	8.1%	9.1%	8.9%	8.7%	6.4%	3.1%
7	New Multipurpose Community Facility/Recreation Complex (indoor facility for senior center, library, and fitness/recreation area)	4.5	10.1%	18.6%	19.3%	9.4%	8.1%	8.7%	7.9%	7.3%	6.8%	3.7%
8	Library System Expansion/Renovation	5.0	10.1%	12.7%	16.7%	10.3%	10.3%	8.1%	8.7%	7.4%	7.8%	7.9%
9	Continue Development of East Mesa Public Recreation Complex	5.1	17.4%	10.1%	12.5%	7.7%	6.4%	8.0%	7.3%	9.1%	10.1%	11.5%
10	New City Parks	6.1	7.2%	7.8%	11.8%	7.7%	9.2%	8.2%	7.6%	9.7%	13.7%	17.3%

If the GO Bond election was held today, would you vote in favor of or against each of the following projects?

Note: Data are for those respondents that reside within the city limits and are registered voters.

Presented in order from highest to lowest “In Favor Of” percentages.

If the election was today, would you vote in favor of or against each of the following:	In Favor Of	Against	Abstain/ No Opinion
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Combined priority rankings and voting preferences

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Appendix A: Survey Instrument

City of Las Cruces General Obligation Bond Priorities

The City of Las Cruces will hold a General Obligation (GO) Bond election on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. General Obligation (GO) Bonds fund capital improvements, and your feedback will help to 1) determine which projects the GO Bond will include, and 2) shape the future of our community.

The City of Las Cruces is seeking an estimated \$23 million for the 2022 GO Bond, with no increase to the City's debt service or your local property tax rate associated with the request.

\$23 million will not be enough to finance all of the potential projects, so it is important to prioritize the projects based on the needs City of Las Cruces residents.

Do you reside within the city limits of the City of Las Cruces?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

Are you a registered voter?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

How likely are you to vote in the general election this November?

- ☐ Definitely will vote
- ☐ Probably will vote
- ☐ Probably will not vote
- ☐ Definitely will not vote

Please rank the following potential GO Bond projects in order from most to least important to you: (select at least three priorities)

Continue Development of East Mesa Public Recreation Complex*
New City Parks
Rehabilitation of Existing City Parks
Additional Recreational Fields/Courts/Facilities (e.g. athletic fields/courts, dog park, skate park, bike park, disc golf, etc.)
Trail and Multi-Use Path Development/Rehabilitation
Affordable Housing Initiatives for Low, Moderate and Middle Income Families
Library System Expansion/Renovation
New Multipurpose Community Facility/Recreation Complex (indoor facility for senior center, library, and fitness/recreation area)
Neighborhood Reinvestment and Improvements (streets, sidewalks, public lighting, etc.)
New Fire Station #9 in District 5**

*Click here for more information about development of the East Mesa Public Recreation Complex.

**Click here for a map of City Council Districts.

If the GO Bond election was held today, would you vote in favor of or against each of the following projects?

	In Favor Of	Against	Abstain/ No Opinion
Would you vote <u>In Favor Of</u> or <u>Against</u> the Continued Development of the East Mesa Public Recreation Complex?*	☐	☐	☐
Would you vote <u>In Favor Of</u> or <u>Against</u> New City Parks?	☐	☐	☐
Would you vote <u>In Favor Of</u> or <u>Against</u> Rehabilitation of Existing City Parks?	☐	☐	☐
Would you vote <u>In Favor Of</u> or <u>Against</u> Additional Recreational Fields/Courts/Facilities? (e.g. athletic fields/courts, dog park, skate park, bike park, disc golf, etc.)	☐	☐	☐
Would you vote <u>In Favor Of</u> or <u>Against</u> Trail and Multi-Use Path Development/Rehabilitation?	☐	☐	☐
Would you vote <u>In Favor Of</u> or <u>Against</u> Affordable Housing Initiatives for Low, Moderate and Middle Income Families?	☐	☐	☐
Would you vote <u>In Favor Of</u> or <u>Against</u> Library System Expansion/Renovation?	☐	☐	☐
Would you vote <u>In Favor Of</u> or <u>Against</u> a new Multipurpose Community Facility/Recreation Complex? (indoor facility for senior center, library, and fitness/recreation area)	☐	☐	☐
Would you vote <u>In Favor Of</u> or <u>Against</u> Neighborhood Reinvestment/Improvements? (streets, sidewalks, public lighting, etc.)?	☐	☐	☐
Would you vote <u>In Favor Of</u> or <u>Against</u> a New Fire Station #9 in District 5?**	☐	☐	☐

*Click here for more information about development of the East Mesa Public Recreation Complex.

**Click here for a map of City Council Districts.

Please use the space below to provide any additional recommendations or comments you have about potential projects for the upcoming GO Bond:

Appendix B: Unedited Responses to Open-Ended Question

Please use the space below to provide any additional recommendations or comments you have about potential projects for the upcoming GO Bond:

Response
Link Madrid with Telshor bike paths utilizing the existing box culvert under I25.
If we're going to continue to expand the east Mesa, we have to update infrastructure. Internet and electric technology.
Now is more important than ever to invest in the aesthetics of the community with recreational parks and updating existing parks and libraries.
East Mesa is where all the expansion is. Why is the East Mesa not a higher priority?
We are the 2nd or 3rd largest city in the state. We have a ton of pickle ball courts that don't get used. We need more/ larger disc golf courses. There are towns smaller than us that have 3-4 (Ruidoso being one of them)
Take care of what we have first street, sidewalks, existing parks and community centers. Focus on the older neighborhoods and let the contractor of the new neighborhoods build the new parks and infrastructure for the new areas at their own expense and then they can turn them over to the city.
Please, make a plan to replace those horrible giant rocks or boulders in the road medians for medium-size trees and/or cacti. Those rocks are ugly and very dangerous in case a car hits them. A good example.... medians and landscaping along of streets and Highways in Phoenix-Mesa area.
The trail system expansion is such an important project.
Something NEEDS to be done about the El Paseo blight. And the drug/crime problems!! If we don't get that under control, the city will go down hill and none of the other projects will matter.
None
the new housing developments need speed limit signs and enforcement of all vehicle laws i.e.: speeding, stopping at stop signs, using turn signals when appropriate, no parking on wrong side of street and no unnecessary noises.
The East Mesa is and continues to grow. This park will service a huge area.
It would be nice to do more development of sidewalks, crosswalks, and public transportation.
Skatepark is in poor shape. Please check the usage of disc golf as i believe a second course is good use of resources. It is used greatly and is of no major outlay.
Fire Public Works and Parks Directors for Fraud against the people. Public supports this ?
Something needs to be done to give kids Something to do. There's nothing for them to do. There's not enough parks being used for team sports or opportunities for kids to join sports or clubs. Kids are the future and need to be treated as such. There are plenty of businesses that would love to help.
The city does not adequately maintain local and neighborhood parks as it is. Building new recreation facilities only works if we can maintain what we already have. Otherwise, it too will fall into disrepair. Example: Four hills park's water fountain has not functioned since its 2019 installation.
The city is unable to care for existing parks. Why build new parks? Clean up the homeless encampments. It looks trashy. Amador, west of the Community of Hope, is a mess! Work on the current problems before making more problems.
In general, I hope that an emphasis is placed on safe pedestrian walkways in ALL parts of the city, which includes walkable neighborhood parks in all Las Cruces communities. Communities that encourage walking are healthier and safer. This also means more stoplights at busy intersections.
Please help us with housing for the homeless!!!!
Pickleball has continued to sweep the nation & Las Cruces is so behind with only 8 courts at Apodaca. The community has outgrown Apodaca. This is a wonderful sport for the entire family & all ages. Frenger park is a city park that has two old tennis courts that can be turned to 8 pickleball courts
I will vote in Favor of Habitat for Humanity as long as low income are not converting their Habitat homes like on 1100 La Vida Nueva Court, Las Cruces NM 88005 into apartments or duplexes. I invite low income homes
We need a multi purpose a pit heater that can hold 15 - 18 k people.
We need to rehabilitate El paseo and Picacho and deal with the homeless population. Additional street lighting in the downtown main st area.
Let's fix up or at least maintain what we have before we build shiny new things and abandon the old to developers (at best) or gangs/drugs (much more likely).

