

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 enrolment applications. Chugachmiut has hired some staff but is still looking to hire teachers to begin full operations in the 1st quarter.
 - Consultant still working on environmental review for old district office (HUD funding requirement)
- **Housing** [Increase housing stock by Fall 2027, utilizing the housing needs survey]
 - Discussed with a number of legislators in Juneau, including Coast Guard
 - Will schedule subcommittee meeting after DC
- **Maintenance** [Annually appropriate funds toward deferred maintenance on critical infrastructure]
 - Capital Facilities preparing Major Maintenance projects for approval within next 2 Council meetings
- **Modernize Aging Infrastructure** [Annually modernize aging infrastructure, while leveraging natural and transportation assets, to expand: Outdoor Recreation, Tourism, Maritime, Community]

Legislative Interactions

- Attended Juneau fly-in. Met with multiple elected officials and agency representatives discussing the following topics
 - Housing, HB13
 - Ferry Terminal partnership / MOA for cruise ship use
 - Municipal jail contract
 - Coast Guard homeporting
 - Park Ranger for Valdez
 - APCS Recruiting challenges
 - Richardson Highway, Avalanche mitigation, ferry service
 - Retirement program legislation
- DC fly-in
- Submitted earmark request through Begich and Murkowski for remainder of Radio Project funding as well as for funding for travel lift replacement via AML request (on major equipment schedule)

Operations & Initiatives

- Tourism Task Force held first meeting
- Continued participation in series of virtual meetings with AML members about property taxes
- Planning Council strategic planning session (work session 3/17 scheduled)
- Museum requested a work session with Council. **Personnel**
- Beginning succession planning for a series of summertime retirements

Projects

- Meals & Well House 5 bids opened. Anticipate Council approval on next agenda

