

Council Priorities

- **Child Care** [Complete an operating, active, licensed childcare facility by Fall 2026]
 - Chugachmiut has hired some staff but is still looking to hire teachers in order to begin operations in the 1st quarter.
 - Consultant working on environmental review for old district office (HUD funding requirement)
- **Housing** [Increase housing stock by Fall 2027, utilizing the housing needs survey]
 - Meeting with agencies and housing experts to gather ideas and information
 - Agnew Beck presenting Assessment final draft at 2/3 Council meeting
- **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

- Made initial contact with Sen. Rauscher & Rep. Nelson as they begin the session. Both intend to virtually attend the work session.
- Communicated with several local stakeholders about their additions or modifications to legislative priorities (Schools, VFDA, Hospital)
- Senate anticipated to pass appropriations bill on 1/15 which contains funding for the emergency services radio towers & equipment.

Operations & Initiatives

- Attended Providence HAC meeting, financials are looking good but still looking for staff
 - Prov submitted 3 proposals for the Alaska Rural Health Transformation Program.
 - MRI Replacement project
 - Program to have a rural training hub to cross train caregivers
 - Program to support and receive reimbursement for healthcare at home services
- Proposed mine at Gold Creek
 - Community Development will be submitting agency comments to both DNR and USACE. Comments will focus on code requirements for a CUP for the project and requesting a public hearing to the Corps based on a significant amount of public inquiry.
- Participating in series of virtual meetings with AML members on the subject of property taxes

Personnel

- Offer accepted for the open Police Officer position (over a year vacant)

Projects

- Prov Long Term Care expansion project is nearing completion at the end of the month.

