CITY OF URBANA CITY COUNCIL/MAYOR PRIORITIES 2018-2021

In addition to maintaining core municipal functions such as public infrastructure, public safety, neighborhood services and economic development, the Urbana City Council and Mayor agreed citywide priorities for 2018-2021 will be as listed below. It was noted that these priorities will not be at the exclusion of other citywide goals and each will require partnerships and collaborations with other agencies and organizations.

Priority #1 With consideration of the downtown as a whole, initiate and plan for transformation of the Lincoln Square site into a destination.

Priority #2 Increase minority participation in city procurement, hiring and contracting and work with the Human Relations Commission to develop a system to incentivize and advocate for equity and increased minority employment rates.

Goal – 20% minority participation in city procurement, hiring and contracting.

Goal – increase minority employment rate 1% / year for the next three years.

Priority #3 Work toward equity in traffic stops and reduce the disparate impact of court costs and fines on lower income people.

Priority #4 Expand connectivity of Kickapoo Rail Trail with a focus between Vine St. and Lincoln Avenue.

Priority #5 Invest in, and repurpose, older housing stock.