Agenda Item #3.1.

Fire and water need to be scrutinized. low overhead costs-investing in top of the line tools assisting residents and employees to fight fires (water waste—codes should practice enforcement-and a complete review of water use. Air quality a huge priority-relook at volunteer fire department(s) concepts
I would love the hike and bike trails to have more connectivity. It would be great if they could connect more to allow better and safer options for those traveling by bike or by foot around town.
Specifics on recreational projects. I would not rely on city staff. e.g. recreational center. wight room? how many square feet? what equipment? Paths. how wide? paved? allow bicycles since bike lanes are too dangerous. Also, how will ongoing operations and maintenance be funded? general fund? ha
We still need storm water drainage in Mesilla Park as well as other improvements that always seem to be skipped over. One of the oldest neighborhoods in the city and we are generally being ignored.
Take care of existing infrastructure first before building new ones.
We really need affordable housing, and we really need improvements to existing infrastructure, before thinking about paying for new stuff, though I have no objection to new stuff, per se.
I would like to see money earmarked for purchasing abandoned homes for demolition purposes. I live on McClure Rd and know of at least four abandoned properties that are total eyesores and should be demolished.
I believe that the City should FIRST respond to their existing infrastructure repair and maintenance before they take on other issues that only encumber the public to future expenditures and ultimately tax increases.
There are too many bond issues resulting in too many taxes on the citizens of this city.
The proposed cost of each project should be identified with the Bond. Many people would not see the affective cost without. Where is the state funding in these projects? Is there any federal funding for these proposed projects? How can someone identify the district five area without a map?
How about you fix Mesa Grande Speedway and start patrolling it along with Engler Dragway. Thanks
Build an observation deck somewhere in the city to take advantage of our beautiful sunsets and sunrises. I would like to see a paved bike trail along the base of the Organ Mountains, from HWY70 to Dripping Springs.
The City of Las Cruces Parks and Recreation doesn't take care of the parks already in existence. Some parks are in poor condition. Nothing is done about dogs at large. There is far too much dog feces in our parks. Dogs should be banned and allowed only in dog parks.
Important to get unhoused people off streets into safe facilities, and to build for those in danger of becoming unhoused in the current inflationary economy. Then important to improve existing facilities/infrastructure before building new, except new firehouse which is important addition for safety.
Enhance parks and reinforce security in Historic areas.
Neighborhood parks are beneficial to the city especially in those areas that have small lots without much room for play.
Don't know if it's included here but most of route 25 should be resurfaced.
In my opinion, the City should focus more projects aimed at reinvigorating the El Paseo area. There are too many vacant buildings and too much crime.
We need to do more "green" projects, solar panels, electric bus service....,
The catch basin behind the Las Cruces dam has a lot of recreational potential but is not yet recognized. It's location is ideal for so many people to access for recreational purposes. It is an undeveloped Jim
fix the roads etc
As much as I think additional park facilities would be great we have bigger problems in literacy, housing and options for seniors. I would love to see more branches of the library and additional library programs for adults and children
What is the employee head count at the Parks and Rec. dept.? We now are giving the homeless jobs to work there, continue to add new /additional recreational facilities etc. throughout the city How about ambulances at all the fire stations increase police staffing to stop the rise in crime here
more paths for biking and walking (lilted) also cool down areas for outdoor activities. Covered areas and seating areas.
I'd like an update on the Go Bond progress for this current fiscal year. My understanding is that a new dog park (or two) was previously funded to be built this year, but nothing has happened. What are the plans for the new dog park(s)?
Please prioritize updating the infrastructure and roads to accommodate for all the new houses and people. Building hundreds of new houses without the appropriate infrastructure is irresponsible. Thank you
Library funding is critical as it is a highly used community resource. Rehabilitation of existing parks and housing for low/middle income families are also high priority for our community.
Use the money wisely!

Agenda Item #3.1.

