



Council Priorities

- **Child Care** [Complete an operating, active, licensed childcare facility by Fall 2026]
 - Head Start target March for one class to be operating. Currently accepting enrollment applications. Chugachmiut has hired some staff but is still looking to hire teachers to begin full operations in the 1st quarter.
 - Consultant working on environmental review for old district office (HUD funding requirement)
- **Housing** [Increase housing stock by Fall 2027, utilizing the housing needs survey]
 - Meeting with agencies and housing experts to gather ideas and information
 - Agnew Beck presenting Assessment final draft at 2/3 Council meeting
- **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

- Working with Kim Hutchinson on Juneau fly-in, coordinating meetings with elected and department officials.
- Working with CHCG on the March fly-in to DC.
- Rep. Begich's office reached out about a potential WRDA project submissions. Looking into feasibility of Sea Otter development for that program.

Operations & Initiatives

- A grader is down, working with Public Works on the repair and possible interim replacement. Expect some minor impacts to snow removal.
- Numerous conversations and meetings about Tourism Task Force
- Met with Valdez Avalanche Center to discuss grant required deliverables and gain understanding on their processes and procedures.
- Continued participation in series of virtual meetings with AML members about property taxes
- Met with Ports & Harbors commission to discuss increasing utilization of the harbor and upland facilities
- Updates to the online GIS map are ongoing. Added layer for "Place Type" from the comp plan to assist residents with tax exemptions.

Personnel

- Beginning succession planning for a series of summertime retirements

Projects

- Meals & Well House 5 projects are out for bid.