

Council Priorities

- **Child Care** [Complete an operating, active, licensed childcare facility by Fall 2026]
 - Need to have a discussion with Council on infant daycare at the new center. Not part of Head Start grant but can be accommodated through other means.
- **Housing** [Increase housing stock by Fall 2027, utilizing the housing needs survey]
 - Met with a handful of businesses during the small business conference last week during the Housing session.
- **Maintenance** [Annually appropriate funds toward deferred maintenance on critical infrastructure]
 - Preparing for Projects budget work session
- **Modernize Aging Infrastructure** [Annually modernize aging infrastructure, while leveraging natural and transportation assets, to expand: Outdoor Recreation, Tourism, Maritime, Community]

Legislative Interactions

- Fall DC Fly-in logistics complete
- Monitoring government shutdown and remaining appropriations bills.

Operations & Initiatives

- Budget reviews complete, on to Budget Workshops
- Economic Development hosted the Business Builder Workshop 2025, lots of good info and participant take-aways
 - Informal discussions amongst the group revolved around a desire for a chamber of commerce
- Reeve Air anticipates Fairbanks flights to begin mid-October
- Communications ongoing with Owners and State on Oil & Gas taxes for 2026 and beyond
- Working with MWR and Parks on improving campground operations and advertising

Personnel

- VPD recruitment site is live. Please share with anyone interested in a career in Law Enforcement, or Public Safety
- Reviewing edits to the Personnel Regulations specific to emergency services personnel and non-standard work shifts.

Projects

- Scrap Barge fell through this fall. Exploring options for the spring but looking to continue program next year and get a bigger barge in the fall.
- Having conversations with local businesses on ways to accomplish their projects & developments