Build and maintain several bocce ball courts in established city parks. No brainer. Low cost. Good for all ages and families. I proposed this several times more than a year ago.
Thank you!
A lot of people won't know how/why affordable housing options are important & improve the community. It may not get a lot of traction on a survey but our community needs to attract & keep more young professionals & families, that requires having appropriate housing options. PLEASE prioritize this.
Abatement of traffic congestion going east/west and north/south across town.
The rehabilitation of streets around the city is very important as it helps to decrease wear and tear on vehicles. Please note that Huntington Dr. (88011) is in desperate need of repair.
Improve timing of traffic lights along Lohman, Telshor, and other main streets to improve movement of traffic during peak times.
The city, and this bond, continue to give preferential consideration to the group of the community that use sports facilities and parks. We would be better served by fixing the streets and sidewalks. Multi-use trails/paths are a better alternative. Fire Station #6 covers an extremely large area.
No price tags. I'm pretty sure the potential investment in low income housing is not comparable to costs for trail development. Does the city have any comprehensive master development plan whose goals would assist in ranking individual projects?
I live on the one block of Melendres St north of Picacho. The sidewalks suck here and in the neighborhood in general. I feel like my part of the city gets neglected a lot. Thank you
It is important to take care of what we have before expanded into new development. Our city center, areas such as Solano and El Paseo need improvement before expanding to East Mesa.
Repainting & stripping of city streets and some additional basic infrastructure for the rapidly growing population of our city .. grocery stores, gas stations near to home areas, restaurants.
Park in the North East area of town
I'd like to see shading added to existing park facilities, such as awnings or roofing, to provide respite from the sun. I'd also like to see porta-potties or such added to the longer walking trails for us older folk who want to walk them, but can't go far without facilities of some sort.
Additional affordable housing is GREATLY needed.
Please prioritize housing and infill, infrastructure/roads/sidewalks in the oldest parts of the City, and any new building should exclude large grassy areas or more pavement/parking. We're in a climate crisis, & we need to act like we're in the desert, any new plantings should be native plants ONLY!
We need more indoor basketball/volleyball/indoor sports buildings. Meerscheidt is not enough.
What about putting bathrooms and drinking fountains along riding paths.
Has anyone looked into the creation of an FRA quiet zone? The frequency of BNSF trains through Las Cruces has greatly increased over the last year and the noise is approaching the intolerable level for those of us living beside the tracks.
Need to solve the vagrant problem. Not good to have people camping on the sidewalks.
The East Mesa is in DIRE need of amenities beyond fast food. Giving tax/price breaks to sit-down restaurants would be great. A library is needed but with competent leadership. Would love to see a long trail (not necessarily paved) with lots of trees and plantings with views of our national monument.
Streets must be a priority particularly if new housing dev is increasing traffic on existing Rds such as Elks Drive and Spitz/El Camino Real. Roundabouts at intersections are needed.
Roads. Please fix roads.
Our older neighborhoods need help. And, someone needs to step up to support affordable housing.
I would like more swings in the new parks. My kids like to ride the swings.
Hire someone that can "sync" the traffic lights. The way it is now, is pathetic. Traveling light to light is not productive and certainly not fuel efficient.
A new fire station is top priority in the Metro Verde area. The time it has taken fire trucks to arrive to our neighborhood in the past is life-threatening with the nearest fire station being on Roadrunner and Northrise.
The existing parks need to be maintained better.. Burns Lake is a prime example of property that went uncared for so long it's no longer usable.

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Build public bathrooms for homeless. Incentivize them to clean up their trash, or hire Codes to clean it up! Build community garden, to incentivize homeless to take care of something. Businesses should stop paying trash collection, throw it on the streets like homeless do on Amador and Valley.
Public Transportation in Las Cruces, specifically, Roadrunner Transit, needs serious improvement. Additional routes,i.e.,Rt 8 needs a Rt 9 that follows the same route be in the opposite direction, like Rts 6 & 7. here is currently no way for a non driver to get from E. Lohman/Telshor to downtown
we are in the midst of a housing crisis please do something
I would vote for more funding to the Police to combat the vagrant crime activity in this city, and less funding for expanding homeless facilities and services. I would vote to De-fund the Community of Hope and make Las Cruces less attractive to homeless and vagrants.
When will the projects started in the last 2 years be finished?
I believe that dog parks should never take priority over parks for children and families. If people can afford dogs they should walk them and CLEAN UP AFTER THEM.
We are getting way too much growth without correct planning---traffic, grocery stores, fire and police departments in new areas, and all the traffic trying to manage on 4 way stops!
We need to do everything we can to recruit and retain more Police Officers. This should be a priority for the city. We can have a beautiful city with new parks etc, but ultimately what people want is safety.
I think trails can be dangerous with no security present.
Affordable housing
Given predictions of warming temperatures, the City could benefit its residents by establishing/upgrading parks with shade trees, as well as creating indoor space for exercise, etc.
Please take care of and expand our walking/biking trails, house the homeless and develop east mesa recreation infrastructure.
I am very concerned about water use, especially with the advent of climate change. As i have toured the area around LC, I notice more and more pecan groves, many still using flooding the groves. They should all be required to have drip systems. In addition, we must replenish our aquifer.
I am opposed to using taxpayer money to subsidize contractors to build cheap housing
More splash pads/parks in more neighborhoods for all citizens to utilize, especially in the heat of summer
Does it really matter what we think or want? Seems to me between the city council & school board, you all just do what you want. You ask for opinions, but don't really abide by majority rule.
Fire Department in the new housing area at Sonoma Ranch and Peachtree.
Very much in favor of affordable housing but limited to low to moderate income.
if we have to pay for a go bond today ,i would vote against it.
I also believe the city should provide more lighting across all areas as a deterrent to crime.
Roadways and sidewalks along with adjacent medians are sorely lacking maintenance.
The City should prioritize reinvesting in neighborhoods around downtown rather than expanding out to West and east mesas
I would rather have these funds redirected to have armed police at schools if it were possible.
This is a burgeoning community: I believe we need to invest in affordable housing, recreational opportunities (esp dog parks) and maintaining the great things we already have!!
More information to public about what is recyclable and what is not able to be recycled.
Youth have a small area to play their sports and the recreation center could use an expansion badly. Our seniors of the community also deserve a place to be out and around their peers to improve health. We have a beautiful city, we just need to fix what is broken. Quit spending where it's not needed
I favor the reuse/re-imagining of existing areas for parks, centers, etc. I see a lot of homelessness so if there's a way to provide more attainable housing that would be great. I want Las Cruces to be a better place with areas the public can enjoy and be safe.
Ensure the city pays its debt obligations bonds promptly

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Bonds have to be paid back. Nothing is free. Politicians should be honest with the voters.
NO more money spent .
We moved to Las Cruces about 3 months ago and starting to get to know the proactive proposals for our community; thank you
Regardless of what the pools say...the city council will do what they chose to do.
It would be nice to have an outdoor shooting facility on the East Mesa as driving to the existing west location takes time and is costly.
more indoor volleyball times to use court
Diversifying options and connections to, from, and inside livable public spaces will sustain local growth and quality of life.
Reevaluate radiation dangers of 5G/6G tower placements as well as placements of power lines throughout Las Cruces.
The streets are horrible all over Las Cruces. If the bond goes through, the streets should be improved to something that will last longer and not get potholes every time it rains!
We need natural gas and sewer here on Munoz rd
Regarding the East Mesa Recreation Complex, my neighbors in the vicinity of the complex are strongly against the building of an amphitheater due to the loud music and noise that it would generate. We request that the amphitheater not be built as part of this complex.
Our water along Avenida de Melilla, south of I 10, is dirty, and foul tasting and smelling. We could use new water lines down here.
What can be done to secure proficient water supply?
Free classes on computer use for adults, Accessibility to high speed internet for low income households.
Install traffic signals @ Northrise & Sonoma Ranch; Install traffic signals @ Rinconada & U. S. Hwy 70; Install traffic signals @ Roadrunner & U. S. Hwy 70
Upgrade all city line bus stops with benches and shade - this must be done to ALL bus stops.
All esplanades in the middle of the road on the entire Roadrunner Pkwy need to be properly landscaped. This is a main road and the city needs to beautify the entire Pkwy from Lohman to Northrise.
no comment
I would like to see them pave First St. We had pavement and they took it off when they replaced water lines. Now they just left it dirt and so many cars speed through here and we have asked for a speed limit sign and the response was that there is nowhere to put them.
We can't afford it and we don't need it.
add neighborhood clean up \$ to include notifications and violations for residents who continue to UN-beautify the city by having ratty cars, ratty yards, trashed vehicles in yards, on street, keeping Las Cruces look third world when we do not need to be. Enforce the ordinances already on the books.
There needs to be some kind of walking/bike pathway between Roadrunner and Northrise. There is no bike lane on Roadrunner and the sidewalks are noncontiguous or nonexistent in many areas pf both roads.
I'm not sure where the priorities lie, just wanted to say I think, overall, you're doing a really good job. The park maintenance people are really nice and you should be proud of them. I am.
For trails, safety is the issue, not pavement. We need safe street crossings. Assuming trail users will detour to the nearest intersection to cross busy streets is a bad, dangerous assumption. Paving ditches where easy, but using narrow streets (like McClure) when it is not easy may be fatal.
I recommending finishing the Sewer project that was started on the East Mesa. Everyone in the area was extremely excited and then it just stopped right as it got to the Wilt ave.
It seems most prudent to maintain and improve what we have before we launch out into developing MORE things that will need maintenance and improvement in a short time---especially infrastructure like streets and sidewalks.
Affordable housing is incredibly important.
Some of our city parks are getting run down. Lighting is one major problem.
Upgrade/renovate police department on picacho
Need more assistance for the homeless

