

CITY OF ANACORTES PRIORITIZATION OF ACTION ITEMS

The City of Anacortes operates under the requirements of the Growth Management Act of the State of Washington. City government format is a strong mayor with council. City staff evaluates actions based on community needs as expressed in the growth management act and the various comprehensive plans adopted by council. Staff prepares recommendations for specific actions to the council for consideration. Council weighs the input from staff and citizens before making any decision.

Before an action may proceed there must be a demonstrated need and funding must be secured. When funding is available and approval of council is given, the project is included in the annual budget. Need for an action to proceed may be determined in a variety of ways including but not limited to: action items identified in adopted plans, cost benefit analysis, necessary service, emergency, directive from state or federal agency, safety or other benefit to the community. For planning purposes projects are evaluated and included in the annual update of the 6 year capital facilities plan. Many projects in the capital facilities plan are dependent of outside funding. Possible sources of funding are the general fund, capital improvement funds, utility reserves, local improvement district, grant funding from a variety of sources including but not limited to private agencies, economic development organizations, state agencies, federal agencies and philanthropic sources. Other sources of funding may, from time to time, become available for specified actions that may or may not be included in the community planning process.