

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
 - Major topic in conversations with USCG in DC
 - Having conversations with developers on opportunities
 - Will schedule subcommittee meeting after DC
- **Maintenance** [Annually appropriate funds toward deferred maintenance on critical infrastructure]
 - Capital Facilities preparing Major Maintenance projects for approval for next Council meeting
- **Modernize Aging Infrastructure** [Annually modernize aging infrastructure, while leveraging natural and transportation assets, to expand: Outdoor Recreation, Tourism, Maritime, Community]

Legislative Interactions

- DC fly-in, had meetings with the following
 - Alaska Delegation
 - Senate & House committee staff on Indian Affairs & Coast Guard
 - US Coast Guard
 - US Navy Marine Industrial Base Program
 - Forest Service
- Continuing participation in AML property tax working group
- Received notice from DOJ on \$5.5M Radio community grant appropriation

Operations & Initiatives

- Tourism Task Force meetings ongoing, preliminary recommendation forthcoming
- Planning Council strategic planning session (work session 3/17 scheduled)
- Coordinating Director's retreat / strategic planning
- Museum requested a work session with Council (scheduled 4/7).
- Valdez 125th planning and community collaboration ongoing
- Working with Schools on insurance renewal
- Meeting with CVEA to discuss upcoming needs and opportunities.

Personnel

- Officer Hudson started with the PD, welcome aboard.
- Working with Fire Department to bring forth ordinance to consider recognition of their local for collective bargaining

Projects

- Awaiting furniture to move into new offices at HHES 7 new district office.
- Monthly project reports begin in June to correspond with the summer season.