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1. We have the opportunity to reduce our debt load, lowering our tax obligation - let's not miss it!!!
2. The City of Las Cruces has difficulty maintaining our existing infrastructure (streets, parks, etc.). Why add to the burden until that improves?
More signage needs to be posted throughout the City and along City walking trails and recreation areas instructing people Not to walk their dogs when outdoor temperatures are high! Emphasize how much hotter the asphalt is on dogs paws! More poop clean up stations need installed along the trails.
Include Chandler tank development plan.
I would like to see more money spent on upgrading roads and utilities etc. in our less affluent neighborhoods before spending on additional parks and recreation facilities. The roads in some areas have not been upgraded in years while Sonoma Ranch has already been resurfaced without real need??
We need more things for children to do around here. There is no entertainment for the kids besides movies and parks.
city is NOT bicycle friendly. the path is fine but very limited. ebikes are now becoming more prevalent. have we looked at safety issues with them?
We already don't have enough money so why are you guys continually trying to spend more and more!?!? You guys really need to stop spending and be more responsible with our money!
Don't ask for so much money. Maybe tightening the budget could get more things done. You get more done from the wish list if we did
The multi-use trail around the city is very much needed. We use it at least 3 times per week. I feel safe jogging, riding bikes, walking dogs AWAY from traffic and roads. This is one of the best investments made. But it needs improvements. Holes and cracks mainly. THANK YOU!
The current Dog Park needs lighting. We also need affordable housing and to get the homeless off the streets.
Rehabbing existing infrastructure is probably the best use of money. A new fire station is just a good idea overall. New facilities would be lowest on my list, adding additional ongoing costs that could be detrimental long-term.
all projects should include use of clean renewable energy with the goal of eliminating fossil fuels in the U.S.
Rebates or incentives to connect existing customers to city sewer who are currently on septic and have sewer available already.
Funding for TNR program for community cats and funding for low/no cost spay/neuter clinics for all companion animals
More pickle ball courts
NA
We definitely need more fun things to do. Parks are a great way to get outdoors, but there has to be more for the entire community. Keeping the city beautiful is a must too.
NO MORE PICKLEBALL COURTS. WHAT ABOUT REAL SPORTS AND PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN HERE LONGER THAN 15 MINUTES??
You tore up the sidewalk landscaping on the northern side of Morning Star just west of Pocolomas last year. I was assured by the city crew that everything would be restored to just as it was before. But now it still remains a visual blight and a safety hazard. Please remedy this as soon as possible.
Where it states "develop new parks" I would expand that to say neighborhood/pocket parks with shade, drinking fountains and some grass
Against the idea of an amphitheater in the EMRC
There needs to be urban renewal in depressed business areas along with affordable housing.
I honestly don't like any of the projects you offer. Until the city is safe again I only support spending more money for police and crime prevention. We should only spend money on what we need and right now it is to make the city safe again.
Senior housing and services are much needed!! All housing for low and medium income are inadequate!! STREET lighting around EVERY subdivision mailbox area is NEEDED!!! The rest are wants not needs!!
Keeping affordable housing is important to me as a senior. Keeping the fire department and police department prominent on view they need the latest equipment. And as seniors we need a safe place to go
Las Cruces is a nice city to retire to. But the amenities need to be expanded and maintained.
I think the city needs to invest in better water harvesting measures and educating the public in doing the same. We are living as if water will last forever, when we are in so much danger. I don't understand it.
Full incorporation of Hacienda Acres into city utilities.
The rent increases in most of the city have almost doubled. It is difficult to keep up with the rising prices. The rents are getting close to California levels.

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I think we need to get the development of the city under control concerning traffic. We don't need more trails for no one to walk on when it's hot outside. We need a safe city with better traffic flow. There are many bottlenecks around the city on Lohman and 70 that are awful.
What's needed most is main concern. What is needed at current time should be prioritized.
I understand all these issues are important, I just feel the development of larger trail and recreational systems is more cost affective and potentially serves the larger and city above localized projects.
We don't need more bond projects. If city doesn't have enough money from existing tax revenue then we CAN'T afford it.
We need more soccer parks and facilities. We were promised them on the last GO bond vote, and that promise has yet to be fulfilled. Not everyone here loves baseball.
Now is not the time for more spending!
one project at a time
The City of Las Cruces needs a 9 hole par 3 golf course like the Great 28 in Santa Fe.
I think that the nicer we can make the area as far as aesthetics and recreational opportunities for young families the more likely young families will be to stay here which will bring more jobs and economic development. Employers will view this area as a great place to expand, build.
Please consider better supervising the exiting dog park before building a new one!
When will soccer fields be done on east Mesa.
Thank you for keeping our city clean and safe
More public trails that are connected for daily use of bikes, walkers, runners and workers.
due to all the new housing on north sonoma ranch a look at easing substantial traffic on sonoma ranch road.an alternate route like extending Engler blvd west to i 25 to ease the the increasing traffic problem. That would be my first priority
I am in favor of any projects that would improve quality of life for families. I am also in favor of projects that make our community safer.
Test and report water quality in major pipes instead of just at wells.
A library system with multiple branches around the city is much needed.
Fire and Police protection needs are top priority.
You are spending too much money. Making Las Cruces unaffordable. GRT rates and property taxes are ridiculous compared to 20 years ago.
Existing city roads need to be re paved, absolutely more police officers and clean the city from the filth left behind by vagrants and illegal immigrants.
The GO Bond funding is needed for rehabilitation and renovation of existing parks. These facilities must be upgraded and improved to more efficiently and effectively serve our residents and to make the most efficient use of limited water and labor resources.
I think we need to add more outdoor areas
I am happy with any and all improvements to our City.
More dog parks, with leash/no leash, possible monitors.
This city needs more recreational facilities for small children! This city needs to support families more and less for retired senior citizens. That is why so many young people leave this city.
Add more bike lanes to arterial streets like Sonoma Ranch and Road Runner.
PLEASE provide lighting, adequate parking, and permanent restrooms in all the dog parks.
We cannot improve as a city if we fail to address the needs of our most vulnerable -- the poor, the infirm, homeless -- we need to find means to guarantee safe, secure housing before we begin thinking about parks, trails, and facilities for fire departments and recreation.
New complex on East Mesa is important to the city. Additionally, better facilities for the seniors and handicapped.

