



Lowell City Council Retreat | Agenda

January 25th 8:30am – 1:00pm

February 11th 9:00am – 3:00pm

Gaston Business Association

Retreat Objectives:

1. Continue to build Council relationships to aid decision-making;
2. Affirm the City's strategic framework and goals
3. Provide guidance on priorities for ARPA and FY23 budget development
4. Discuss the growth and change coming to Lowell

The retreat will include a variety of presentations, discussion, and participant engagement activities. Centralina staff will facilitate to draw out all perspectives and voices while keeping participants on track.

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Pre-Session: Council Member Appointment Process Q&A

- The City Manager and City Attorney will answer questions about the process to fill a vacant seat.

Retreat Welcome Remarks

- Mayor Railey & Scott Attaway, City Manager

Getting Started: Agenda Review and Ground Rules

- Geraldine Gardner, Executive Director, Centralina Regional Council & Kelly Weston, Government Affairs & Member Engagement Coordinator, Centralina Regional Council

Strategic Plan Framework Review and Affirmation

- Council will review and affirm the City's vision, mission, values and goals

Manager's Report: FY22 Accomplishments and FY23 Outlook

- Council will hear a presentation from the City Manager on accomplishments of the current fiscal year and what's ahead for FY23.

Financial Outlook & ARPA Spending Priorities

- Council will hear presentations from the Finance Officer and City Manager on the fiscal outlook, fund balance and receive feedback on priorities for ARPA spending.

Closing Remarks & February 11th Meeting Preview





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Welcome Remarks

- Mayor Railey & Scott Attaway, City Manager

County Economic Outlook

- Council will hear the economic development outlook for the county from Donny Hicks, Gaston County Economic Development Commission.

Growth Projections and Impact on Lowell

- Council will hear presentations on projected growth and its impact on the City.

Shaping Growth: Main Street Opportunity

- Council will hear a presentation on the downtown master plan process.

Financial Updates

- First Tryon will present a financial report.

ARPA Final Spending Plan

- Council will review and provide feedback on the ARPA spending plan.

Closing Remarks