



# INSIGHT

## Onward into 2018 | City Sets Priorities



The Tallahassee City Commission held its annual goal-setting retreat on January 10 at the Tallahassee International Airport. Based on input from each member, the Commission established its community priorities for 2018, which reaffirm and build upon those set for 2016 and 2017.

After a day of thorough, in-depth discussions about public safety, economic development and a variety of other issues, Commissioners developed four focus areas, each with a subset of key issues, to guide City government and continue momentum to propel Tallahassee forward.

### Public Safety

Strengthening public safety efforts continues to be a priority. Demonstrating progress over the past year, there has been a 13.77 percent reduction in overall crime in our community when compared to the same timeframe in 2016, based on crime reported to both the Tallahassee Police Department and the Leon County Sheriff's Office through November 2017. During the coming year, public safety efforts will continue, which includes the expansion of neighborhood-level initiatives, support of the TEMPO program and strengthening partnerships.

### Economic Development

Recent data show that Tallahassee has the fastest growing economy per capita in the state. Efforts to support and continue this positive trend will continue in 2018. Specifically, continued investment in infrastructure will support the 95 current development projects and lay the groundwork for future projects. The Commission requested more information in order to evaluate the economic development potential related to the airport and to consider the airport governance structure. Workforce training will also be key as the City works to ensure economic prosperity benefits are inclusive and representative. Learn more about Tallahassee's growing economy (and details about the images above) at [Talgov.com](http://Talgov.com).

Under the leadership of the City Commission, the health and growth of Tallahassee is shining bright. For more information, please visit [Talgov.com](http://Talgov.com).

## Coming in March

- 1** Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency meeting at 3 p.m.
- 19** Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency Board meeting at 1:30 p.m.
- 21** City Commission Workshop at 1 p.m.
- 21** Regular City Commission meeting at 4 p.m.
- 22** Community Redevelopment Agency Board meeting at 9:30 a.m.

### Infrastructure Planning

Infrastructure investment will continue in 2018. During the budget process, the Commission approved \$6.5 million for transportation infrastructure. There will be a continued focus on maintenance and repair of City facilities, such as roadways, sidewalks and utilities. From major projects like the FAMU Way extension and Market District Multi-Purpose Stormwater Project to neighborhood projects like speed humps on Skyland Drive and sidewalk improvements on Glenview Drive, work will take place across the community. For more information, visit [Talgov.com/Projects](http://Talgov.com/Projects).

### Quality of Life

Tallahassee is known for offering a high quality of life for residents. To meet the needs of a changing and growing community, a focus will be placed on key areas, such as affordable housing, senior services and pedestrian mobility and safety. As a Tree City USA, Tallahassee's canopy is an iconic element of the community, and the urban forestry master plan currently under development will continue to safeguard this beloved feature, especially along community gateways. Community engagement and public information will continue to be vital to ensure our quality of life reflects residents' needs.

*All meetings are held in the City Commission Chambers, located on the second floor of City Hall (300 S. Adams St.), unless noted otherwise. Meeting dates, times and locations are subject to change. City Commission meetings are shown live and rebroadcast on WCOT, the City's government access channel (Comcast Cable and CenturyLink channel 13). City Commission meetings are also streamed live online and are indexed and posted for viewing on [Talgov.com](http://Talgov.com). Call the Department of Communications at 850-891-8533 for information, or you may view the current City Commission agenda online at [Talgov.com](http://Talgov.com). Follow @COTNews on Twitter for City news.*

## Utility Upgrades Under North Monroe

The City of Tallahassee is committed to investing in its infrastructure to ensure residents continue to receive reliable, high quality services. In January, replacement of aging sewer and water pipes under North Monroe Street began. Work is taking place at night between the hours of 8 p.m. and 5 a.m. Sunday through Friday. Limited portions of the corridor will be impacted nightly, and one lane of traffic in each direction will be maintained. At the end of each evening's construction activities, the driving surface will be restored with asphalt patching, and all travel lanes will be re-opened to traffic for daytime use. Construction is expected to be complete in July 2018. To stay informed about this project, visit [Talgov.com/MonroeProject](http://Talgov.com/MonroeProject).