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I am in favor of all the options, they just need to be prioritized.
Vote to eliminate additional tax imposed by City of Las Cruces. This will help offset increases in utility rates.
In full support of affordable housing initiatives!!
Focus on improvement of existing programs first. Also focus on the senior population and housing for the poor.
Las Cruces should develop a plan to pick up grocery carts left all over the city by people. Carts facilitate and encourage people to wonder into neighborhoods to commit burglaries and other illegal activities. Scattered grocery carts discourages potential new residents from moving to Las Cruces.
Work on our infrastructure refurbish vacant buildings
I think new parks in District 2 would be very beneficial to the residents and families in this area. Low income or affordable housing in this area is a high priority.
Lions Park Tennis Courts need significant upgrade. Recent work is not holding up.
Stop using our taxes for things we do not need right now. We are in a recession and are having a hard time with our own finances.
Public safety has fallen behind with the growth of our city... adult and youth recreational centers are needed to promote positive mental health issues.
East Mesa needs to include#2 tennis courts The one nearest public tennis court at Metro Verde Full The city also needs a Running track-for runners not A LCPS UNSAFE!NMSULCPS closed BIT/CHASED LCPS are closed If you make a walking make 3people pass redo that path SanoRan Highland make Asph.starbucks
Our city pays to many taxes as it is maintaining these new facilities will only raise our existing taxes
Cancel the whole thing. The money wasters here seem to never miss an opportunity to increase taxes, fees, and bond issues that require more taxes to service
There's more factors than people realize regarding 'low income housing'. most people do not want it in their neighborhood because of the concentration and the stereotypes that are often (and sometimes justified) of this type of housing. Landlords should be required to keep housing and locations safe
Prop. tax should be eliminated or reduced for the lived-in home of our citizens 75 years and older. If they lose a spouse or reach the age of 80, they should not have to pay ANY property tax. If the areas you improve just invite criminals and drugs who is going to benefit from any of the money spent?
More solar panels for clean energy and to sell back to the grid! Especially over covered parking in public spaces and even over sections of otherwise unshaded bike paths, would increase utilization of public amenities despite hotter temps. Parks should also feature more native xeriscape than lawn.
I firmly believe this community needs to address free spay/neuter programs. Compared to \$4 million operating budget at shelter.
The city should encourage business growth that provide youth activities/entertainment.
Our children are the future, yet they're facing issues such as homelessness and drug abuse. They need safe, affordable places in good parts of our city. They need recreation! Las Cruces is not geared for our younger generations. Spend a couple hours at the skate park, you'll see what I mean.
Lot of streets are in disrepair and need repaving. A new community center is needed to accommodate the interest in classes/activities offered that the existing centers cannot handle. They fill up too fast! Why keep building "new" parks, when you can't even maintain the existing ones?
Why can't you guys just fix the poor road conditions, potholes, cracks and clean up all of the garbage along all of the highways? It looks so ghetto around here now!
This city really needs more Racquetball courts, there are only 2 at Meerscheidt and often something is broken making it unusable. Have not been able to go to the courts recently because they are always full. The city should also look into a longer term plan in an ice rink.
Seems like public safety expansion and enhancement is SORELY missing from this list.
Sidewalks needed on the north side of Mesa St. across from St. Albert The Great Newman Parish. Presently no sidewalks or handicap accessibility and this area is heavily traveled by New Mexico State University students and parishioners.
Your wrong GO bonds do raise property taxes
On new city parks- depending where as older parts of the community need parks more than the newer more developed areas.
The roads in the four Hills neighborhood especially Saturn Circle and Neptune are horrible.

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I would like to see improvement to existing facilities over the development of new facilities. I think that affordable housing is top priority for the needs of our community.
Every one of these projects is important. If not all this year, we must find a way to do the rest next year.
Why is the East Mesa recreation complex taking so long to even get started?
Affordable housing sounds like the most optimal solution alongside parks. People don't have where to live, the youth turn to drugs with nothing no recreations to pass their time. I grew with the city and I'd love for it to take care of its youth and put people in more homes. Stay blessed thank you
No Comment.
Why don't we quit borrowing money and reduce our taxes? Times are tough!
I live in one of the oldest original adobes in the heart of Las Cruces, the historical Mesquite District, but on the 'wrong side of the tracks', inside the 'bend of the arm' between Spruce and Solano. We need some love.
We spend far too much money accommodating the wishes of people regarding their pets. Let's invest in NECESSARY infrastructure, then on people, and let the pet owners make their own arrangements/expenditures personally.
Another library is desperately needed for accessibility to the whole community
it seems that low income housing projects have issues with crime, drugs, and illegal's immigration which should be addressed and corrected before building more
There should be help for non-insured people in the city
There's PLENTY of parks, trails are frivolous! Our streets are SERIOUSLY NEGLECTED! When they ARE repaired, it's not done well & have to be redone! DON'T spend \$ on fluff hire COMPETENT CONTRACTORS to do jobs PROPERLY! NO MORE roundy rounds, most drivers here are too stupid to navigate them safely!
Build a third lane (On Ramp) for traffic entering onto South Sonoma Ranch Blvd. from Sierra Ventana. Alternatively, construct an all way stop at the intersection of Sonoma Ranch Blvd. and Sierra Ventana.
Sounds like a lots of great projects! I fully support the city in maintaining its facilities and parks. The sustainable housing project would be phenomenal! Fire stations are an absolute must. Thank you all for working hard for us!!
No opinion at this time of projects I am not totally informed on.
I believe that we should rank the topics in order of which one is more critical for most of our residents. We have many needs now after COVID has been very hard on our community.
More money towards our law enforcement and keeping the city, and the places we go in the city, SAFE.
People in the county use these facilities and services and I do not want to hear the feeble excuse that they shop here and should not charge them. BS! We live in Las Cruces, we shop here too and we should not have to carry the burden for everyone living in the county areas!
SENIORS could USE a free or discounted City Bus Pass to get around safely
Our streets need to be fixed badly. There are cracks on the roads in our neighborhood, you're bouncing all over the place. Please make that a priority
Improve what we already have instead of starting new. Don't put funds into rich neighborhoods that don't truly need that support.
We should re-task the W-Mesa for the displaced to save longstanding residential areas from grocery cart shelters, city-sponsored vagrancy, property destruction, and high-incidence criminal predation the City has established, bordered by Alameda (E), Valley (W), Parker (N), and Idaho (S).
Though the city has graciously updated existing tennis facilities at Lions Park, the cement is deteriorating and a new location should be chosen. Since population growth is on east mesa, one should be built there. If enough funding exists it should be enclosed to drastically cut down on maintenance.
As my rankings show, I'm in favor of using funds to better the infrastructure we already have, starting in our neighborhoods. Having things for our youth benefits everyone. It might be more economical to invest in youth & rec facilities we already have. If new fire stations are needed, then yes.
It is difficult for me to walk to the port-a-potty on the east side of the dog park ? Would it be possible to put one of them on the east side? Also, it would be much safer for people to have Solar lights installed to allow for people who work unusual shifts or can't be in heat.
This city need a complex just for basketball courts. My sons growing up never had a place to go and practice. Meercheit never had enough space for everyone wanting to play. There are plenty of baseball and soccer fields. One large complex just for basketball

