The mission of the City Council is to provide policy direction for the City of Wichita in developing, implementing, and maintaining services to the citizens of Wichita. The Council establishes several strategic priorities, also called “focus areas,” which guide decision-making. Those are:

- Keeping Wichita Safe;
- Building Dependable Infrastructure;
- Growing Wichita’s Economy;
- Living Well; and
- Making Wichita A Well-Run City

The Council establishes policy direction for the City by enacting ordinances, laws, policies, adopting the budget, levying taxes, and appointing members to citizen advisory boards and commissions. The seven-member Council is elected to four-year terms on a nonpartisan basis with staggered terms of office. The Mayor and City Council Members can run two consecutive four year terms. The Mayor’s position is full-time, while Council Members are part-time. Salaries and election years vary per year.

The Council appoints members to citizen advisory boards, District Advisory Boards and commissions. The Council also hosts visitors from Wichita’s international Sister Cities, U.S. military groups and economic development delegations. They work in close partnership with economic development stake-holders to support a robust business climate and grow jobs in the Wichita region.

The Council members hold positions in various local, regional and national organizations and exchange shared knowledge with other regional, national and international entities to develop partnerships and collaboration. The relationships formed and knowledge gleaned from these organizations help Wichita stay on the cutting edge of best practices in public safety, infrastructure, transportation, economic development, quality of life and more.
CITY COUNCIL ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Recruited a new Triple-A baseball team and began rebuilding a new downtown stadium, which has spurred additional investment and development along the river.
- Working to shore up water infrastructure by preparing to invest in a new water treatment facility.
- Launched a shot detection system pilot program to detect gunshots throughout the City and improve response times.
- Developed a regional sports complex that has already hosted its first large scale regional tournament in a climate-controlled setting.
- Developed a new aquatics plan that not only keeps six neighborhood pools open, it also allows for splash pads to be built throughout the City for extra summertime fun.
- Continue to focus on infrastructure by investing in safeguarding of our streets, instituting a new street maintenance process that extends the life of our street and saves the community money.
Elected Officials

At-Large: Mayor Jeff Longwell
Jeff Longwell has been Mayor of the City of Wichita since April 2015 and is currently serving in his first term. Previously, he was elected and served two terms as a Council Member from April 2007 to April 2015. He is actively involved in St. Francis of Assisi Parish, the Knights of Columbus, and served 12 years on the Maize Board of Education. He received his education from Wichita West High School and Wichita State University. He is married to wife Susie and has three children and three grandchildren.

District IV: Vice Mayor Jeff Blubaugh
Jeff Blubaugh has been a City Council Member since April 2013. He holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from Friends University, previously worked in sales for the Cessna Aircraft Company, and sells real estate for Keller Williams Hometown Partners. He is actively involved with the community as a member of Lion Clubs International, and numerous other organizations. Jeff formerly served on the Goddard School Board, the Goddard Football Board, and as the Goddard Junior High Football Coach. He and his wife Meghan have four children.

District I: Brandon Johnson
Brandon Johnson was elected as the City Council Member to District I in 2017. He demonstrates his love for Wichita through progressive programming, investments and initiatives to create a better city for current and future residents. The Wichita native’s civil leadership spans more than 10 years in areas including economic development through employment advocacy and job creation, social services and community education. Johnson is married to Danielle and they have three children.

District II: Becky Tuttle
Becky Tuttle was appointed to fill an unexpired two-year term as the City Council Member to District II in 2019. She has over 25 years of professional experience engaging community partners through grassroots local coalition efforts focusing on tobacco, physical activity, healthy eating, oral health, fetal infant mortality and worksite wellness. The majority of the experience has focused on policy and environmental changes to improve the health of the community. Tuttle has been a Wichita resident since 2002 and is married to husband Patrick.

District III: James Clendenin
James Clendenin has been a City Council Member since April 2011. He is a graduate of Halstead High School and attended Hesston College and Hutchinson Community College. He worked in the aircraft composites business for over 14 years. He is the Mayor's appointee and Chair of the Sedgwick County Association of Cities. James serves on the Historic Wichita Cowtown, Inc. Advisory Board and on the Ark River Advisory Committee. He is a member of the National League of Cities Community & Library Steering Committee and has served as an Assistant Scoutmaster in Boy Scouts of America. He is married to wife Amie and has three children.

District V: Bryan Frye
Bryan Frye has been a City Council Member since April 2015 and is currently serving in his first term. A lifelong Wichitan, Bryan graduated from Wichita State University with a Bachelor of the Arts degree in Marketing. Prior to being elected, he served eight years on the District V Advisory Board and eight years on the Wichita Board of Park Commissioners. Bryan is currently a board member of the Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization and Historic Wichita Cowtown, Inc. He has also held leadership positions for numerous non-profit groups over the years, including Botanica, Music Theatre Wichita, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Sedgwick County, the Wichita State Alumni Association and the Wichita Wagonmasters. He and his wife Sheila have two children.

District VI: Dr. Cindy Claycomb
Dr. Cindy Claycomb was elected as the City Council Member to District VI in 2017. She was employed in higher education for over 20 years, holding positions of professor of marketing, interim Dean of the business school, and Assistant to the President for Strategic Planning. Dr. Claycomb is committed to working on a strong local economy, safe and thriving neighborhoods, and a vibrant quality of life for all Wichitans. She is married to Charlie and they have an adult daughter, son-in-law and three grandchildren.
Citizens of Wichita

Mayor & City Council
7 / 7 FTE
1 Mayor
1 Vice-Mayor
5 Council Members

Advisory Boards
District I Advisory Board
District II Advisory Board
District III Advisory Board
District IV Advisory Board
District V Advisory Board
District VI Advisory Board

City Council Staff
3 / 3 FTE

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Celebrating the Arkansas and Little Arkansas Rivers