



Council Priorities

- **Child Care** [Complete an operating, active, licensed childcare facility by Fall 2026]
 - 6Contract for approval for HHES District office move
 - Met with THREAD to discuss use of funds for Childcare initiatives. Will propose alternatives to Council 8/15.
 - Includes increasing local amounts for start-up and operations grants
 - Allowing programs receiving other funds to be eligible
 - Use some funds for District Office Design
- **Housing** [Increase housing stock by Fall 2027, utilizing the housing needs survey]
 - Housing Subcommittee met, and will meet every 2 weeks on Thursday evenings.
 - AHFC Has a grant program available for municipalities to construct housing for Teachers, Municipal employees, or other types of needed professionals. Will work with Schools, College, and Hospital if interested. Submitted a letter of interest on behalf of the City. Grant submission due in October
- **Maintenance** [Annually appropriate funds toward deferred maintenance on critical infrastructure]
 - Project status update on 2nd meeting of every month
- **Modernize Aging Infrastructure** [Annually modernize aging infrastructure, while leveraging natural and transportation assets, to expand: Outdoor Recreation, Tourism, Maritime, Community]

Legislative Interactions

- Awarded Community Discretionary grant for Radio upgrades project \$5.5M, thanks to Senator Murkowski & Alaska DC delegation.
- Met with Anchorage State Rep Gray while he was in town vacationing to discuss some of his bills in the legislature.
- Legislative reception cancelled for 2025 due to Governor's special session and conflicts with DC delegation travel obligations.

Essential Air Service

- EAS RFP Closed. Reeve Air was the only respondent. It is anticipated they will begin offering flights as soon as possible to avoid or reduce the potential for a gap in service.
 - Order requiring RAVN to continue service through 10/31
- Communicating with other air carriers to explore options to fill the gap & respond to RFP
- Meeting with other communities to discuss similar needs/issues with air service in the absence of RAVN.





Operations & Initiatives

- Evaluating need for snow storage along Egan. Will present a proposal at 8/19 meeting
- Department heads working on list of Process Improvements & Efficiencies and implementing solutions to free up time and eliminate extraneous efforts. Looking to utilize technology wherever possible.
- Departments are preparing their 2026 budgets.
- Scheduling a meeting with Safeway to discuss Pharmacy and other community needs
- Attended Alaska Women's Business Center Spotlight event
 - Congratulations to Poor Bettys, The Gift Shop, and Quad Shot on their national recognition.
- Temporarily "leasing" a trash truck to Cordova following the catastrophic failures of both of theirs. Truck arrived in Cordova via ferry.

Personnel

- I continue meeting with departments for introductions and Q&A's
- All Staff meeting 7/31/25
- Scheduling interviews for the Capital Facilities Director position.

Projects

- Meals Hill Ribbon Cutting to coincide with State Parks Conference on September 11th; will be publicly available prior.
- Paving expected to begin 2nd week of August on Pioneer
- Scrap Metal - Alaska Scrap & Recycling on site and processing metal.

