



City of Cortez
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City of Cortez City Council Priorities – 2025-2027

Infrastructure and Facilities Improvements

- ❖ Address deferred maintenance in City-owned parks, facilities, and infrastructure.
- ❖ Strengthen asset management through OpenGov software implementation.
- ❖ Update essential infrastructure master plans:
 - Transportation Master Plan
 - Stormwater Master Plan
 - Water Master Plan

Urban Renewal and Economic Development

- ❖ Brownfields Grant Completion
 - Complete EPA grant application and progress to the cleanup phase.
- ❖ Incentivize Redevelopment
 - Evaluate the creation of one or more Urban Renewal Authorities to stimulate redevelopment.
- ❖ Airport
 - Encourage industrial and commercial expansion near the airport.
 - Pursue annexation of the airport and its adjoining business corridor.
 - Elevate branding efforts to drive economic development, visibility, and aviation-based events.
 - Support and promote use of commercial airline service at Cortez Municipal Airport (CEZ).

Housing Initiatives

- ❖ 7th Street Park/Housing Project:
 - Foster a thriving partnership for park and housing development.
 - Conduct an updated comprehensive housing needs assessment and finalize a new housing master plan.
 - Capitalize on Proposition 123 and other external funding sources to accelerate development.

Update Guiding Documents

- ❖ Modernize the City Charter and Code of Ordinances.
- ❖ Revise key non-infrastructure master plans:
 - Parks Master Plan.
 - Comprehensive Plans.

Commitment to Workforce Investment

- ❖ Cultivate a workplace built on trust, respect, and shared success.
- ❖ Position the City as an employer of choice within the community and beyond.
- ❖ Offer competitive wages, benefits, and other incentives that reinforce a long-term commitment to talent retention and attraction.