



Council Priorities

Thanks to Council for their time in the Strategic Planning session last weekend. My bi-weekly updates will reflect actions related to the current top 4 focus areas/goals.

- **Child Care** [Complete an operating, active, licensed childcare facility by Fall 2026]
 - Orion Construction selected as contractor for District Office Relocation
 - Working with College on fall semester classes
- **Housing** [Increase housing stock by Fall 2027, utilizing the housing needs survey]
 - Scheduling meeting of Subcommittee for July to review survey and prepare next steps
 - Working with local land owners on potential development
- **Maintenance** [Annually appropriate funds toward deferred maintenance on critical infrastructure]
 - CIP requests to be sent out in July to update long range plan in ClearGov
 - Project status update on 2nd meeting of every month
- **Modernize Aging Infrastructure** [Annually modernize aging infrastructure, while leveraging natural and transportation assets, to expand: Outdoor Recreation, Tourism, Maritime, Community]

Legislative Interactions

- Working with Schools on drafting resolution in opposition to Department of Education definition change of "local contribution" and "in-kind contribution"; Council vote on resolution 7/15 meeting
- Working with Kim to look at potential legislation to respond
- August 20th is tentative date for legislative reception in Valdez

Essential Air Service

- EAS RFP issued. Responses Due 7/23/25
 - Order requiring RAVN to continue service through 10/31
- Communicating with other air carriers to explore options to fill the gap & respond to RFP

Operations & Initiatives

- 4th of July Celebration this Friday at Kelsey Dock
- Sent Department Reports to Council for review in preparation of Discussion item 7/15
- Meeting with APSC President John Kurz
- Directors' retreat 7/10-11

Personnel

- Welcome aboard new Communications Manager Sarah Jorgenson-Owen

Projects

- Collecting a lot of scrap metal. Recorded podcasts with KVAK and running ads to collect from residents. See website for more info: <https://www.valdezak.gov/metal>
- Commenting on Airport runway AKDOT project

