

Council Priorities

- **Child Care** [Complete an operating, active, licensed childcare facility by Fall 2026]
 - Head Start is still accepting applications for students and teachers. Currently anticipate opening one early head start classroom and one head start classroom, tentatively, the second week of May
 - Awaiting final approval of submitted environmental review at old district office
- **Housing** [Increase housing stock by Fall 2027, utilizing the housing needs survey]
 - Monitoring bills in the state legislature related to property taxes
 - Report from Clerk regarding additional exemptions
- **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]
 - Met with Museum to discuss their future facility and infrastructure desires

Legislative Interactions

- FY27 State Capital budget includes funding for school major maintenance. The current amount and budget proposal covers the top 18 major maintenance projects on the DEED list. HHES roof is number 16.
- Invited policy makers to 125th celebration June 11th

Operations & Initiatives

- Tourism Task Force met to discuss next steps related to articles of incorporation and future organization structure
- Working to prepare visitor center for 2026 season
- Transitioning from winter tasks & operations to summer operations
- Finalizing the property insurance renewal
- The Light House Project, local non-profit, would like to schedule a work session (6/16) with Council to discuss community needs
- Hospital Advisory Committee would like to schedule a work session to discuss Hospital needs and gain alignment on goals and direction
- VFDA is working on their Coho building replacement project and may request a work session in the future to discuss their plans
- 2025 Financial Audit is complete and clean, no findings.
- Assisting GMS with their civics units providing tours, mock council meetings, & Q&As

Personnel

- Chief Raynor completed the necessary requirements to be recognized as a credentialed Operations Section Chief with the State credentialing system. Chief Raynor is the **first person** in the state to be approved in the system, kudos to Chief & EM Baczuk
- Beginning summer temp hiring
- Participated in the community job fair 4/16

Projects

- Working on the summer work plan for the scrap barge. Initial estimate is an August load-out.
- Mailers & communications sent out about the Meals street project
- Monthly project reports begin in June to correspond with the summer season.