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Safety first... fire department facility. Education second... library facility. seniors next. homeless next. sports/ multipurpose use last. recreation is optional, safety is not an option.
Nothing to add at this time
The City should build 2 parks constructed specifically for handicapped children AND adults with the appropriate equipment and public access.
I would never vote for yet more money to "low income" anything.
In 7B area sewer system, around Bristol area. so we can take out septet tanks.
Public Safety: Law Enforcement, Fire Dept., better oversight of construction sites, outsourced projects, and streets.
Support of the animal service center of Mesilla valley to offer more low cost spay /neuter services
Misters, splash pads, trees, and shade would be welcome at parks all city parks. Also, adding police bike patrol making trails and walking paths safer for evening walking, cycling, running, when it's cool enough. More family fun recreation and activities. Keeping neighborhoods up to date.
New fire station in district 5 should be financed by development fees in this fast growing area
The streets in Las Cruces are not paved well, lines dividing lanes are either crooked or off centered, and pot holes are everywhere...except for Sonoma Hills. Interesting don't you think?
We have bigger issues than what's provided for these GO BOND issues such as keeping these vagabond thieves out of our neighborhoods. Stop allowing halfway houses to be put in our neighborhoods and allowing thieves to have laws in their favor that don't protect the rights of the hard working citizen
please maintain existing facilities before you construct new ones.
I am a new resident of Las Cruces as of January of this year. I live in District, off of Del Rey Rd. The streets up around Jupiter Rd and this area are in bad need of repair and repaving..
We need to address affordable housing and housing for the homeless ASAP!
I have no other comments to make.
I'm retired and relatively new to Las Cruces so I'm not we'll informed as to whether or not our population, particularly younger folks, are desperately in need of recreational space or not. Out of ignorance, I'm leaning toward improvement and maintenance versus "new". I'm open for influence though.
All these projects sound good, but improvements to the library system, more low-cost housing and street/sidewalk repair are desperately needed. It's difficult to rank without knowing the cost of each. Rehabilitation & expansion of facilities may give more for the dollar than building new ones.
The city waste far too much money. Why do we need a new fire station? Everyone wants a slice of the pie. Stop wasting tax payers money.
Parks!
There is nothing in this budget for benches around the city. People need benches near shopping and restaurant facilities. Benches near bus stops with shade covers.
none
Thank you for allowing some engagement
Something needs to done to solve the homeless population. Are there vacant public buildings that could be used to house them. How about the vacant four plexes at the University?
I have lived here for 40 years and we still have not improved the Meerscheidt. It was antiquated back then and desperately needs to be replaced but another facility that includes at least 6 indoor basketball courts / multipurpose courts. The empty lots adjacent to the field of dreams
We need to concentrate on renovating and repairing what we have before we take on new projects. Over half of our property tax goes to other places. That is unacceptable!
Las Cruces needs a climbing wall. Almost all cities the size of las cruces have a climbing.
Chandler tank park.

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This city is worth the investment
I am against any property tax increases caused by go bond initiatives
Needs first, like safety (fire hall) and housing (low and middle income housing) first, wants should come after that. Maintain what has already been developed before developing anything else that will need further maintenance.
Thank you for asking for input ahead of the election.
I would like to see frequent updates regarding the East Mesa Public Recreation Complex
There is a chronic problem on McClure Street regarding abandoned, deteriorating structures. It is a great issue with unsafe structures, squatters, drug use, health concerns. Send the Mayor over to 315 McClure so he can see what we live with. Money should be used to address this problem in our city.
We need skating parks for skateboarding only, no children on bikes or scooters putting others in danger, we need our side walks fixed, walk in my area Lees, Princess Jeannie, I sprained my ankle because Princess Jeannie is so bad. we need more lighting on Lees, and we need affordable housing
Take care of our existing stuff before we put new things in. Care about all of the city and not just East of I25.
With new infrastructure monies we should be looking at a train to Albuquerque and a train to El Paso with gas prices and climate change we should start with trains for transit from El Paso through Las Cruces and on to Albuquerque
Stop spending money that's unnecessary....
People need safe and affordable housing in order to enjoy anything else our city could offer. Housing costs are sky rocketing and once a family becomes unhoused it is much more expensive to get them back into housing rather than just protecting and creating more affordable housing for families.
EAST MESA, Hacienda Acres for YEARS has been neglected, how about starting with streets and sidewalks for this area, WE ALL PAY TAXES, but only the RICH areas getting face lift
n/A
Improve existing street bike paths
we need ramps in freeways this city has dinosaur streets and ramps
Few years ago LasCruces leaders said that no more gobonds would be asked of us. How much gentrification will it take before Hispanic families can't afford to live where they grew up in? How much more natural environment that the dwindling species of snakes, rabbits, toads, will be taken from the city?
I would like to see the remaining desert along Roadrunner in High Range left alone as habitat and watershed.
I feel people who have lots of trash in their front and back yards should be forced to clean it all up, it makes our neighborhood look trashy!
Is there any go bond issues for the homeless and panhandlers
Take care of the facilities already built before building new. Its a much better use of funds instead of building something else and letting it fall into disrepair.
We need to lessen traffic on major city streets
Stop spending money
Amphitheater at the East Mesa Rec Complex would be an AMAZING draw for locals and visitors. Can you imagine listening to a concert with the backdrop of the Organ Mountains?! That'd be EPIC.
Against new GO bond if it means more taxes
Changing Hanks Dr. to city sewer instead of septic systems. 90% of people living on this street are home owners that reside in the city.
Prioritize projects that benefit the most people and that concentrate activity in the city, rather than supporting sprawl and benefiting only one district. For example, prioritize bike/walking/jogging trails that improve access to University/city center over rec facilities for East Mesa.
If you don't invest in the children our city is lost.
Fitness is a great goal for the City
We do not need to spend citywide taxpayer money on a new rec complex in Sonoma Ranch. Spend this money making high end parks in more economically challenged areas.

