

Council Priorities

- Child Care [Complete an operating, active, licensed childcare facility by Fall 2026]
 - All thread INNOVATION grant funds are encumbered and anticipated to be expended in accordance with the grant parameters.
 - Chugachmuit has hired some staff but is still looking to hire teachers to be able to begin operations in the 1st quarter.
- Housing [Increase housing stock by Fall 2027, utilizing the housing needs survey]
 - Draft assessment sent to housing subcommittee 12/4. Committee meeting scheduled for 12/17.
 - Attended sessions on housing at AML
- **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]
 - Civic Center making progress with bookings for 2026 with Premier Alaska and cruise ships

Legislative Interactions

- Secure Rural Schools bill passed U.S. House & Senate, city receives approximately \$1M annually. Bill is retroactive for 24 & 25
- Federal lobbying services RFQ is posted. Currently closes 12/23
- Attended Alaska Municipal Managers Association (AMMA), & Alaska Municipal League (AML) and sessions on the following topics
 - Housing, Rural Healthcare, forum with delegation leg. State directors, Defense
 Communities, Municipal Legal Issues, Staff Development & Recruitment, AI, Fisheries,
 Tourism, Infrastructure, and many more.

Operations & Initiatives

- Crews responded to the wind storm wonderfully, even with some of the new challenges.
- Finalizing sales agreement for W. Egan snow lot, general terms are agreeable to both parties.
- Cookies with the Manager & Christmas Tree lighting ceremony 12/4 was a success
- FlashVote issued for Parks & Rec programming

Personnel

- Staff Christmas Party this week, Council is invited
- Working with Department Heads on P-Reg revisions and internal policies to have ready for beginning of the year adoption.
 - Parental / maternity leave policy
 - Emergency Services appendix outlining distinct clarification for emergency services and their nonstandard shifts
- Need to schedule my end of the year evaluation with the Council

Projects

HHES progressing nicely. Working on transition plan to vacate the district office and occupy "new" district office.

