#### **ABOUT CITY FINANCIALS**

#### **ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY**



Residents 39.4 **Median Age Ethnicity** .08% 1.3% 3.9% 5.0% Unemployment \$7.9 million Federal & State grants awarded 14 Developed parks 102 Recreation programs offered quarterly 1.628

Acres of open space

Miles of City trails

women 50.6% \$101,167 Median household income Native American African American Average of three persons **Two or More Races** per household **Hispanic or Latino Asian** 49.4% Bachelor's degree Live in Poverty or higher

270

Residential building

permits issued

1.54 billion

Gallons of drinking

water produced

266

Lane miles of streets

24.748

647

received from the City of Camas — 2019 Community Survey

City Departments Firefighters & **Paramedics** 28 Police Officers

City Employees

Library patrons

Hours of Storytime offered

Community events permitted



## **Our Vision**

**HOME TOWN FEEL Great Place to** Raise A Jobs That Family Integrated with

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The City of Camas has a plan—a strategic plan—that helps guide our decision-making and keeps us focused on things that are important to our community. Our commitment to this plan allows us to: meet COMMUNITY NEEDS through optimal use of resources; build FINANCIAL STABILITY for our City; ensure CORE INFRASTRUCTURE is not only developed, but also maintained; and, proactively MANAGE GROWTH in line with our City's vision.

This overview includes information about our community, property taxes, and highlights some, but not all, of the accomplishments of the past year. From constructing transportation projects, to improving Parks and Recreation opportunities, and laying the groundwork for economic development, the City is focused on serving the citizens of Camas.

I am excited about our City's future and confident that as we continue to work together as a community, we can achieve and exceed these goals.

Sincerely,



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### **Meet Community Needs**

- Focused on communication and outreach by resuming Council ward meetings, requesting participation in community surveys, and hosting Open House events for upcoming projects
- Enhanced our first-class library by identifying local book selections and improving the card catalog system
- In partnership with the Camas School District, revitalized the Safety Patrol Program at elementary schools, focusing on student safety and increased driver awareness



# **Financial Stability**







- Received a clean audit from the Washington State Auditor's Office confirming professional and accurate financial reporting in 2018
- >For more about the City's open and transparent finances visit: finance.cityofcamas.us
- Issued \$10.7 million in General Obligation bonds to finance several major projects including the North Shore green space with the Leadbetter House, improvements to Brady Rd. and Larkspur St., and acquiring the City Hall Annex
  - > The City was able to secure the low interest bonds with its high quality bond rating of AA+ from Standard and Poor's
- Purchased a vacant building adjacent to City Hall at NE 4th and NE Everett. The building will be home to a new Development Services Center and centralizes all permit and development needs in one location.
  - > This addition will also free up much needed room at City Hall while eliminating the need to lease other properties to house City staff
- Developed and implemented a regional Fire Academy to train new firefighters for Camas/ Washougal, and partner agencies, when the state academy temporarily closed
  - > Offering the academy "in-house" eliminates the cost of travel and housing for each trainee during the 12-week training period.

#### **Core Infrastructure**

- Developed options for transportation improvements at Lake Rd and Everett St.
  - > After extensive outreach determined the preferred roundabout option
  - > Construction scheduled to begin no later than mid-2020
- Completed design for Brady Road with construction to start in Fall 2019
  - >Completion of this section of Brady allows for multi-modal transportation and safe access for pedestrians walking south to Prune Hill Elementary or north to commercial areas along Pacific Rim Boulevard
- Constructed Larkspur St. road improvements connecting to Camas Meadows Dr.
  - Increases access to jobs in Dwyer Creek area and provides pedestrian safe routes to neighborhoods
- Developed a program dedicated to storm water functions and improving treatment of surface water
- Enhanced maintenance of our existing parks, trails and open spaces





### **Manage Growth**





- Continued partnerships with our City's businesses in order to retain, develop and expand local jobs while providing for walkable urban centers that integrate in an environmentally sensitive way
- Purchased 66 acres of land on the north side of Lacamas Lake to ensure the backdrop of the lake is preserved for future generations
- Implemented the first year of the City's Tree Policy
  - New development applications must meet clearer and stricter standards for tree removal and mitigation
- Initiated a subarea planning effort that will look at the Northshore area of Lacamas Lake and develop a planning document that provides a roadmap to future uses, infrastructure and development of this area