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I live on Calle Pastura and like to walk down the entire length of Engler St. But crossing the Mesa Grande street which is four lanes is potentially a dangerous task each time because there is no crosswalks with signal lights and cars race up and down the Mesa Grande each and every day.
The City of Las Cruces has plenty of money right now. They should be using it to fix the present problems before coming to the people and asking for more.
Stop taking out bonds on the taxpayer when you don't already have a plan to spend it. We are all hurting with current inflation and your attitude about spending our money sucks!!!!!!
Thank you for sending this out to get the views of city residents. Much appreciated!
I'm not against some projects. I just want our tax burden to DECREASE. Please!
We need to take care of what we have rather than adding more that we can't handle. Private business community should be more involved in supporting affordable housing and supporting neighborhood improvements as their contributions to community investment. City government needs incentive programs.
Renewable energy must be part of any new or updated use of GO Bond money.
We are overbuilding our community with water becoming a major issue all over the southwest and must be a consideration before additional housing of any kind is part of growth in Las Cruces.
We need more parks with water - splash pads, streams, etc. We need tennis, pickleball and large fields on the East Mesa complex. We need a 9-18 hole disc golf course - East Mesa would be great, or current park. We need cheap pools and indoor recreation facilities - improve upon Merscheidt.
Not a lot of point adding new things when you can't maintain existing. Existing need to be a priority so they don't become unusable. Bathrooms at Young Park are disgusting. Metal statue needs paint. Water bottles have been thrown on top need to remove them. So some maintenance could help.
I don't know where this east mesa site is.
On the east Mesa (especially on Sonoma Ranch Road), you desperately NEED to get rid of some of those 4-way stops IN FAVOR OF using actual TRAFFIC SIGNALS INSTEAD. Too many accidents have occurred because we have too many 8-lane, 4-way stops.
I believe we need improvement of programs and services for the elderly, new firestation and affordable homes and improvements for low-income people as the highest priority.
My main concerns are surround green energy, conservation and animal welfare, I realize that those weren't on the bond, but I want to see Las Cruces focus on those concerns much more in the future.
stop spending tax dollars recklessly
Housing for low income a high priority for me
I have known
Enough with my three!
Many of these projects should be funded in other ways. The city should have a budget for street repair and building fire stations. Maybe consider spending less on the police department.
You need to take care of the homeless BEFORE you expand facilities and services for the privileged
The City's street markings and signage is in dismal shape, as well as pavement condition. That should be a priority.
City manager needs to investigate the drought conditions California Arizona Nevada Colorado. And look at the global warming we will be going through later than the rest of the us. Physically capable homeless need to register with the county as they could clean Park to get back..
Give the police department more budget. Get more officers on the streets enforcing basic traffic laws. City streets have turned int a free for all in the last several years and even when blatant violations are committed in the presence of law enforcement it seems that they can't be bothered.
We need more affordable housing here in Las Cruces. That should be a top priority for all of us!
Favor Of
Improve/maintain what the city already has.
I think we need a public city golf course
Put more effort into street cleaning & traffic control in west mesa area [High Plains Rd/Place.
Primarily we need more city parks as well as upkeep of our current parks. And we need recreational areas where people of all ages can go. And we need improvements to existing neighborhoods.

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Funds need to be allocated for renovating city owned buildings in the Mesquite Historic District that would serve as affordable housing or community centers. The MHD is unique to the history of the USA and should be treated as a national treasure, not a nuisance
Fix parks that have: graffiti, equipment, ponds, etc. Make existing parks safer, such as Veteran's Memorial Park where the horrific death of a little one just recently happened. Clean up trash, work on the worsening homeless and drug situation who are attracted to parks which puts children at risk.
We need safe areas to exercise as a family, protected from sun damage, wild animals and outdoor snakes. But the library situation is sad. Educated citizenship is involved.
This town is falling apart. The city needs to repave EVERY road. My car is being rattled to death. My tires are out of balance and things inside are starting to rattle. The city needs to tear down ALL the nuisance properties. This place looks like a 3rd world country- not the 2nd largest city in NM.
Reason for East Mesa support: Soccer. The city really needs to focus passionate attention on improving the existing soccer complexes and adding to soccer practice & playing fields. This focus is practically a petri dish of opportunity for soccer & has the regional interest to support any initiative.
The City has grossly mismanaged the last GO funds. It has taken years to actually start many projects & construction has been very slow. You did not keep GO bond website current as promised. The City needs reinvestment; you have not earned the taxpayers support, however.
Housing is very important. We can enjoy the other amenities, but it is good for everyone to have a place to live. Firefighters do much more than just put out fires. They are vital community workers. It is important to have enough of them in places where they are likely to be needed.
Public racquetball courts should be available.
Additional development of the East Mesa Public Recreation Complex should not include evening lighting as this light pollution will impact individuals in the neighborhood.
Money for more/better mental health facilities. Money for housing/work solutions for immigrants and homeless.
Las Cruces is blessed to have many services for people experiencing poverty and homelessness, but the biggest problem is the availability of affordable housing. This is the most pressing social problem.
The city needs more affordable housing for our community. This should be the #1 priority, take care of our people!
We need another indoor basketball/volleyball facility
Low income housing is very important. Rehabilitation of existing parks should always be a priority.
The City of Las Cruces needs to start investing in affordable housing units to ensure the long-term viability and economic growth of the area.
Combine walking path/trails with completion of east side rec project phase 2.
More Volleyball courts, indoor and out - Sand - with some shade if possible
Maintain existing city facilities>
Police Fire streets utilities medical Get back to basics
Corridor improvements for businesses in District 4 along Spruce/Picacho. Designated as industrial, but it is ugly. Gets uglier. Businesses should be required to include street side improvements for the exterior. One of the newer businesses put up a 'rusty' steel wall all around the property.
Thank you for all you do to improve Las Cruces!
Transportation
Please continue to fund improvements to for the action sports community, skateparks etc. The population is growing rapidly and will continue to grow. The current resources simply do not meet needs of the community.
Affordable housing is absolutely critical
Prioritize affordable housing initiatives and RENT CONTROL. My rent has increased by 40% since the pandemic began. We also need integrated housing so that neighborhoods are not segregated by income. We also need more sidewalks.
City street & infrastructure improvement. Drug/mental health rehab facility for homeless/near homeless.
New Municipal Courthouse Art Museum in the old Post Office Building (where the Municipal Court is now)
These outdoor parks need shade so that they will be utilized more. I would defiantly spend more time at our parks if they were not just in the sun. also remember the parks are not just for kids.

