

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
 - Completed required air sampling for environmental review for district office.
- **Housing** [Increase housing stock by Fall 2027, utilizing the housing needs survey]
 - Public comment for HB 13 on Saturday 5/2
- **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

- HB 78 passed both House & Senate approving new tier of PERS that includes a pension.
- 2 Ice Breakers “officially” announced for Alaska, Homeport still TBD

Operations & Initiatives

- Tourism Task Force met to discuss next steps related to articles of incorporation and future organization structure
 - Lunch and learn for businesses to be held 5/14 at visitors center
- Working to prepare visitor center for 2026 season
- Finalizing agendas for Council & Directors’ strategic planning sessions in June

Personnel

- Advertising open positions for both full time and temps
- Preparing for summer retirements & succession

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.

