

Ben Hunt - Prepared to Lead Bella Vista

Bella Vista deserves a mayor who is prepared with priorities already identified, legal responsibilities understood and a practical plan for turning ideas into results.

For months, I have been preparing to serve our city by listening to residents, studying city operations and finances, and developing action plans for the major issues affecting Bella Vista. Together, these plans form a governing blueprint designed to guide executive leadership, inform proposals to the City Council and strengthen cooperation with the public and private partners whose decisions affect our future. I have been working for our city months before taking office.

I believe anyone asking to serve as Mayor should arrive prepared - not spend the first year discovering the challenges, deciding what matters, and reacting after problems become emergencies. I am a forward thinker, a strategic planner, and an innovative team builder.

What this preparation includes (this is a summary of my completed action plans)

- **A citywide operating plan** - leadership, finance, public works, water, sewer, planning, public safety, technology, economic development, customer service, and organizational performance.
- **A forward-thinking view and responsible growth strategy** - preparing roads, utilities, staffing, facilities, and finances for growth before capacity is exhausted.
- **A first 100 days roadmap** - identifying immediate executive priorities, departmental reviews and proposals that require City Council consideration.
- **Legal and financial discipline** - built around available data, realistic assumptions, lawful spending procedures and protection of taxpayer dollars.
- **Measurable public accountability** - through performance measures, timelines, progress reporting and a resident-facing executive dashboard.
- **A “one of a kind” fiscal plan** – Department organization is one thing however it all boils down to math. That is why I created a separate 200 page fiscal plan that covers more departments than we actually have. Driven by data and boundaries, this plan is just as important if not more important than the department action plans.

This preparation also gives residents a clear standard for comparing the candidates.

Plans do not replace collaboration, public review or lawful approval. They demonstrate readiness. If elected, I will begin with direction, financial discipline, respect for the proper roles of city government and a commitment to report measurable progress to the people of Bella Vista.

My action plans are evidence that I am not waiting for election day to begin thinking about the job. I am preparing now so that, when you elect me as your next mayor, I can begin serving with direction, discipline, and a clear understanding of the work ahead.

Preparedness recognized by Bella Vista's professional Firefighter's Union

I am honored to have earned the endorsement of the Bella Vista Professional Fire Fighters. Their support is meaningful because they understand firsthand the demands facing a growing city and the importance of planning, staffing, facilities and responsible public-safety leadership. I accept that endorsement as an obligation to keep listening, preparing and supporting the professionals who protect our residents.

Bella Vista's future will not be secured by vague promises, photo ops, and/or political posturing. It will be built through preparation, responsible leadership, and measurable action - with residents at the center of every decision.

“PRIORITIZING OUR RESIDENTS!”

Benjamin Hunt