## Stops Thieves with 1 Step

Did you know that the easiest way to prevent your car from being burglarized is to simply lock your doors? There are criminals who walk parking lots and neighborhoods looking for only unlocked vehicles. They simply skip the locked ones and take whatever they want from your unlocked car. Do yourself a favor: Lock it. Hide it. Keep it. Learn more from the Tallahassee Police Department at [Talgov.com](http://Talgov.com).

## New Year, New Energy Source

On January 1, our community's first solar farm came online, feeding the City of Tallahassee's electric grid with clean, green energy produced by the sun. The 20-megawatt (MW), 120-acre solar farm, which sits on the property of the Tallahassee International Airport (TLH), is one of the largest solar farms in the state, capable of producing nearly 37 million kilowatt hours (kWh) of electricity each year. Currently, Tallahassee Solar, the City's solar program, is fully subscribed; however, there is waiting list in preparation for the second solar farm. To sign up for Tallahassee Solar, visit [Talgov.com/Solar](http://Talgov.com/Solar) today.

## WRAP offers Payment Relief

To offset the extreme cold this winter, City utility customers have been using more energy as they warm their homes. To help ease the financial burden this may bring, the City is offering a one-time payment option for utility customers known as the Winter Relief Assistance Program (WRAP). The alternative payment program allows all residential and non-demand small business utility customers to carry over up to 25 percent of their utility bill in January and February to the following month's bill, when usage will likely be less. To request the carryover option, customers should contact City of Tallahassee Utilities at 891-4968.

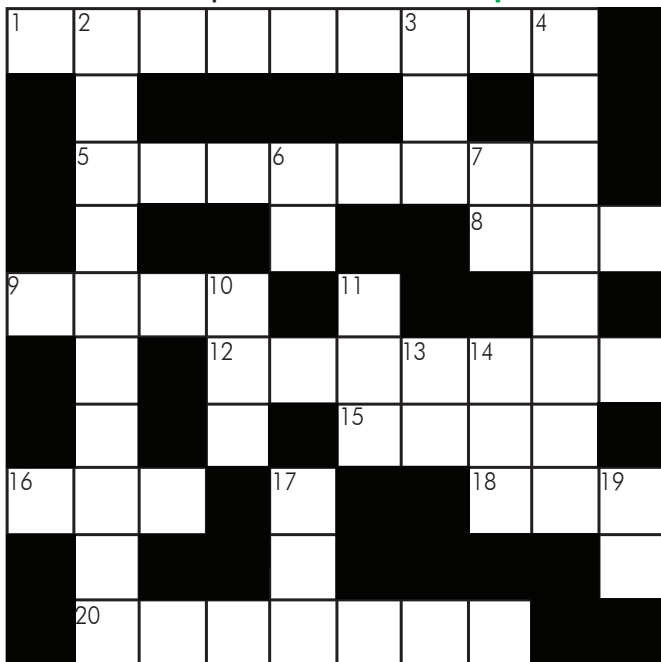
**INSIGHT** is published monthly to inform citizens about City services and related items of interest. If you require an accommodation because of a disability in order to participate in a program, service or activity, please contact the appropriate City department. For persons using a TDD, please call 711. Requests should be made at least seven hours in advance. Sign language interpreters require 10 days advance request.



For all City of Tallahassee utility related inquiries, please call 891-4968 or visit [Talgov.com](http://Talgov.com).

## YOUR CITY CROSSWORD

This Month's Topic: **Economic Development**



- ACROSS**
- From Latin, meaning for each person
  - Forward movement toward a destination
  - Another word for job
  - Nickname for a district primed for growth on the south side of Tallahassee
  - The quantity of people or things in a given space
  - Data show the urban this (meaning central part) is of high interest to developers
  - Abbreviation for the joint department that aids in economic development
  - Common ending for university email addresses
  - Something that is liable to a compulsory contribution to state revenue is this (adj.)
- DOWN**
- The condition of having paid work
  - Frozen water
  - As more people choose to retire in Tallahassee, there is growth in this type of living facility
  - Opposite of stop
  - Little monsters know that these are Lady Gaga's real initials
  - Different from what is usual
  - Abbreviation for the legal process used to form a company
  - Chemical compound formula (minus the 2) for sulfur dioxide
  - Anger
  - Abbreviation for region that has at least one urban core area of at least 50,000 population; 382 exist in the U.S.
  - Opposite of down

Answers available at [Talgov.com/cheater](http://Talgov.com/cheater)