

Council Priorities

- **Child Care** [Complete an operating, active, licensed childcare facility by Fall 2026]
 - Chugachmiut is in town interviewing and hiring for their operations at the Royal Center. They anticipate beginning after the first of the year.
 - Working to ensure distribution of final grant THREAD funds. All Start-up and operation grant monies are encumbered
 - Progressing toward 65% design on new center remodel, engineers on site for HVAC as-builts
 - Working to purchase FF&E with last of THREAD grant funds
- **Housing** [Increase housing stock by Fall 2027, utilizing the housing needs survey]
 - Requested proposal for small section of lots in St. Patrick from the owner to discuss with housing subcommittee.
 - Anticipate receiving comprehensive draft of Housing Needs Assessment this month
 - Meet to work with Alaska Coast Guard Housing people on units for Valdez. DC Housing point of contact gave ambiguous response related to new units for Valdez.
- **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

- Last week spent in DC with Director Talbott, Mayor Flemming, & Councilman Lally. Had various meetings with Alaska delegation and available House, Senate, & White House staff. Meetings were productive. We pitched the idea of expanded infrastructure for the Coast Guard at Sea Otter that aligns with the waterfront masterplan
- Received updates on EAS funding (hopefully moot with potential completion of government shutdown)

Operations & Initiatives

- Communications ongoing with Owners and State on Oil & Gas taxes for 2026 and beyond
- Still negotiating Egan snow lot purchase
- Working with various CSO's in anticipation of FY 26 funding and their in-kind requests
- Many AML, State, and NGO meetings in November & December on topics ranging from Infrastructure, Essential Air Service, and municipal challenges

Personnel

- Making progress recruiting to fill emergency services vacancies
- A number of Personnel Regulations revisions are in draft form to be presented for a comprehensive revision once all edits are complete and staff are informed. Topics include Parental leave policy, Emergency Services non-standard shift clarity, and misc. clean-up and clarifications. Tentatively ready for presentation the first of the year.

Projects

- Working with Capital Facilities Director on major maintenance project prioritization for appropriated funds