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Development of the Amador Proximo area including renovation and repurposing of unique cotton gin and seed storage structures; Upgrading Main Street at Mesilla Park; Renovating and repurposing the old Las Cruces Country Club Trost design historic building.
Why don't you ASK what we need instead of leading people by the nose????????? some competent management of personnel and city funds would really be nice for a change. QUIT WASTING MONEY
Pickleball is my highest priority; however, I do think some money should go to help with low/moderate income housing; and other matters as may be possible too.
None
Public safety should be number one priority! Fund our Fire and Police departments and let them know that we support them. Because without them our kids won't be safe in all these new parks you are planning on renovating, re-building & establishing.
Need another fire station due to city growth and the needed response for care.
I would have chosen affordable housing as my number one, two, and three choices. This is a crisis we need to deal with ASAP.
Build Stations 9 ASAP
The city should be ashamed for not giving the firemen a decent raise. How long has it been? No trickery, now! Cola adjustments? Fuel reimbursement for distant duty assignments? Please communicate w/ them! Morale is bad! When does council come up for re-election, eh? They protect our butts daily!
I think bond initiatives bypass the responsibilities of our elected officials.
Affordable housing, putting \$6 million in the trust fund should, in my judgement, be the top priority.
We need basketball courts and esp. in area's with restrooms. It is sad that as Las Cruces residents we have to drive to El Paso to play and practice basketball. This is honestly causing our family to consider relocating. We do not see enough support for our youth.
Concentrate on historic preservation projects in our historic districts in Mesquite and Alameda
We are the only City of our size in the southwest that does not have a full-service branch. Smaller cities like Santa Fe and Rio Rancho have 2-3 branches. Libraries are community spaces for all ages and aren't limited to a person's ability to pay or play.
We need another library to serve all our citizens, old and young. We have grown tremendously and not all our citizens are being served.
We have football, soccer, and baseball facilities where are the facilities for baseball?
The city needs to be less dependent on cars.
City Parks are poorly maintained. Many city streets are way overdue for resurfacing. Rather than cash outlay for housing, city might promote low cost housing initiatives through tax breaks, and low cost sale of city lands if developed for low cost housing.
Stop spending other people's money on credit. You are building a house of cards that will crumble. And our children and grandchildren will be the ones who pay the price.
Why is so much money being spent in affluent district 5?
Trail expansion with the City Limits is a project that is well used in Las Cruces. It is a project that many residents can take advantage of, no matter age or ability.
protect our black skies
As a University City & the 2nd largest city in New Mexico, Las Cruces is overdue for a new branch library to serve our current & future expanding community. A location near an affordable housing development would give access to a computer lab with GED,ESL, etc. programs and benefit all ages
We need places for our kids to practice and play at, its ridiculous that Alamogordo has better facilities than we do.
Housing and wraparound services for the homeless
Government isn't a Bank and shouldn't subsidize free housing (or almost free [\$28k loan for a \$270k home in a rising equity area like Metro Park]). The government does not follow up on any of the HUD housing loans (that they maintain single-family residence status) or who is awarded the free house.
We need more library services, not more pickleball!

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Pickle ball is a luxury- to prioritize it over needed capital improvement for all citizens, especially low to moderate income families is criminal
New or enhanced recreational facilities are good but first should be basic needs of the the people like attainable housing, followed by civic enhancements like libraries. Maintain or finish recreational facilities we have and then make new ones.
Please do not waste anymore money on pickleball. Our community needs affordable housing, housing services, and tangible help. Thank you for your time and consideration.
How about you use current tax funds to fund existing, necessary projects like the fire house and street work, skip the bond and let people keep their own money and spend it on their own priorities.
more pickleball courts!!
I have watched the sport of Pickleball grow amazingly over the last few years and there are too few courts available. Shaded courts would also be greatly appreciated and help to get rid of the over crowding during cooler hours in the hotter months.
Be more specific regarding exact project, such as exact park and project scope.
Affordable housing is critical for well-being, economic stability, and true safety. Community-led investment in low-income areas of the city should be prioritized over hyper-development of recreation/shopping areas for high income residents. Mesquite neighborhood north of Spruce is just one example.
Some of the affordable housing should be supportive housing, i.e. housing in which residents receive help from coaches or case workers in moving forward in their lives with education, work, therapy, healthcare, recreation, community involvement
I really think with the growth of pickleball there is a need for more courts
I attended the survey results meeting. The favoritism shown by the council re affordable housing was apparent. They weren't interrupted when they spoke, went over the 2- minute time. Others weren't afforded the same courtesy. Don't use "out of time" as an excuse!
Not really interested in backing this. The east Mesa was created to pad the pockets of developers and builders with no regard or clear plan for preserving water and other resources.
More trees out on the East Mesa where they put Transmission lines and making property values plummet. I am stuck along Thurmond/Engler and probably won't be able to sell my house.
We need more pickleball locations, especially for children.
East Mesa - large grass area, pickleball courts, soccer complex, tennis courts, frisbee golf, walking path, water/splash pad.
Adding lighting on Pickleball Courts in East Mesa would increase usage of those courts especially in the summer months. More indoor pickleball courts would be welcomed in the summer months!
Please add new tennis courts to the East Mesa sports complex. Lions Courts are wearing out. Need a safer place to play.
More Pickleball and volleyball courts, more bathroom facilities at existing parks. Additional recreation facilities city wide (Meerschidt is too small for a city our size). Thanks.
The Lions Park tennis courts are in serious need of rehabilitation. They have been resurfaced, but the foundation is no good. The Lions courts should be rehabilitated rather than building new courts on the outer rim of the city because I believe in urban renewal and wish to discourage white flight.
New or revitalization of the tennis courts would be a priority I would vote for.
Please recognize the importance of improving and building new tennis courts to promote a lifelong sport.
New and renovation of existing tennis courts is a primary interest of mine
Need more pickle ball courts
I'm tired of investments in new areas while historic neighborhood's infrastructure is in shambles.
While I support affordable housing, the city is missing out on an opportunity to expand opportunities for pps in affordable housing if we don't put a full service library branch there. It would help ppl receive GEDs, broaden their horizons, and get better paying jobs, ending the cycle of poverty.
Two ideas: 1) add funding to finish landscaping the East Lohman medians 2) develop the desert area between Dripping Springs and Sonoma Ranch (behind Centennial HS) into a multi use green space with trails for running, biking, OHV, etc.



Council Work Session Summary

Meeting: Work Session - Jun 27 2022

TITLE: GO BOND QUARTERLY UPDATE

PURPOSE(S) OF DISCUSSION: ☒ Inform/Update ☐ Direction/Guidance ☐ Legislative
Development/Policy

BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

City staff will present a quarterly update on the status of General Obligation (GO) Bond projects. The update is intended to provide current information about the projects and related timelines.

PLAN(S):

Department Strategic Business Plan

COMMITTEE/BOARD REVIEW:

None