

Council Priorities

- **Child Care** [Complete an operating, active, licensed childcare facility by Fall 2026]
 - Head Start is still accepting applications for students and teachers. Opening date dependent on licensure approval
 - Submitted environmental review to HUD for new center, awaiting response from HUD.
- **Housing** [Increase housing stock by Fall 2027, utilizing the housing needs survey]
 - Monitored progress on HB 13
- **Maintenance** [Annually appropriate funds toward deferred maintenance on critical infrastructure]
- **Modernize Aging Infrastructure** [Annually modernize aging infrastructure, while leveraging natural and transportation assets, to expand: Outdoor Recreation, Tourism, Maritime, Community]

Legislative Interactions

- HB 78 vetoed by Governor Dunleavy
- Tommy Sheridan from UAF ABEC will be testifying before the Senate subcommittee on Coast Guard in DC.
- Watched SARB hearings on Pipeline valuation
- Monitoring the state Capital budget for HHES project & special session on gas line

Operations & Initiatives

- Clean-up Day and bulk pick-up was a success
- Visitor Center is operational
- Tourism Task Force hosted Lunch and learn for businesses 5/14 at visitors center
- Finalizing agendas for Council & Directors' strategic planning sessions in June
- Cookies with the CM on 5/21
- Held all staff meeting to discuss insurance benefits and proposed improvements to the 401 & 457 plans
- Observed Board of Equalization hearings
- 'No Camping' signs have been ordered and will be deployed upon receipt

Personnel

- Advertising open positions for both full time and temps
- Preparing for summer retirements & succession

Projects

- Work anticipated to begin in earnest after Memorial Day for Meals project
- Interviews complete for HS remodel architect selection
- Monthly project reports begin in June to correspond with the summer season.

Acknowledgements

- Congratulations to the VHS class of 2026

